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Land sale for horse track casino halted

Tinley Park plans off after Tribune lists key figure's business ties

BY DAVID HEINZMANN

Less than a month ago, Rick Heidner was the toast of an Illinois Racing Board hearing, hailed as a new friend and potential savior for the horse racing industry after he laid out grand plans to build a new track and casino in southwest suburban Tinley Park.

But by Tuesday, the atmosphere at another hearing had turned funereal for the 59-year-old video gambling operator and real estate developer. In a meeting room at an off-track betting parlor in Villa Park, a procession of somber men made their way by his seat, patting him on the back and whispering condolences.

Heidner's plans had been cut short Tuesday morning by a terse letter from Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration informing Tinley Park officials that the piece of state-owned land Heidner needed for his "racino" project no longer was for sale.

The letter came days after a Tribune investigation detailed Heidner's longstanding business relationships with a banking family whose financial involvement with mob figures helped sink a Rosemont casino, as well as a convicted bookie.

In sworn testimony before the Racing Board, Heidner gave a tearful defense of his honor and reputation.

He also swore that the Gaming Board knew of his relationships with Parkway Bank Chairman Rocco Suspenzi and convicted felon Dominic Buttitta,

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Exelon CEO retires as lobbying probed

Abrupt exit comes as feds investigate company's activities in Springfield

NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CEO Anne Pramaggiore retired amid an investigation that includes the company's lobbying activities at the state capitol.

BY RAY LONG AND JASON MEISNER

Exelon Utilities CEO Anne Pramaggiore abruptly retired Tuesday amid a wide-ranging federal investigation that includes the company's lobbying activities at the Illinois State Capitol.

The announcement of Pramaggiore's retirement came less than a week after Exelon and ComEd acknowledged they had received a second subpoena in the probe. Authorities were looking for "communications" between the companies and state Sen. Martin Sandoval, a Chicago Democrat whose home and offices were raided by FBI agents last month.

In addition, the Illinois Senate was served with a search warrant late last month. The lengthy list of things authorities searched for included "items related to ComEd, Exelon, any employee, officer or representative of any of those businesses, Exelon Official A, Exelon Official B, Exelon Official C, Exelon Official D, and/or any issue supported by any of those businesses or individuals, including, but not limited to, rate increases."

A source with knowledge of the investigation told the Trib-

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Russians filling role in Syria left by US

Troops deployed as buffer to deter forces of Assad and Turkey

BY LEFTERIS PITARAKIS AND BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

CEYLANPINAR, Turkey — Russia moved to fill the void left by the United States in northern Syria on Tuesday, deploying troops to keep apart advancing Syrian government forces and Turkish troops. At the same time, tensions grew within NATO as Turkey defied growing condemnation of its invasion from its Western allies.

Now in its seventh day, Turkey's offensive against Kurdish fighters has caused tens of thousands to flee their homes, has upended alliances and is redrawing the map of northern Syria for yet another time in the 8-year-old war.

Russia moved quickly to further entrench its role as a power broker after President Donald Trump ordered the pullout of U.S. forces in northeastern Syria. The American move effectively abandoned the Kurdish fighters who were allied with the U.S. and cleared the way for Turkey's invasion aimed at crushing them.

Desperate for a new protector, the Kurdish administration struck a deal with the Russia-backed government of Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose forces on Sunday began moving into Kurdish-administered areas to shield them against Turkey.

Syrian troops waved flags after they rolled into Manbij, a flashpoint town west of the Euphrates River that Turkey had been aiming to capture and wrest from Kurdish control. Video by Russian journalists with the troops showed what appeared to be an abandoned outpost where U.S. forces had been stationed.

A U.S. military spokesman, Col. Myles B. Caggins, confirmed U.S. troops had completed their pullout from Manbij. During the withdrawal, contacts were kept open with the Turks and Russians

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CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS STRIKE WATCH

TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago Teachers Union President Jesse Sharkey says a strike likely is on as the union hasn't settled a new contract with the city.

Chances remote to avoid work stoppage

Union says strike likely for Thursday as sides still far apart

BY HANNAH LEONE AND GREGORY PRATT

The Chicago Teachers Union said late Tuesday it still has no contract deal and that its members will prepare to strike on Thursday.

Though CTU President Jesse Sharkey said there's still an outside chance of averting a walkout, he said leaders "cannot recommend postponing the strike" because Mayor Lori Lightfoot's bargaining team hasn't come close enough to meeting their demands.

"I have to tell the people of Chicago ... that we have not achieved enough in these negotiations to say we are done fighting," Sharkey said.

Despite progress made in recent days on key union requests, CTU leaders said they are still too far from a tentative deal with the city and Chicago Public Schools to call off the strike. Union leaders said they will go back to the bargaining table on

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Wednesday morning, leaving open the possibility — if remote — that a work stoppage could yet be avoided.

Lightfoot, facing perhaps the biggest challenge thus far since taking office as Chicago's top elected leader in May, lamented the lack of agreement earlier Tuesday and her frustration at the slow pace of progress.

"We are running out of time," Lightfoot said at a midday news conference. "There are a lot of core issues that still have to be addressed, and it's my hope that over the course of today and tomorrow morning, we will get there. We are less than two days away from a potential work stoppage, so now is the time that we have to get something mean-

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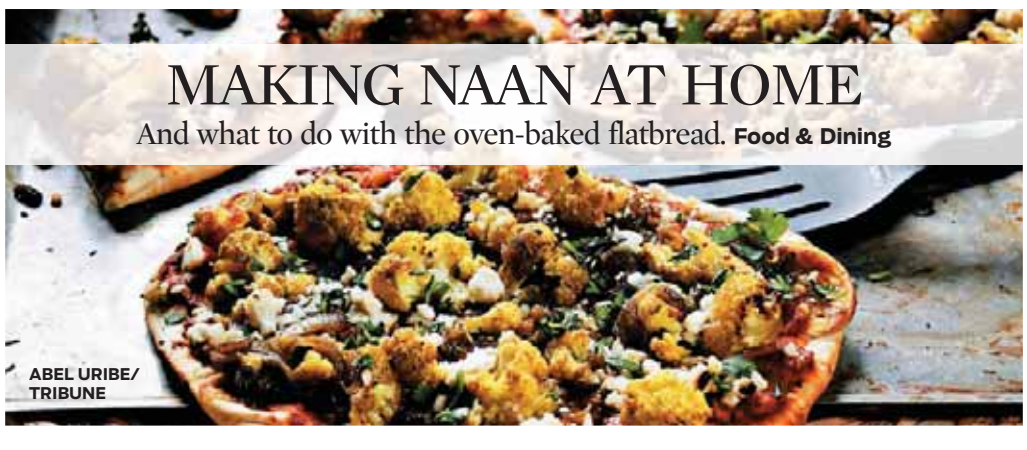
Wide range of evidence sought in McCook raid

FBI agents last month were looking for evidence including information about a clout-heavy suburban contractor, a local strip club, the town's police chief and heating and air conditioning work done on the home of Mayor Jeffrey Tobolski. **Chicagoland, Page 10**



Bears' Hicks on IR, will miss at least 8 weeks

The eighth-year veteran injured his left elbow in the Oct. 6 game against the Raiders. The Bears must now try to move on without a player who has 24 sacks, 39 tackles for a loss, 56 quarterback hits and five forced fumbles since he joined the team in 2016. **Chicago Sports**

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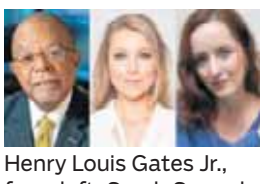

Henry Louis Gates Jr., from left, Sarah Smarsh and Rebecca Makkai.

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Margaret Holt, standards editor

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■ A story published Oct. 14 about reported suicide attempts among black teens spiking did not specify a time frame for the number of students a nonprofit organization had referred for treatment. Elyssa's Mission referred 5,000 for support or counseling between August 2018 and June 2019.
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John Kass

Taxpayers and the teachers' contract, a tale of two cities

I'm the husband of a teacher and the father of a son who will become a teacher. My uncle was a teacher. We have cousins who are teachers.

And despite what some anonymous cartoon-headed trolls say on Twitter, I respect teachers and support teachers. Perhaps that's because I come from a culture that places the teacher on a plane far above that of the rich person or the political boss. The others are feared. It is the teacher who is revered.

But with a Chicago Teachers Union strike looming this week — that whopping 16% to 24% raise over five years offered by Mayor Lori Lightfoot just isn't good enough for CTU leadership — every Illinois property taxpayer should be reminded of a theme.

A tale of two cities, a tale of two states.

The political class and their allies in the public sector union workers, all with their ample, tax-funded pensions, are on one side.

And on the other side?

They're taxpayers without nice public pensions, who aren't part of the political class, but who pay for it all. And every day more of them flee, leaving fewer behind to pay the costs.

An impending CTU strike becomes like a movie you've seen before. Union leaders rally their members, and all demonstrate a sense of purpose. The parents of 361,000 Chicago Public Schools students — that number keeps shrinking too — worry about how they'll take care of their kids if there is a strike.

The newspapers try to put things in context, but broadcast news is not about context. It's all about urgent images, about selling emotion and drama and conflict. TV news is about feelings, not analysis. And it all gets so noisy with politicians at the teacher rallies, eager to earn union support.

The star characters of this play fill themselves with righteous passion. They virtue signal endlessly about social justice. And they make the big speech.

But there are others who don't make the big speech.

They sit quietly, numbly, at their kitchen tables, calculating the falling value of their homes against rising property taxes that pay for public worker contracts, like a teachers deal in Chicago, as police and fire unions, who are up next, watch to see how Lightfoot will respond.

Or, if that kitchen table isn't in Chicago proper, it's in the suburbs or in other Illinois towns where the same dynamic — rising property taxes and shrinking home values — become a death spiral.

And when they get up from their kitchen table, there is no big speech to make. When they leave, they're just gone.

In the drama of news coverage about a threatened strike, people don't always connect the dots between the contracts that have to be negotiated for teachers, police, and fire, and their property tax bills, wirepoints.org budget analyst Ted Dabrowski said on my podcast, "The Chicago Way."

"But their tax bills keep going up. People are leaving. And you're not actually helping teachers, police and fire if we're heading toward bankruptcy," said Dabrowski. "Rather than helping the system, we're making it more top-heavy, and it will collapse on itself."

For years, the tale of two cities theme was pushed by Illinois Democrats, and by their allies in government workers unions that form the backbone of the New Democratic machine.

But in the two cities tale promoted by the political left, Chicago and Illinois are divided by class, one inhabited by the evil rich, and the other populated by the virtuous poor. It follows then, naturally, that the rich, who are demonized, are to be squeezed, or boiled down. This rhetorical boiling of the rich is awfully hot work, with screamers trying to hop out of the bubbling cauldrons.

This great rendering, with the steam and the giant ladles, was to be managed by the Illinois political class with help from their friends in the public workers unions. And our fiscal problems would finally be addressed.

But it really doesn't work that way, does it?

Why not?

Because the rich aren't frogs. They won't sit calmly in a cauldron until it boils. Their money gives them wings and they fly away. Also fleeing are many in the middle class, who do not consider themselves rich, only people trying to survive.

These aren't just snowbirds headed to Florida. They're the young, just out of college, fleeing to lower tax states booming with opportunity. Once they're rooted in another state, they're gone.

This is the Illinois Exodus.

And it leaves fewer families who use the schools, and fewer taxpayers to pay the salaries and benefits of the teachers and other public sector unions.

Who remains?

The poor, and the middle class who can't afford to leave or don't want to leave. They resign themselves to the fact that by staying, they will simply pay. Their homes lose value in this tax-happy blue state of Illinois, while rising property taxes — the highest or among the highest in the nation — continue to eat what little home equity they have in Chicago, or the suburbs and beyond.

Look around you. It's happening.

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Lynda Menefee makes the sign of the cross after leaving flowers on the front sidewalk of Atatiana Jefferson's home in Fort Worth.

As African Americans keep dying at police hands, a rightful fear lives on

Dahleen Glanton

If there was any doubt that African Americans are in imminent danger of the police, the shooting death of Atatiana Jefferson should make it clear.

If a video showing a police officer murder Laquan McDonald on a Chicago street did not convince you that black people are unjustly being gunned down by police, then the blatant shooting of a young woman playing video games with her nephew in her own home must force you to reconsider.

Long before McDonald or Jefferson, there was Rekia Boyd, a 22-year-old black woman who was shot and killed by an off-duty Chicago police detective while hanging out with friends in a West Side park in 2012.

Jefferson

More recently, there was Botham Jean in Dallas. And over the years, there were Eric Garner in New York, Walter Scott in South Carolina and Oscar Grant in Oakland, California. There are too many others to list.

So there should be no need to ask African Americans why they are so afraid of the police. There should be no reason to wonder if it was something these victims did or something they might have said to provoke their own shooting death.

Not anymore. The answers should be obvious now.

We have grown accustomed to black males being gunned down by the police. Sometimes, we don't even bat an eye. But when it involves a woman, we tend to take notice, for a while, at least.

Jefferson's case perhaps has struck a chord with people who never thought they could side against the police. Maybe it's because she was in her home minding her own business when a police officer shot her through a window. People who have never feared the police wondered if it might happen to them.

If you are white, you probably don't need to worry. But if you're black, particularly if you are male, you should. In America, about 1 in 1,000 black men and boys can expect to die at the hands of the police, according to new data compiled by researchers at Rutgers University, Washington University and the University of Michigan.

That means African American males are 2.5 times more likely than white men and boys to be killed during an encounter with police. Black women are 1.4 times more likely. This is confirmation that racial profiling is real. It's frightening. And it's dangerous.

The latest case involved a white officer responding to a call in a predominantly African American neighborhood in Fort Worth, Texas. As happens so often, the officer miscalculated the threat of an African American and overreacted.

Police had received a call from a neighbor reporting that Jefferson's front door was open. When Officer Aaron Dean arrived around 2:30 a.m., he turned on his flashlight and began checking around the house.

Jefferson, a 28-year-old college graduate and aspiring medical student, stopped playing with her 8-year-old nephew and got up to see what was going on outside. When Dean saw her, he yelled from the backyard, "Put your hands up!" and immediately fired. He didn't bother to ask any questions or identify himself as a police officer.

Dean resigned before he could be fired. He was arrested Monday night and charged with murder. He's now free on bond.

It is typical when something like this happens that people blame it on a lack of police training. Often, that is a problem, but it's not the only problem. And it is not the biggest one, either.

The issue that no one likes to talk about — maybe because we have no idea how to address it — is the presumption of danger many police officers have when they are dealing with African Americans.

It's not necessarily racism, though it's convenient to simply dismiss it as that. The thing that is more likely to cause people to fear danger from black people is known as implicit bias. Everyone has it to various degrees, but it tends to be more destructive when cops encounter black people.

Implicit bias is that thing that gnaws at us, causing us to prejudge and distrust black people and not even realize we're doing it. It's the process in our head that pulls together all the negative stereotypes we've heard to form subconscious attitudes that affect the way we interact with blacks in certain situations. It's what sometimes makes us unable to relate to a black person who is killed by the police.

It is what often causes cops to assume the worst about blacks they encounter, and it is what contributes to the fear and the anxiety that prompts them to fire their guns when they don't need to.

This isn't a trait unique to white people, either. Most races, including African Americans, can have some level of implicit bias against black people. It is how society has taught us we should be.

Overt racism against African Americans certainly is problematic. But black people are used to that. We know it when we see it and often we can deal with that. It's the subconscious biases that live in the minds of people we encounter that cause us the most fear and often the most harm. It catches us off-guard.

There is no doubt that Jefferson's killer never set out to kill a black woman that day. Jason Van Dyke didn't plan to kill McDonald any more than Dante Servin planned to kill Boyd when he encountered her and her friends playing loud music that night.

But such killings don't just happen. These young people are dead because the police officers didn't respect African American lives. They didn't see the value of doing everything in their power to preserve a black life the same way they likely would have had they encountered a white person under the same circumstances.

It is not inconsequential that Servin, four and a half years after his acquittal, is seeking to have his record expunged. He wants the details of his involvement in Boyd's death removed from the public record. As far as he is concerned, she never existed and her death is inconsequential.

If he succeeds, there's a good chance the killing season will be extended.

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Chicago's Rufus with Chaka Khan up for Hall

By Jessica Villagomez

The Chicago group Rufus featuring Chaka Khan is among the 16 artists and groups nominated Tuesday for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's 2020 class of inductees.

The group, nominated three times but not yet inducted into the Hall of Fame, originated in Chicago in the 1970s, with hits such as "Tell me Something Good," "Do You Love What You Feel" and "Sweet Thing" dominating the charts.

Khan, who was raised in Hyde Park and attended Kenwood Academy, eventually left the funk group and embarked on a solo career.

Khan, born Yvette Marie Stevens, dropped out of school at 16 and started singing in local bands at night and working as a file clerk during the day.

Khan

Khan's big break came in 1972, when she replaced the female singer in what was then known as Ask Rufus, which had spun off from the American Breed. The group moved to California and won fame with its 1974 R&B Grammy-winning album, "Rags To Rufus."

"I don't even remember the first time I sang with them," Khan told the Tribune in 1980. "I Just remember that I needed some money, and they offered me a job, and I took it."

Khan began a solo career in 1978, but stayed with the group as it had 10 Top 40 hits, with all its albums going gold or platinum until it broke up in 1983.

In 2013, the Chicago City Council honored Khan by naming a stretch of South Blackstone Avenue on 50th to 51st streets as the honorary Chaka Khan Way in Hyde Park. The council also proclaimed July 28 "Chaka Khan Day."

Other nominees for 2020 include: Whitney Houston, the Notorious B.I.G., Dave Matthews Band, Nine Inch Nails, Doobie Brothers, T.Rex and Thin Lizzy.

Eligible artists and groups must have released their first commercial recording at least 25 years ago, according to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Inductions are made after official ballots are sent to over 1,000 voters comprising living inductees, artists and other music industry professionals. Artists with the most votes are inducted into the Hall of Fame. Official inductees will be announced in January and an induction ceremony will take place in Cleveland on May 2, according to the Hall of Fame.

Mary Schmich
has today off.

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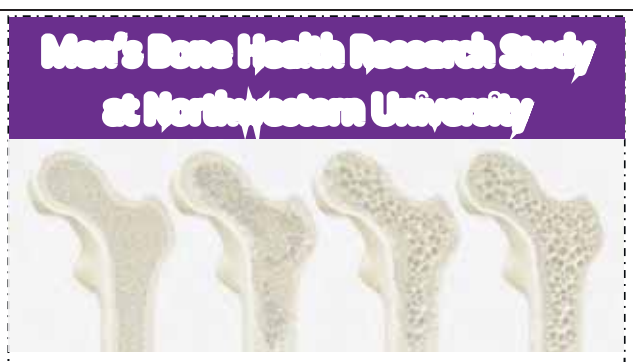

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Manager H. Melt, at Women & Children First, says stickers were placed on the front of the Andersonville bookstore.

Feminist bookseller in city 'harassed and on edge'

Stickers targeting anti-trans folks slapped on store

By Nara Schoenberg

Arriving for work at Women & Children First on Monday mornings, store manager H. Melt is on alert for another in a series of anti-transgender stickers that have been slapped on the front window of the venerable feminist bookstore in Andersonville on three occasions over the past three weeks.

"This is happening in my neighborhood — and literally in my backyard. I'm extremely paranoid that I'm going to see those stickers again and be triggered again, or that one of my employees is going to see them," said H. Melt, who is transgender.

"It has affected folks for sure."

H. Melt brought attention to the issue Friday, with a tweet that got more than 2,000 likes and drew support from customers and booksellers, who flocked to the store over the weekend. Celebrated writers — including Celeste Ng and Rebecca Makkai — chimed in or retweeted.

"There have been hundreds of positive, affirming messages from people all over the world," H. Melt said.

The bookstore is planning a transgender-positive art event Sunday, according to co-owner Sarah Hollenbeck, who said she is devastated by the stickers, which she declined to quote, saying that she doesn't want to publicize the transphobic message. H. Melt characterized three of the stickers as "extremely graphic."

Adding to the pain at the 40-year-old feminist bookstore is the suspicion that the stickers were the work of a relatively small group of "gender critical" or transgender-exclusionary feminists, who believe that trans women haven't been oppressed in the same way as other women and shouldn't benefit from the same protections.

Trans-exclusionary feminists are active on social media and in the current U.S. Supreme Court case regarding LGBTQ rights in the workplace.

H. Melt blamed trans-exclusionary feminists for the stickers, and Hollenbeck suspects them as well, in part because of the messaging on the stickers. H. Melt said a trans-exclusionary feminist group in London has used the same stickers.

"We think this is a much larger issue than just in the U.S., and this is really affecting people all over the world," said H. Melt.

H. Melt tweeted, in part, because of the larger debate around transgender rights.

"There's this idea that trans existence is a debate, and whether trans people should have rights is a debate, and it's not," H. Melt said.

"Trans people have existed within feminism and within women's spaces for a very long time, and have a history of being kicked out of them, specifically for being trans, and there's this real long history within feminism that people don't know about, of the exclusion of trans folks."

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> *— H. Melt, store manager at Women & Children First*

A board member at the Women's Liberation Front, or WoLF — a trans-exclusionary feminist group that filed a brief in the current Supreme Court LGBTQ workplace discrimination case — said that she wasn't aware of any anti-transgender stickers being posted.

"We're certainly opposed to anyone unfairly condemning anyone for anything, but I really can't comment on the stickers, themselves, if I don't know what they said," said WoLF board member Kara Dansky. She said her group views gender as a "prison" and recognizes only those who were born female as women.

Hollenbeck said all of the offending stickers were affixed to the window when the store was closed and all were easily removable. On two occasions, the stickers were identical.

"What is the long-term goal?" Hollenbeck said. "Just to make us feel terrorized and harassed and on edge?"

But she said the show of support in recent days has been heartening, and the bookstore will be taking action at 6 p.m. Sunday. In partnership with the Chicago Therapy Collective, the store is hosting an outdoor art event.

Participants will shower the neighborhood with transgender-affirming messages, using sidewalk chalk and other art supplies.

The stickering has been happening Sunday nights, Hollenbeck said, so the timing of the art event is intentional.

If it happens again, the harasser will be met with a sidewalk festooned with messages of love and acceptance.

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Trump's 'public charge' green card rule put on pause

Federal judge in Chicago issues injunction

By Katherine Rosenberg-Douglas

Hours before President Trump's contested "public charge rule" would have taken effect Tuesday, a federal judge in Chicago issued an injunction stopping the rule from going into effect, the latest order to block the president's aggressive move requiring immigrants wanting to enter or remain in the United States to support themselves and not rely on government benefits.

The temporary injunction is similar to ones issued Friday in New York, California, and Washington state, and Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx in a news release issued late Monday hailed the decision as a win.

The White House hoped the policy would deny permanent residency green cards to many immigrants who use Medicaid, food stamps and other government benefits beyond a certain threshold, while appealing to those who see the use of such safety nets as a right reserved for "struggling Americans," but demands "self-sufficiency" from immigrants, according to an online White House briefing.

"The Trump administration is taking action to help ensure that non-citizens in this country are self-sufficient and not a strain on public resources," the briefing states.

But Cook County and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, which together filed suit in federal court in September, claimed the public charge rule "would have imposed real and irreparable harm to Cook County and the people who call it home."

"Tonight's ruling is a victory for immigrant families," Foxx said in the news release. "No one should live in fear and forgo public resources to access food, housing, and health care. I'm grateful to the women and men of the Cook County State's attorney's office and our partners in this suit for their commitment to stand up to these discriminatory attacks."

Guidelines in use since 1999 refer to a "public charge" as someone primarily dependent on cash assistance, income maintenance or government support. The White House takes the stance that the goal of the new policy was to enforce laws already on the books.

"For many years, this clear legal requirement went largely unenforced, imposing vast burdens on American taxpayers. Now, public charge law will finally be utilized," it says.

Under the new rules, however, the Department of Homeland Security has redefined a public charge as someone who is "more likely than not" to receive public benefits for more than 12 months within a 36-month period. If someone uses two benefits, that is counted as two months. And the definition has been broadened to include Medicaid, housing assistance and food assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as food stamps.

Factors such as the immigrant's age, employment status and English-language ability would also be looked at to determine whether they could potentially become public burdens at any point in the future.

Judge Gary Feinerman, in granting the injunction, wrote, "The balance of harms and the public interest favor the grant of a preliminary injunction and a stay."

Earlier, the rulings in California, New York and Washington came in quick succession four days before the new rules were set to take effect. The judges ruled in favor of 21 states and the District of Columbia, which challenged the policy almost immediately after it was announced in August.

U.S. District Judge George Daniels in New York said the policy redefined longstanding immigration laws with a new framework that had "no logic." Allowing the policy to go into effect now, he said, would have a significant impact on "law-abiding residents who have come to this country to seek a better life."

"Overnight, the rule will expose individuals to economic insecurity, health instability, denial of their path to citizenship and potential deportation," Daniels wrote. "It is a rule that will punish individuals for their receipt of benefits provided by our government, and discourages them from lawfully receiving available assistance intended to aid them in becoming contributing members of society."

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Metra testing scanners that spot guns, explosives in crowds

By Marie Fazio

Those who bothered looking up from their phones at Millennium Station Tuesday morning found themselves being scanned by two white boxy detectors swiveling back and forth as crowds passed.

It was only a test, for now.

The scanners, mounted on tripods and observed by as many as 10 Metra police officers just outside the station, are designed to detect potential threats hidden under clothing, such as bomb vests or guns. It's unclear how effective the machines are, and the American Civil Liberties Union questions whether such "digital stop and frisks" are constitutional.

The Transportation Security Administration has been loaning the detectors out to transit agencies across the country that want to try them out.

"Metra did reach out to TSA to conduct these tests," said Metra spokesman Michael Gillis. "We were interested to see if the technology was something that might work for us."

Gillis said the tests are not in response to any specific incident or threat.

Millennium Station was the first of several trials scheduled this week. The scanners were placed near a pillar in the center of the underground space and pivoted to the left and to the right.

Two officers sat behind a laptop at a wood table as people scanned by the detectors appeared on the screen.

The few commuters who looked up craned their heads to get a better view of the detectors. Some seemed mildly curious or confused, and others just walked past.

More testing was scheduled to take place during Wednesday's morning rush at the Van Buren Street Metra station and Thursday morning at the Ogilvie Transportation Center.

Metra has no plans now to implement the technology in stations, but the testing will determine if it is "suitable for the mass transit environment," Gillis said.

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An Amtrak police officer uses a suicide vest-detection device during a demonstration in New York last year.

A prime benefit of the device is its ability to scan a large crowd without disrupting the flow of traffic or requiring a line to form, he said.

The technology identifies objects that block the "naturally occurring emissions" from a person's body, said TSA spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein. For example, an explosive device or "in layman's terms, a suicide vest," she said.

The scanner relays information to a nearby laptop, where an operator sees two images. One of them is called a "green ghost," literally a green image of a person with emission-blocking objects appearing in black. The other is an actual image of the person so the operator can get a sense of where the object is on the person, Farbstein said.

The machines can detect both metal and nonmetal objects.

Farbstein noted that the machines do not take photos, record video or show anatomically accurate images of a person, so it "is not revealing in any way."

The detectors do not emit any radiation or any other harmful rays, she added. They can be easily moved around, which works well for transit systems with many stations and entrances at each.

Thruvision and QinetiQ, security technology manufacturing companies, have both provided TSA with equipment for testing in the past. Gillis said that one model from each company is being tested by Metra. Neither company responded to requests for comment.

Chicago is only the latest testing bed for the new technology.

TSA has worked with New Jersey Transit, the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority. In February 2018, the agency partnered with Amtrak for testing at Pennsylvania Station in New York City.

Also last year, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority became the first surface transportation agency to purchase the technology after testing. The equipment has also been used at mass transit hubs near Super Bowl venues, Farbstein said.

She would not comment on how effective the machines have been. "You can never be too careful," Farbstein said. "You want to do what you can to safeguard against threats."

Ed Yohnka, spokesman for the Chicago chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, questioned whether the devices are constitutional, noting that "digital stop and frisks" have never been ruled upon in a court of law and open the door to potential discrimination.

"It's not clear if everyone is scanned or if someone can opt out," he said. "Is it based on age, is it based on gender, is it based on race? What is the trigger for someone to be subjected to this search?"

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Rick Heidner gets emotional at the Illinois Racing Board meeting on Tuesday at Trackside Villa Park OTB.

Casino

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and had no problem with the ties when it awarded him a video gambling license in 2012. Heidner also acknowledged that he remains in business with the people "in question."

"My video gaming license was approved (in 2012) after a 24-month intensive investigation. All my business relationships were disclosed to investigators, and the relationships in question were explicitly discussed with multiple (Illinois Gaming Board) agents and investigators. As these business relationships were ongoing, they had been disclosed and further discussed at each annual review of my licenses over the last seven years," Heidner testified. "I have no affiliation with the mafia at all."

What investigators knew about Heidner at the time remains secret because Illinois gambling statutes exempt gaming license applications from open records laws. The Gaming Board, which rejected the Tribune's request to see the license application Heidner submitted for Gold Rush Gaming, remained tight-lipped on Tuesday.

"The current IGB board is newly appointed and did not participate in the approval or renewal process for the individual referenced. The IGB does not comment on pending renewals or pending applications," the agency said.

The statement also noted that Heidner's video gambling license is up for annual review in February 2020.

After racing officials read the Pritzker administration's letter saying the land wasn't for sale, the board voted to exclude Heidner's project from getting any racing dates next year.

Heidner's partner in the Tinley Park project, Hawthorne Race Course President Tim Carey, declined comment. In response to written questions from the Tribune, a spokesman later issued a statement saying Carey relied on the Gaming Board to vet Heidner, and that he would be looking for "new options" to build a racino.

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Part of the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center is shown in 2012.

The Tribune's revelations are not Heidner's only concerns. His name surfaced Friday in an FBI search warrant for the Springfield office of Democratic state Sen. Martin Sandoval of Chicago. On Tuesday afternoon, a new subpoena made public to search McCook village hall included a request for records related to Heidner and Gold Rush. The subpoena was released after WBEZ and the Sun-Times filed an open records lawsuit against McCook.

Before Tuesday's hearing, Heidner told a Tribune reporter that the initial story about his ties to the Suspenzi family was "kind of brutal." Heidner then declined to answer further questions and headed off to huddle with his lobbyist, former Democratic state Rep. Julie Curry of Decatur.

During his testimony, he described the Tribune's story as an attack on his family.

"My intentions were always good. My name has always been good. Fifty-nine years, all I have done — for 45, at least, of them — is help everyone I can and do everything I can to be a good man. It's heartbreaking for me to be attacked like this. I'm hurt. People around me are in pain," Heidner told the Racing Board.

On Friday, the Tribune revealed that Heidner has partnered in numerous real estate deals with Suspenzi, chairman of the board at Parkway Bank and Trust. Together, they have borrowed millions from the bank in deals for convenience stores and gas stations in several states.

In 2003, the FBI and the Illinois Gaming Board exposed Suspenzi and his son Jeffrey for concealing their own ownership stake, as well as that of a reputed mob figure, in the infamous Emerald casino project in Rosemont.

At the same time, Parkway Bank made a seven-figure loan to another reputed mobster to finance his secret stake in the casino, according to Gaming Board records. Rocco Suspenzi invoked his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination at a state hearing in 2005.

The Tribune found a similar real estate partnership Heidner formed with Buttitta, who pleaded guilty in 2012 to running an illegal sports bookmaking operation out of a South Elgin strip club he controlled. Buttitta also pleaded guilty to tax evasion for not declaring as income $3.7 million in fees paid by dancers to perform at Blackjacks Gentlemen's Club.

Two weeks before the Gaming Board issued Heidner's video gambling license in 2012, he filed papers with the state to remove the names of Suspenzi and Buttitta from corporate documents. However, the Tribune found numerous records showing that Heidner continued to do business with both men afterward.

At the Sept. 17 Racing Board hearing where Heidner was hailed for trying to help rebuild the harness-racing industry after the closing of the Balmoral and Maywood tracks, board members were reassured that he had cleared a background check.

On Tuesday, Racing Board Chairman Jeffrey Brincat clarified that such checks are limited to submitting fingerprints for a criminal check, and confirming that the applicant has filed and paid taxes. The Racing Board has no "police powers" to conduct a background investigation, he said.

Gaming Board officials have been reluctant to discuss Heidner, and the Pritzker administration took steps to stop the racino deal without mentioning Heidner by name.

The one-paragraph Pritzker administration letter was sent from Kathleen M. Abbott, deputy general counsel at the state's purchasing agency, to Tinley Park village lawyers.

"As you know, the State of Illinois has been reviewing its portfolio of assets, and has engaged in preliminary discussions with the Village of Tinley Park regarding the Tinley Park Mental Health Center," the letter reads in part. "I write to inform you that the state has determined that it will not sell the TPMHC at this time."

Tinley Park Village Manager David Niemeyer released a statement Tuesday expressing shock over the revelations.

"The Village of Tinley Park was as blindsided as the state of Illinois was by the recent allegations in the media over the weekend related to Rick Heidner," Niemeyer said. "The village is currently assessing its options going forward. We still strongly believe the racino is an outstanding project that will bring significant jobs and tax revenues to the state, the south suburban region and the village due to its superb location and other tourism related facilities in the area."

Tinley Park had been in negotiations to buy the former mental health center land from the state, which it planned to then sell to Heidner's venture. Last year, Heidner beat out other developers who submitted plans to the village to turn the 280-acre campus into housing.

Then, at a meeting in December, Heidner informed Tinley Park officials that his plans had changed and he anticipated building a racino as part of a yet-to-be approved state gambling expansion. Village officials embraced the idea and said they believed a new horse track could be viable when paired with a casino.

Heidner's presentation to the Racing Board last month depicted a hotel and entertainment complex to complement the gambling and racing operations. Racing Board members expressed enthusiasm for the prospect of having a new track to help prop up the lagging horse racing industry.

The halt of Heidner's racino plan appeared to shuffle the deck for players in other south suburbs who had hoped to grab a piece of the gambling expansion.

Over the summer, members of the Southland Regional Mayoral Black Caucus had petitioned Pritzker and state legislators to delay plans for a racino, saying the proposed Tinley Park facility and a separate south suburban casino could not both be financially successful.

Matteson Mayor Sheila Chalmers-Currin, who had been among local mayors hoping to see the racino plans squelched, said Tuesday the state's decision "reaffirms our belief that the Matteson proposed site is the best geographical location for a casino in southern Cook County."

East Hazel Crest and Homewood also are planning to submit an application to the Illinois Gaming Board for the south suburban license, and Lynwood officials recently announced similar plans.

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Exelon

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une that Pramaggiore is one focus of the ongoing federal probe.

On Tuesday, Pramaggiore declined an interview request through a spokesman at a crisis communications firm. ComEd spokeswoman Jean Medina said she could not comment about Pramaggiore's retirement beyond what was in a news release.

That statement, attributed to Exelon President Christopher M. Crane, thanked Pramaggiore "for her valuable service to Exelon and ComEd and the important contributions she made to enhance our utility operations throughout her tenure."

In last week's filing with regulatory authorities, the companies said they have "cooperated fully" with prosecutors' requests. To avoid potential conflicts of interest, Exelon has formed a special oversight committee "comprising solely independent directors and advised by independent outside legal counsel" to handle the matter, the statement said.

In June, ComEd first disclosed that the company and Exelon had received a federal grand jury subpoena "requiring production of information concerning their lobbying activities" in Illinois.

The ComEd lobbying investigation dates to at least mid-May, when the FBI executed search warrants at the homes of former lobbyist Mike McClain of Quincy, a longtime confidant of House Speaker Michael Madigan; and ex-23rd Ward Ald. Michael Zalewski.

The information sought by the FBI included records of communications among Madigan, McClain and Zalewski about attempts to get ComEd lobbying work for Zalewski, the Tribune has reported.

In July, the Tribune reported that federal investigators are looking into $10,000 in checks written by current and former ComEd lobbyists to Kevin Quinn, a veteran political operative who was ousted from Madigan's organization last year over sexual harassment allegations against a campaign worker. He's the brother of 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn.

Pramaggiore, who also was senior executive vice president, was a key player in ComEd's success over the years in Springfield. Exelon and ComEd employ one of the largest lobbying contingents at the Capitol and historically are among the biggest campaign contributors to state lawmakers. Pramaggiore oversaw all six Exelon utilities throughout the U.S., including ComEd.

Pramaggiore previously served as president and chief executive of ComEd before moving into the bigger role with the Exelon parent company.

Named as interim CEO of Exelon was Calvin G. Butler Jr., the CEO of Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.

Both in her roles at ComEd and Exelon, Pramaggiore consistently has been a prolific donor to Illinois politicians, giving more than $240,000 dating back to 2005.

State campaign finance records show Pramaggiore gave money to some of the state's top Democrats, including $16,500 to funds controlled by embattled Ald. Edward Burke and $20,250 to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

Pramaggiore also gave $10,000 to the campaign of former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who invited Pramaggiore and her husband, Michael Harrington, on a junket to Rome for the elevation of then-Chicago Archbishop Blase Cupich to cardinal. At the time, employees of ComEd and Exelon had made more than $183,000 in contributions supporting Emanuel, the Tribune has reported.

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Obama's foundation has friend in Mellon

$1M-plus donation puts it atop list of top donors

By Lolly Bowean

The Obama Foundation pulled in only one new big-money donor in the third quarter of 2019, and that million-dollar-plus donation came from a foundation led by a close family friend of Barack and Michelle Obama.

But while the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is the only new high-level donor, two previous donors upped their contributions so that their names are listed among the most generous givers, newly released contribution records show.

The Mellon Foundation gives grants and funding to organizations and programs that promote the humanities and the arts. The foundation is led by the scholar, essayist and poet Elizabeth Alexander, who is a close personal friend to former first lady Michelle Obama. In fact, Alexander appeared in conversation with Obama in Brooklyn during her book tour and affectionately refers to Obama as her "sister-friend."

Alexander also was a senior adviser to the former president during his campaign, and she has appeared at the Obama Foundation Summit here in Chicago.

Besides the Mellon Foundation, Robert and Jane Clark, and the Prudential Foundation both increased their previous donations that ranged from $500,000 to $750,000 to reach the million-dollar-plus category.

Robert Clark is the CEO and founder of a Chicago-based real estate development and design firm called Clayco.

The Obama Foundation updated its list of donors Tuesday afternoon to include those who gave money between July and September. The list shows donors by a monetary donation range, but it does not disclose exact figures for how much each donor gave.

The Obama Foundation is responsible for overseeing the development and construction of the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park. The project is expected to be a sprawling campus with buildings that will house the foundation offices, have meeting spaces for conferences and workshops, a public library branch and a host of recreation areas. The center will be home to a museum devoted to telling the story of the nation's first African American president and first lady.

The center is expected to cost $500 million and will be paid for with private funds. But as part of its contract with the city, the foundation has to demonstrate an ability to raise the hundreds of millions of dollars to construct the facility and keep it operating for years to come.

Earlier this year, the foundation reported big money donations from international entrepreneurs and wealthy families known for giving away large sums.

But in the third quarter, the foundation has relied mainly on its previous donors to increase their giving. Six individuals increased their donations by so much, they were placed in new financial categories, foundation officials said.

The retired former head of Boeing, James A. Bell and his wife, Mary, gave the foundation between $250,001 and $500,000. And Obama's first digital officer Jason Goldman and his wife, Crystal, gave between $100,001 and $250,000. Both are first-time donors, foundation records show.

Vinton Cerf, one of the pioneers of the internet, along with his wife, Sigrid, gave between $100,001 and $250,000.

The list of financial contributors is available at Obama.org/contributors.

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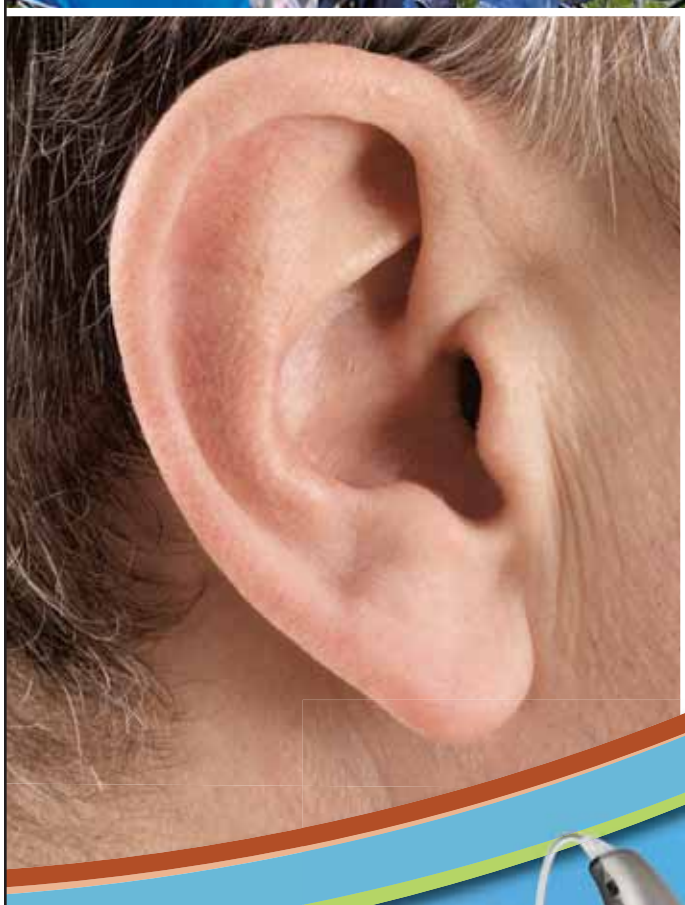

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Former Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke is currently serving his 6¾-year sentence in a prison in Otisville, N.Y.

Van Dyke, jailed for killing black teen, quits police force

CPD termination of convicted cop had yet to begin

By Megan Crepeau

Imprisoned Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke formally resigned from the department last week, a police spokesman confirmed Tuesday.

Van Dyke, who is currently serving a nearly seven-year prison sentence for the slaying of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, stepped down ahead of formal termination proceedings before the Chicago Police Board, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson filed for Van Dyke's dismissal this summer on the grounds that his state certification to act as a law enforcement officer had been revoked following his felony conviction, records show.

Van Dyke's jury trial last fall ended in a historic guilty verdict, making him the first Chicago police officer in half a century to be convicted of murder for an on-duty incident.

A Cook County jury found him guilty on one count of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery — one for each bullet that hit McDonald's body.

Due to security concerns, Van Dyke, 41, is serving his 6¾-year sentence in a medium-security federal prison in Otisville, N.Y., an hour north of New York City. According to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons site, he's scheduled to be released in February 2022.

The white officer shot the black teen as the 17-year-old, high on PCP, refused police commands to drop a knife while walking away from officers on a Southwest Side street in October 2014.

Graphic police dashboard camera video of the shooting — ordered released by a judge more than a year later — sparked weeks of chaos and political upheaval, exacerbating the already fraught relationship between Chicago police and minority communities.

In addition to Van Dyke's historic trial, three current or former Chicago officers also were charged with conspiring to cover for Van Dyke by exaggerating the threat posed by McDonald. But in a controversial ruling in January at a bench trial, Judge Domenica Stephenson acquitted retired Detective David March, ex-patrolman Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney of all charges while downplaying the importance of the now-infamous police video of the shooting, saying it did not capture the perspective of the officers.

In the wake of the firestorm over McDonald's shooting, a disciplinary investigation by city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office had recommended that 11 officers in all — including Van Dyke — be fired. But six of them — including Deputy Chief David McNaughton and Chief of Detectives Eugene Roy, the two highest-ranking officials at the shooting scene — left the department before Johnson could move to discipline them.

In July, the Chicago Police Board fired four of the officers — Sgt. Stephen Franko and Officers Ricardo Viramontes, Janet Mondragon and Daphne Sebastian — in a decision that appeared to turn on the police video of the shooting that contradicted the officers' police reports.

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Accused 'serial stowaway' ordered held with no bail

By Megan Crepeau

A woman known as the "serial stowaway" was ordered held without bail Tuesday after her arrest over the weekend as she once again allegedly tried to pass a security checkpoint at O'Hare International Airport.

Cook County Judge Peggy Chiampas, who sentenced Marilyn Hartman to 18 months of probation in March for a felony trespassing conviction, ordered her held in custody for violating her probation. She faces a felony trespassing charge for the latest incident.

Hartman

Her court-appointed attorney, Parle Roe-Taylor, an assistant public defender who has represented Hartman in the past, has long insisted that jail is not the right place for the 67-year-old woman and vowed to seek her release.

"There's nothing violent about Ms. Hartman," she told reporters after the hearing in the Leighton Criminal Court Building. "I don't believe that she's a threat, that she's a risk."

Hartman's previous felony trespassing charge came after she sneaked past O'Hare security, boarding a jet and flying to London's Heathrow Airport without a ticket in January 2018.

After being returned to Chicago and released on bond, Hartman was arrested again days later when she was spotted at O'Hare in violation of a court order barring her from the airport.

She was later found mentally unfit to stand trial and spent about four months in a state mental health facility.

After a judge ruled that her condition had improved, Hartman pleaded guilty in March to the felony and was sentenced to the 18 months of probation. She was prohibited from going to O'Hare without a ticket over that 18-month period.

Hartman was slated to continue living at a Chicago residential facility after her guilty plea but was homeless at the time of her weekend arrest, according to the court-appointed attorney who represented her in court on Sunday.

It is unclear when she left the residential facility or whether she continued to receive mental health treatment since her guilty plea in March.

Hartman was arrested at O'Hare's 1 West Terminal shortly after 10 p.m. Friday as she was trying to pass the second of two security checkpoints, prosecutors have said.

When a Transportation Security Administration officer asked Hartman for documentation, she told the agent she didn't need it and walked away, prosecutors said. She sat until police arrived, and positively identified herself, according to a police report.

Hartman has a long history of trying to sneak on flights in Chicago and around the country. Since the first incident at the San Francisco International Airport in February 2014, she has been accused of similar incidents in Los Angeles, Arizona and Minnesota in addition to repeated instances in Chicago.

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Politics and money in play as strike looms

Hours dwindle before Chicago teachers deadline

By Juan Perez Jr.

Chicago Teachers Union representatives will gather at their West Town headquarters on Wednesday to consider calling the city's latest strike, as a deal with Chicago Public Schools remains elusive and hours dwindle before a union-imposed deadline.

Talks are set to resume in the morning before a union delegate meeting, but officials expressed scant optimism the last-minute negotiations would avert a strike. Despite talk of some progress at the bargaining table, neither side had reached consensus on multiple issues, including pay, staffing and the potential duration of a contract. Neither Mayor Lori Lightfoot nor CPS CEO Janice Jackson joined the day's critical talks, a signal of the ongoing split.

"We need more," CTU President Jesse Sharkey told reporters at union headquarters on Tuesday night.

"This is not something we do lightly, this is something we do with a heaviness in our heart," Sharkey said. "We feel as though, right now, the only way that we have to make important long-term changes in the schools that are going to affect all of us, is to do a short-term strike that is going to cause some difficulty and pain."

A dizzying number of factors brought Chicago to the brink of its latest teachers walkout. But they boil down to politics, time and money.

There's the politics of a street-fighting union that won some control over Chicago Public Schools in past contracts — and intends to win more. There's Lightfoot's philosophy, shaped in part by experience at the pinnacle of Chicago's legal field — and her landslide election victory this year. There's also a fundamental tension, probed during CTU labor unrest between 2012 and 2016, over how much union policy influence should be part of a contract.

"There's a lot at stake, and that makes it harder to say yes to a deal because there's really long-term implications to how power would be distributed within the public school system," said Robert Bruno, a professor and director of the labor relations program at the University of Illinois who studied the CTU. "And there isn't a lot of time."

CPS and the CTU agreed to a negotiating schedule that crescendoed this fall. But officials settled the timetable under former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, leaving Lightfoot and the union less time to bargain after the new administration took office and assessed the depth of city government's problems.

The school district's more peaceful budget outlook stands in sharp contrast to recent fiscal crises that left officials wondering if CPS could make payroll — much less pay for pricey labor deals. More money on the table today means more topics to battle over. That struggle could now halt classes.

Core conflicts, then and now

"This is not about power," Randi Weingarten told the Tribune on Monday, minutes before the president of the American Federation of Teachers stepped onstage at the Chicago Temple to exhort hundreds of cheering union supporters before a march around City Hall.

"This is about the conditions that people need," Weingarten said. "That kids need to learn, and teachers need to teach. The real issue is that it takes getting to the brink of a strike to actually have these issues dealt with by mayors."

Before 2012, when the CTU and former union President Karen Lewis launched the city's first teachers strike in a quarter-century, labor deals tended to focus on bread and butter. Pay and benefits.

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In 2012, teacher union leader Karen Lewis, right, launched the city's first teachers' strike in a quarter-century.

Illinois law largely bars the union from striking over concerns such as school nurse staffing or privatized services. CPS and the CTU can instead agree to negotiate over those topics.

Yet Weingarten watched as Lewis and union leaders pushed for contract language that addressed hiring and other staffing practices both in 2012 and during the fight over the 2016 deal. The CTU also won terms that limited the growth of independently operated charter schools and offered extra support for certain neighborhood schools.

Pay gains were modest. Emanuel was able to set new parameters tying teacher evaluations to test scores and locked in his signature longer school day initiative. The union said it was still able to fend off attempts to institute merit pay and lock in new practices for laid-off teachers to find new jobs.

"Contracts are policy documents, they dictate a substantial amount of district school policy, and they always have," said Katharine Strunk, an education policy professor at Michigan State University. The CTU's demands still have advanced beyond bread-and-butter concerns, she said.

"Things like thinking about counselors, nurses, social workers and even housing. These are all policies that could be included in a (collective bargaining agreement) that do affect the working conditions of teachers and make teaching easier or a harder occupation," Strunk said.

Now it's 2019. Lewis and Emanuel are no longer in office. Lightfoot's winning campaign included an education platform aligned with the CTU's desires. But a core conflict persists.

"What's remarkable here is how little really has changed in terms of the nature of the dispute between CTU and CPS," Bruno said.

"There still remains a fundamental conceptual distinction between how the parties see the right approach to staffing and class size issues, and where they should be properly housed," he said. "CTU believes that it's perfect to put them in the collective bargaining agreement. The mayor's office and CPS disagree. So there's a real struggle."

Lightfoot already has made promises and budgeted for hundreds more educator positions, but the union wants them written into the contract.

In a joint statement Monday, Lightfoot and Jackson said the city "expressed a willingness to find solutions on these two core issues that would be written directly into the contract" but that "no measurable progress was made on any other issue" during a critical day of talks.

Pay remains a question

Emanuel-approved property taxes today help pay off enormous CPS pension debts and infrastructure projects. State aid helps cover other pension and day-to-day expenses, and the Illinois education funding formula could pump more money into Chicago's population-losing school system.

After two contracts with modest pay raises, the union is looking to make up ground.

The city has offered educators 16% raises over five years, on top of annual "step" increases CPS teachers receive, and has reduced the cost of employee health care contributions from initial offers. Health care and compensation are still concerns from the union, in addition to negotiations over staffing.

"We don't have any reason to agree to a 3.2% raise for five years unless you can tell us that we can teach in front of a class where we can actually make a difference, where there can be a nurse in our school, where there can be social workers, where we can have a librarian that can help teach people reading, where we can have the things that our children deserve," Sharkey told supporters on Monday.

Lightfoot's administration also said last week that it would commit to spending a total of $3 million to reduce class sizes in fourth- through 12th-grade classrooms, and build a pipeline for nurses, social workers and case managers over five years. More money would go toward tuition assistance to train nurses and bring teaching assistants to kindergarten through third-grade classrooms, the city said.

"To us, what they've been saying is 'take the money,'" Sharkey said Monday.

"I want you to ask the question: Why is it that they dangle the money in front of us, and then call us greedy that we don't just take their dangled offer and shut up about everything else? Because they don't pay us enough. They don't pay us enough to shut up about the quality of schools."

Credit rating agencies have taken notice.

Fitch Ratings joined Standard and Poor's this summer in upgrading their still junk-level views of the school district's credit.

But the pending CTU contract negotiations means a potential higher credit rating from S&P is on hold, the firm's analysts said in August. A contract that boosts the district's expenses too far would be viewed unfavorably.

"A successful settlement, in our view, would neither create a budget gap nor disrupt the board's recent financial progress," S&P analysts said. "In our view, any agreement that materially increases expenditures beyond anticipated revenue growth, is a credit negative."

Ultimately, Strunk from Michigan State said the CTU will have to play both "the long game and the short game."

Hiring commitments could boost the union's ranks of dues-paying members, and policy changes could set standards for future contract negotiations. The challenge will be finding contract terms that union members can see as successful.

"The long game is marginal increases and marginal changes over time add up over the course of multiple negotiations," Strunk said.

"But the short game has to be, you also have to make your membership feel heard and feel victorious. Especially if you're going to go on strike. There has to be a reason that the community that's supporting your strike and the teachers who are on the front lines believe that they did that."

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Strike

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ingful done. I still remain confident that we can do this if there's a seriousness of purpose and sense of urgency on both sides."

About 25,000 teachers, plus 7,000 support staff members and about 2,500 Park District workers, have all set strike dates for Thursday. About 300,000 CPS students and their families would be affected, excepting those who attend charter schools. The union representing the Chicago Park District employees also announced Tuesday — its last day of scheduled negotiations — that it had not reached a contract deal and would stage a work stoppage if no agreement was imminent.

The city has offered teachers a deal that would give them 16% raises over five years, not including regular "step" increases that most teachers receive annually. The union has asked for 15% raises over three years but have also focused on issues beyond pay and benefits, including class sizes and increased staffing of nurses, social workers and counselors. The union has even asked for affordable housing provisions to be written into their contract — something Lightfoot has strongly opposed.

The union and the city have been walking a line between preparing for a potential strike and seeking a favorable agreement, and each has said the other is responsible for averting a walkout.

To that end, Chicago schools chief Janice Jackson sent out a voicemail to CPS families Tuesday reiterating that, short of a union deal, not just classes will be canceled Thursday but also all after-school activities, sports practices and games, internships, field trips and tutoring. She also reminded families that school buildings will remain open for children who need a safe place to be during the day and that the district will provide three meals daily to those students.

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Erika Fulford, a Chicago Coalition for the Homeless activist, speaks alongside CTU memberson Tuesday.

Emily Penn, a school social worker, becomes emotional as she speaks speaks during a news conference at Chicago Teachers Union headquarters in Chicago on Tuesday.

After restarting negotiations late Monday following a union rally and march downtown, CTU members said they could see a path toward an agreement, but still didn't have in writing what that would require.

But the CTU has scheduled a Wednesday meeting of its House of Delegates, leaving open the possibility that the walkout could be called off, since that would require action by the delegates.

Sharkey said achieving a fair deal might take a "short-term strike that is going to cause some difficulty and pains."

Karen Soto, a second-grade teacher and member of the union bargaining team, said the sides aren't "where we need to be to establish equity" in the schools. She said union members are there because they care about children. "We need to see some of that love coming from the other side as well."

Added Sharkey: "We're asking for a lot because we give a lot." He said teachers have had to put up with poor conditions for them and their students for decades

A source from Lightfoot's administration said Tuesday that the sides had broken off into small groups to discuss issues including class sizes, staffing and special education. The source said both sides were making "significant progress" on class sizes and staffing, but that a number of outstanding issues remained, and blamed the union for not accepting any specific proposal.

> ***"We're asking for a lot because we give a lot."***
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> *—Jesse Sharkey, CTU president*

Mutual complaints of a lack of urgency and responsiveness have marked the talks for weeks. Sharkey said Tuesday night that "this whole process has been a day late and a dollar short. Things that happened today should have have happened a month ago."

Tribune reporter John Byrne contributed.

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Campaign records show tens of thousands of dollars in donations from Simo "Sam" Krneta, a contractor, to local politicians including McCook Mayor Jeffrey Tobolski.

Feds sought wide range of evidence in McCook

Details in unredacted copies of FBI warrant released by suburb

By Jason Meisner, Jamie Munks and Dan Petrella

FBI agents who raided the village headquarters of the tiny suburb of McCook last month were looking for a wide range of evidence including information about a clout-heavy suburban contractor, a local strip club, the town's police chief and heating and air conditioning work done on the home of Mayor Jeffrey Tobolski.

The details came to light Tuesday after McCook released unredacted copies of the FBI warrant executed in the town on Sept. 26, two days after agents searched the offices of state Sen. Martin Sandoval in Springfield and Cicero.

McCook, one of several suburbs in Sandoval's district visited by federal agents on the same day, had previously released a version of the warrant with all the names blacked out. Also released Tuesday was the unredacted search warrant federal agents executed in Lyons, which shows authorities targeted Mayor Christopher Getty's village hall office.

Many of the individuals and entities in the McCook documents mirror those in the search of Sandoval's office, including Gold Rush Gaming and Rick Heidner, a major video gambling operator who is seeking state approval to build a southwest suburban horse track and casino.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday announced he was scuttling a deal to sell state land for Heidner's so-called racino in Tinley Park, a move that followed last week's Tribune's report that Heidner has long-standing business ties to a mob-connected banking family.

Other names revealed in the McCook search warrant surfaced for the first time in the ongoing federal corruption probe.

Among the revelations was that the FBI is interested in Simo "Sam" Krneta, a La Grange Park contractor whose company, Renovation Associates, has done many projects for McCook.

Among Krneta's recent jobs was the 2018 renovation of the Alta Grill restaurant inside the McCook Athletic & Exposition Center facility, also known as The Max, records show.

Over the past decade, Krneta has donated tens of thousands of dollars to local politicians including Tobolski, Getty and state Senate President John Cullerton, campaign records show.

Krneta was convicted earlier this year of misdemeanor battery stemming from an incident at Tobolski's August 2018 golf outing and fundraiser at the Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont, Cook County court records show.

A former manager at the Alta Grill accused Krneta of fondling her from behind and attempting to take her phone out of her back pocket, according to the court records. When she protested, Krneta allegedly grabbed the victim by the throat at the event and said, "I'm untouchable. I always get what I want," the records show.

Krneta pleaded guilty in April and was sentenced to six days in Cook County Jail, court records show.

The victim, meanwhile, has sued Tobolski, Krneta and the village of McCook, alleging she was repeatedly harassed by Krneta while village officials turned a blind eye to the abuse.

Krneta did not return calls seeking comment on Tuesday.

The McCook search warrants showed the FBI also removed documents about AllStar Bar and Grill, an adult entertainment establishment on 47th Street, the records show. A man who picked up the phone there on Tuesday repeatedly said "no comment" when asked about the warrant.

Documents related to police Chief Mario DePasquale were also removed, as were other records pertaining to "air conditioning and/or heating" at Tobolski's residence, according to the documents.

> *"I'm untouchable. I always get what I want."*
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> *— Words attributed to Simo "Sam" Krneta, a La Grange Park contractor by Cook County court records*

Tobolski and DePasquale could not be reached for comment.

Also named in the McCook warrant is Presidio Capital, a company owned by businessman Omar Maani of Burr Ridge.

Maani is one of the owners of the politically connected red light camera company Safespeed, which had previously emerged as a focus of the FBI investigation of Sandoval.

Safespeed, founded in 2007, was the subject of a Tribune investigation two years ago revealing Sandoval, as chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, had interceded with the Illinois Department of Transportation on Safespeed's behalf while also taking tens of thousands of dollars in campaign donations from the company and its owner, CEO Nikki Zollar.

Collectively, Safespeed, Zollar, Maani and other firms tied to them have made more than $450,000 in political contributions since 2007, according to state campaign finance records. The biggest beneficiary was Sandoval, who has received $37,500. Tobolski has received $9,500, including $4,000 from Presidio Capital.

SafeSpeed issued a statement Friday saying the firm does "not tolerate wrongdoing or public corruption and we support efforts to root it out."

Meanwhile, after serious flooding in 2013, Maani's Presidio Capital received federal disaster relief funding through Cook County to build 18 townhouses in southwest suburban Summit, records show.

The FBI has confirmed that agents conducted "investigative activity" at the Summit Village Hall the same day they raided McCook and Lyons. Also, the Sandoval warrant released last week names Summit Mayor Sergio Rodriguez, among other officials and entities in the suburb.

Presidio Capital has also received federal funds through the county to build affordable housing in Cicero.

Maani could not be reached for comment on Tuesday.

FBI agents also sought evidence concerning Michael Thiessen, president of the Lyons Township trustees of schools and principal in the development company behind the Max and other sporting venues in Illinois and Texas.

The inventory of items agents seized from the McCook municipal building included an "email string addressed to Mike Thiessen" and "Mike Thiessen folder," according to the records released Tuesday.

Last year, Thiessen appointed Mayor Getty's brother, Ken, as treasurer of the Trustees of Schools, which is responsible for distributing millions of dollars in funds to area schools.

A message left for Thiessen wasn't immediately returned.

The Lyons warrant also included many of the same individuals and companies named in the Sandoval and McCook warrants.

Among them were Heidner, Safespeed and materials magnate Michael Vondra. One of Vondra's businesses, Reliable Materials Lyons, owns the quarry next to the Lyons Village Hall. When the quarry is finished being filled with construction debris, it will become the property of the village, which plans to redevelop the land. Vondra and his businesses have contributed to the campaigns of Sandoval, Tobolski and Getty and his political party.

Agents in the Lyons raid also sought information related to the Democratic Organization of Lyons Township, which is headed by Sen. Steve Landek, who also serves as mayor of Bridgeview. They also were looking for information about a company called BTS Crew Ventures and the Drake Oak Brook Resort.

The raids on McCook and Lyons were just one part of sprawling public corruption probes that have sent shock waves from Springfield to the Chicago suburbs.

While no one has been charged, the sheer breadth of information the FBI has sought in the various searches indicates the investigation could turn out to be the biggest since Operation Board Games, which wound up bringing down Gov. Rod Blagojevich a decade ago.

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Rivals' jabs point to Warren's rise

12 Democrats take stage in bid to pull away from the crowd

By Steve Peoples, Will Weissert and Darlene Superville
Associated Press

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Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, from left, Tom Steyer, Sen. Cory Booker, Sen. Kamala Harris, Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Andrew Yang, former Rep. Beto O'Rourke, Sen. Amy Klobuchar and former HUD Secretary Julian Castro.

WESTERVILLE, Ohio — Elizabeth Warren repeatedly came under attack during Tuesday's Democratic presidential debate as rivals accused the Massachusetts senator of ducking questions about the cost of "Medicare for All" and her signature "wealth tax" plan.

The pile-on was the clearest sign yet that Warren has a new status in the crowded Democratic primary: a front-runner in the contest to take on President Donald Trump next year.

The night's confrontations were mostly fought on familiar terrain for Democrats, who have spent months sparring over the future of health care with moderates pressing for a measured approach while Warren and Bernie Sanders call for a dramatic, government-funded overhaul of the insurance market. But unlike Sanders, Warren refused to say whether she would raise taxes on the middle class to pay for Medicare for All — a stance that's increasingly difficult to maintain given her more prominent status.

Her rivals seized on the opportunity to pounce.

"I appreciate Elizabeth's work but, again, the difference between a plan and a pipe dream is something you can actually get done," said Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, added: "We heard it tonight. A 'yes' or 'no' question that didn't get a 'yes' or 'no' answer."

Warren insisted that she has "made clear what my principles are here," arguing that lower premiums would mean that overall costs would go down for most Americans.

Featuring a dozen candidates, the debate sponsored by CNN and The New York Times was the largest in modern history. It was the first time the White House hopefuls gathered in a little more than a month. In that time, the political landscape has changed with Trump facing an impeachment inquiry in the House centered on his quest to get Ukraine to dig up unflattering details about Joe Biden, another front-runner among the Democrats.

The debate also served as Sanders' return to the campaign trail following a heart attack earlier this month. The Vermont senator failed to show the same fire as in previous debates. He got applause when he thanked supporters and rivals for their good wishes and declared, "I'm feeling great."

The debate touched on foreign policy, too, a subject that has dominated the news in recent weeks as Trump said he was withdrawing most U.S. forces from Syria and then Turkey invaded the northern part of the country to attack Kurdish fighters. The Democratic presidential candidates denounced the president for abandoning Kurdish forces there, who are U.S. allies.

Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, who served in Iraq with the Army, questioned the need for U.S. involvement in "regime change" conflicts in the Middle East. That prompted Buttigieg to respond: "What we are doing or what we were doing in Syria was keeping our word."

"I would have a hard time today looking an Afghan civilian or soldier in the eye after what just happened over there," said Buttigieg, who served in Afghanistan. "It is undermining the honor of our soldiers. You take away the honor of our soldiers, you might as well go after their body armor next."

Biden had spent months facing sharp criticism from the rest of the field during debates, but he saw few candidates engage with him Tuesday. Still, he struggled to fully explain why his newly promised ethics plan to prevent conflicts of interest involving his relatives wasn't applied to his son Hunter when he was hired in 2014 as a director for a Ukrainian energy company.

That relationship has become a focal point of Trump's effort to press for a Ukrainian government probe of the Bidens — an effort that was a major factor leading to the House impeachment inquiry into the president.

CNN anchor Anderson Cooper asked, "If it's not OK for a president's family to be involved in foreign businesses, why was it OK for your son when you were vice president?"

Biden faltered some before offering, "My son did nothing wrong, I did nothing wrong."

Still, most of the back-and-forth focused on Warren. Taking aim at her proposal to tax the wealthiest Americans, Klobuchar said, "I want to give a reality check here" and former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke suggested it was "punitive."

The senator said that notion shocked her: "I don't have a beef with billionaires."

"Look, I understand that this is hard, but I think as Democrats we are going to succeed when we dream big and fight hard, not when we dream small and quit before we get started," she said.

Also debating were California Sen. Kamala Harris, New York entrepreneur Andrew Yang, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and former Obama housing chief Julian Castro. Making his debate debut was billionaire activist Tom Steyer.

Dems leaning against formal vote on inquiry

Probe quickens as officials continue to disclose details

By Lisa Mascaro, Mary Clare Jalonick and Laurie Kellman
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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has resisted a formal impeachment vote.

WASHINGTON — House Democrats are moving against holding a formal impeachment vote as another official testified Tuesday in the deepening probe of President Donald Trump's efforts to have Ukraine investigate Joe Biden.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met privately with Democratic lawmakers to survey attitudes about a possible vote, according to people granted anonymity to discuss the planning. But Democrats don't expect to vote soon on formalizing the inquiry, according to those people familiar with Pelosi's message.

Trump, who calls the impeachment inquiry an "illegitimate process," has pressured Pelosi to take a formal vote. Republicans want to test vulnerable Democrats with a roll call that could be difficult in areas where Trump remains popular. But Pelosi has resisted, saying Congress is within its power to conduct oversight of the executive branch as part of the Constitution's system of checks and balances, and no vote is needed.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., opened the chamber Tuesday suggesting Democrats were trying to "cancel out" Trump's election with impeachment.

The inquiry is moving quickly as a stream of officials, largely from the State Department, are appearing behind closed doors this week, some providing details about the events surrounding the July 25 phone call between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, in which Trump urged Zelenskiy to investigate a firm tied to political rival Joe Biden's family and Ukraine's own involvement in the 2016 presidential election.

In 10 hours of testimony Monday, a former White House aide, Fiona Hill, recounted that national security adviser John Bolton was so alarmed by Rudy Giuliani's activities in Ukraine that he described Trump's personal lawyer as a "hand grenade who is going to blow everybody up."

Hill detailed Bolton's concerns to lawmakers and told them that she had at least two meetings with National Security Council lawyer John Eisenberg about the matter at Bolton's request, according to a person familiar with the testimony who requested anonymity to discuss the confidential interview.

Hill, a top adviser on Russia, also discussed U.S. ambassador Gordon Sondland and acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, the person said, telling the three committees leading the investigation that Bolton also told her he was not part of "whatever drug deal Sondland and Mulvaney are cooking up," an apparent reference to talks over Ukraine.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of State George Kent testified about his concern about the "fake news smear" against then-U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch.

Giuliani was heavily involved in the effort to pressure Ukraine on the investigations. He said Tuesday he was "very disappointed" in Bolton's comment. Bolton, Giuliani said, "has been called much worse."

Giuliani also acknowledged he had received payments totaling $500,000 related to the work for a company operated by Lev Parnas who, along with associate Igor Fruman, played a key role in Giuliani's efforts to launch a Ukrainian corruption investigation against Biden and his son Hunter. The two men were arrested last week on campaign finance charges as they tried to board an international flight.

Giuliani's attorney, Jon Sale, has notified lawmakers that Giuliani will not comply with a subpoena issued to appear before House investigators in the impeachment inquiry. Democrats set a Wednesday deadline for Giuliani to provide documents and it is unclear how they will respond to his refusal to comply.

On Tuesday, House investigators heard from Deputy Assistant Secretary of State George Kent, who was concerned about the "fake news smear" against the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch, whom Trump recalled in May, according to emails.

Michael McKinley, a former top aide to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo who resigned last week, is scheduled to testify Wednesday.

Meanwhile, former GOP Rep. Pete Sessions has received a federal grand jury subpoena for information about his interactions with Rudy Giuliani and several associates who were indicted last week. A spokesman for the former Texas lawmaker said Sessions is cooperating with investigators and will turn over documents in the coming weeks.

Actress reports to Calif. prison to serve 14-day sentence

THE BOSTON GLOBE

Felicity Huffman reported Tuesday to a prison for women near San Francisco.

By Matthew Ormseth
Los Angeles Times

Actress Felicity Huffman on Tuesday reported to a federal prison in Northern California, where she will spend two weeks behind bars for conspiring to rig her daughter's college entrance exams.

Huffman, 56, will serve her sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, a low-security facility about 30 miles southeast of Oakland, according to a statement from Huffman's representative. The prison made its way onto a Forbes list in 2009 of America's 10 Cushiest Prisons. Upon her release, Huffman must perform 250 hours of community service and remain on supervised release for one year.

The "Desperate Housewives" star was arrested in March and pleaded guilty two months later to fraud conspiracy, admitting she paid $15,000 to William "Rick" Singer, a Newport Beach, Calif., consultant who orchestrated an elaborate college admissions fraud, to fix her daughter's SAT score.

U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani in September chose to incarcerate Huffman, despite Huffman's explanation that she believed she was trying to be "a good mother" when she conspired to fix her daughter's SAT score.

In a letter to the judge, Huffman said she came to view her daughter's struggles on the math section of the SAT as "a huge obstacle" to her acting dreams.

Huffman, the judge said, could offer her children legitimate advantages that many families cannot: tutoring, private counseling and connections in the entertainment industry.

Huffman's daughter took her SAT in 2017 in West Hollywood. Unbeknownst to her, Huffman and Singer had paid an administrator to let Mark Riddell, Singer's Harvard-educated accomplice, correct the girl's answers after she finished her test, prosecutors say.

Singer and Riddell have pleaded guilty to a number of felonies. The testing center administrator, Igor Dvorskiy, said this month he would plead guilty to conspiracy to commit racketeering.

Fifteen parents have admitted their guilt in the case. Nineteen others have pleaded not guilty, including "Full House" actress Lori Loughlin and her husband, J. Mossimo Giannulli, a fashion designer.

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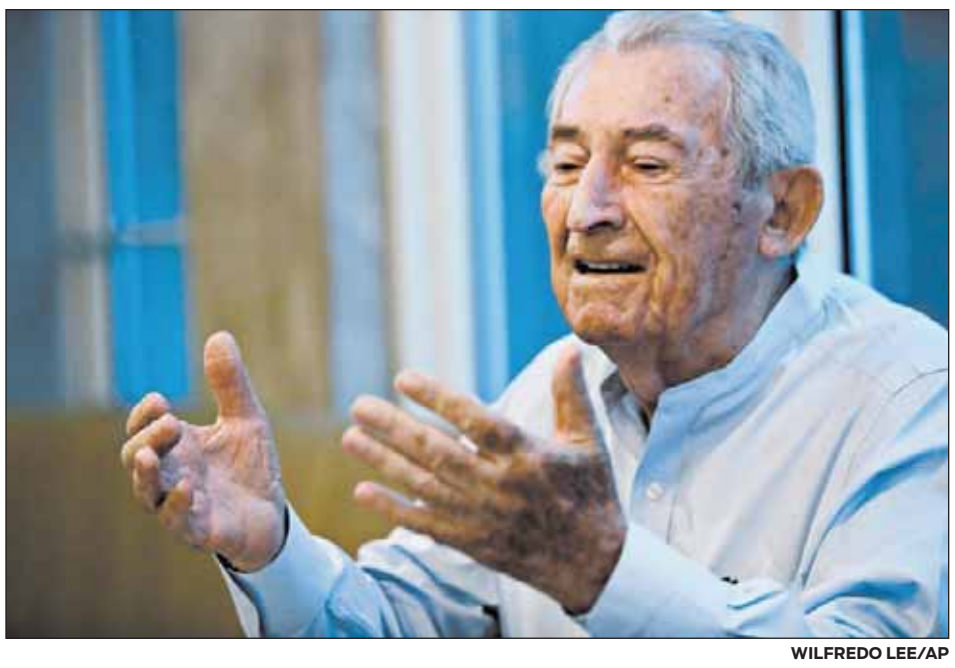
Seeking Holocaust-era insurance claims

Aging survivors look toward Congress for help in suing firms

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press



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"The fact is, we are a dying breed," said David Schaecter, president of the Holocaust Survivors' Foundation USA, this month in Aventura, Florida.

AVENTURA, Fla. — When David Schaecter was a child in Slovakia in the 1930s, he counted more than 100 people in his extended family. By the end of World War II, he alone survived. The rest had been killed in Nazi concentration camps or by roving SS death squads.

Schaecter lost not only his family, but all they owned, including life insurance covering his murdered relatives. And as time runs out on aging Holocaust survivors, some are trying to recover insurance policies that were not honored by Nazi-era companies, which could be worth at least $25 billion altogether in today's dollars, according to the Holocaust Survivors' Foundation USA.

The survivors want to take insurance companies to court in the U.S. to recover the money, but it would take an act of Congress to allow it.

For nearly two decades, the foundation members have tried and failed to gain access to U.S. courts.

"This is an insult to humanity," said Schaecter, 90, president of the organization and a survivor of the Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps. "I think they are trying to sweep it under the carpet. The fact is, we are a dying breed. There are so few of us left."

But the survivors' group is optimistic that a recent hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the stolen insurance issue may lead to change.

They gathered recently at Mo's Bagels and Deli in the Miami suburb of Aventura to talk it over.

"This is our last hope," said David Mermelstein, also 90, who leads a Miami-Dade chapter of the group. "How can a Holocaust survivor be a second-class citizen under American law?"

The answer is complicated.

The Nazis killed an estimated 6 million Jews and others deemed undesirable by the German government, including gypsies, homosexuals and the disabled.

Since the war's end, the German government has paid hundreds of millions of dollars in reparations to Holocaust survivors and other victims of the Third Reich. The International Commission on Holocaust Era Claims, formed in the 1990s with U.S. backing, has paid out $305 million on these issues, plus $200 million in humanitarian aid.

Germany, and insurance companies such as Munich-based Allianz SE and Italy's Assicurazioni Generali, say the commission's actions should provide finality — "legal peace," in the terminology of the deal — on the insurance claims.

They also say they will repay verifiable claims, but verification is difficult given the passage of time and the wartime destruction of so many records. The firms have demanded original paperwork, such as death certificates, that were not available after the war.

The insurers had close Nazi ties. A former Allianz chairman in 1933 became Hitler's economics minister. The company today is one of the world's largest insurers, and insists it will not shy away from the past.

"While we cannot undo any aspect of our company's history, we can learn from it and work to make sure the horrors of the Holocaust are never again repeated," Anja Rechenberg, Allianz's corporate responsibility spokeswoman, said in an email.

Mermelstein recalls as a child his parents having a plaque in their house labeled "Generali," the name of the Italian insurer with which they had a policy.

"Of course we have no documents for obvious reasons," he said.

In Congress, bills have been filed over the years to allow American Holocaust survivors access to the U.S. courts. None have passed, and other Jewish groups have opposed them. These groups, including the Anti-Defamation League and American Jewish Committee, have decided instead to support the claims arrangement created in the 1990s.

In addition to permitting lawsuits against insurance companies, many of the bills would have required the companies to disclose lists of policies held by Jews before World War II.

The survivors say given the efficiency and meticulous record-keeping of the Third Reich, it's hard to believe such lists don't exist.

"If you know German bureaucracy, there isn't a 'T' that hasn't been crossed. They kept a real strict record," said Vera Karliner, whose husband, Herb, was on the ship named the St. Louis that was full of Jewish refugees but was turned away from the U.S. in 1939. Herb Karliner, now 93, survived the Holocaust.

As the aging Holocaust survivors await congressional action on their stolen insurance policies, many are in frail health,. All of them say they simply want justice.

Their lawyer, Sam Dubbin, says it's time for lawmakers to do something.

"Because the current law is a result of court decisions based on misleading and unprecedented executive branch positions, only Congress can provide the necessary remedy — legislation to require the companies to publish policy information and to provide a clear right of action for claimants in U.S. courts," Dubbin said.

Fort Worth chief: 'Absolutely no excuse' for woman's killing

By Jake Bleiberg and Jill Bleed
Associated Press

JEFFERSON'S FAMILY

Atatiana Jefferson, 28, was shot and killed inside her home in Fort Worth, Texas.

TARRANT COUNTY JAIL

Aaron Dean, 34, resigned as a Fort Worth officer and was arrested Monday.

FORT WORTH, Texas — The furor Tuesday over the killing of a black woman by a white Fort Worth officer became increasingly about a gun pointed at a bedroom window.

But the police chief and activists said the focus was on the wrong gun.

In bringing murder charges against Officer Aaron Dean in the slaying of Atatiana Jefferson, police released an arrest warrant Tuesday quoting the victim's 8-year-old nephew as saying Jefferson had pulled out a gun after hearing suspicious noises behind her house.

Black politicians and others criticized the police and the media for bringing up Jefferson's weapon, angrily accusing the department of trying to deflect blame onto an innocent victim.

"The Fort Worth Police Department is going about the task of providing a defense for this officer," said Lee Merritt, an attorney for the Jefferson family.

Interim police Chief Ed Kraus himself declared there was "absolutely no excuse" for the killing and said Jefferson behaved as any Texas homeowner would have if he or she had heard a prowler. It wasn't clear from the warrant whether Dean even saw her weapon through the glass.

The killing early Saturday shocked people across the country and led many black people to wonder once more whether they are no longer safe from police in their homes. Earlier this month, a white former Dallas officer got 10 years in prison for murder for killing a black neighbor in his own apartment. She said she mistook his place for hers and thought he was an intruder.

Dean, 34, resigned and was arrested Monday for firing a single bullet through a windowpane while investigating a neighbor's report about the front door being left open at Jefferson's home. Jefferson was staying up late, playing video games with her nephew.

Police bodycam video showed Dean making his way around the side of the house into the backyard in the darkness and opening fire a split second after shouting at the 28-year-old Jefferson to show her hands. He did not identify himself as a police officer.

In the arrest warrant, Jefferson's nephew said his aunt had taken a gun from her purse and pointed it at the window. Over the weekend, the Police Department also stirred anger by releasing images of the gun inside the home.

State Rep. Harold Dutton, a black Democrat from Houston, blamed the media in part.

"Why would you publicize that Ms. Jefferson had a gun in her home?" he asked. "I'm sure the police told you that. But that was her Second Amendment right, and equally as important, it had nothing to do with the incident for which we are here about. Too often, you, the media, have been complicit in throwing dirt on the victim while ignoring the real culprit, current law enforcement."

In the Fort Worth case, the arrest warrant notes that the other officer at the scene told authorities she could see only Jefferson's face through the window when Dean fired. Dean's own bodycam video showed that the view through the glass was obstructed by the reflection from his flashlight.

Merritt questioned whether Dean saw a gun at all, noting that the window was covered by blinds, it was dark outside, and Dean never said "gun" before firing, as officers are trained to do.

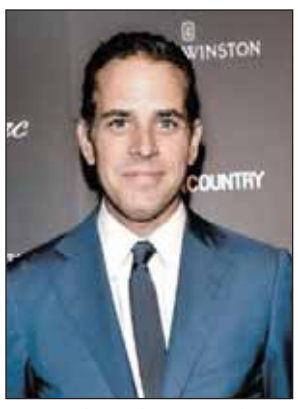
Dean resigned without talking to internal affairs investigators, and what he saw and why he opened fire remained unclear. His attorney did not return messages for comment.

The police chief did not directly address the nephew's account of the gun at a news briefing Tuesday. Police spokesman Sgt. Chris Daniels said the information was included in court papers so that a judge would have a clear understanding of the facts of the case. "Leaving out pertinent information could be seen as misleading; Judges DO NOT like that," Daniels said in an email.

Dean was released from jail on $200,000 bail less than four hours after his arrest.

Hunter Biden rejects doing anything wrong in dealings

By Juana Summers
Associated Press



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Hunter Biden acknowledged that he failed to take into account implications for his father's career.

WASHINGTON — Hunter Biden, acknowledging that his family name created business opportunities, rejected assertions by President Donald Trump that he did anything wrong by engaging in foreign work in Ukraine and China.

But Biden, the son of former Vice President Joe Biden, conceded that he failed to take into account potential implications for his father's political career.

"Did I make a mistake? Maybe in the grand scheme of things," Hunter Biden said in an ABC News interview that aired Tuesday. "But did I make a mistake based on some ethical lapse? Absolutely not."

Joe Biden is a front-runner in the 2020 Democratic presidential contest, and the interview with his son aired hours before the fourth Democratic presidential debate.

Hunter Biden said he did not discuss his foreign business dealings with his father. He served on the board of an energy company in Ukraine, a fact he said his father learned from news reports.

The younger Biden was a lawyer at a top Washington law firm with expertise in corporate governance. But he acknowledged Tuesday that he probably would not have been asked to serve on the board if not for his name.

"I don't think there's a lot of things that would have happened in my life if my last name wasn't Biden," he said.

Trump and his Republican allies have targeted Hunter Biden for his work in Ukraine and China, making baseless claims of corruption.

Trump's July 25 phone call pressuring Ukraine's leader to investigate the Bidens is the focus of a whistleblower complaint that triggered the formal House impeachment inquiry into Trump. Trump has denied wrongdoing.

Hours after Hunter Biden's interview aired, Trump said in a tweet that the former vice president's son was "really bad" in the ABC interview and that "Sleepy Joe has real problems."

Hunter Biden recently said he would step down from the board of directors of a Chinese-backed private equity firm because his service had become a "distraction."

"That's why I have committed that I won't serve on any board or work on any foreign entities when Dad becomes president," he said. "That's the rule I'm going to adhere to."

Joe Biden said Sunday that if he's elected: "No one in my family will have an office in the White House, will sit in meetings as if they're a Cabinet member, will in fact have any business relationships with anyone that relates to a foreign corporation or foreign country."

On Tuesday, Biden's deputy campaign manager Kate Bedingfield said in a statement "Hunter was forceful and spoke with conviction," and after "an unprecedented smear campaign by the president of the United States, who is engulfed in a scandal of his own making."

In 2014, then-Vice President Joe Biden was at the forefront of American diplomatic efforts to support Ukraine's fragile democratic government as it sought to fend off Russian aggression and root out corruption. President Barack Obama's White House said there was no conflict with Hunter Biden's work for a Ukrainian gas company because the younger Biden was a private citizen.

Besides Trump's July 25 phone call to Ukraine's leader pressing for investigations, Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal lawyer, began reaching out to Ukraine's president and his aides to press for a government investigation into the company, Burisma, and Hunter Biden's role.

Hunter Biden blamed his father's political opponents, including Trump, for spreading a "ridiculous conspiracy theory."

"I gave a hook to some very unethical people to act in illegal ways to try to do some harm to my father. That's where I made the mistake," he said. "So I take full responsibility for that. Did I do anything improper? No, not in any way. Not in any way whatsoever."

He added: "What I regret is not taking into account that there would be a Rudy Giuliani and a president of the United States that would be listening to this ridiculous conspiracy idea."

"Being the subject of Donald Trump's ire is a feather in my cap," he said. "It's not something that I go to bed nervous about at night at all. The reason I'm able to do that is because I am absolutely enveloped in love of my family."

In recent weeks, Trump has relentlessly mocked Hunter Biden.

Haiti's leader refuses to resign amid unrest

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — President Jovenel Moise broke his silence Tuesday and said it would be irresponsible for him to resign amid Haiti's unrest, which has entered a fifth week of deadly protests that have paralyzed the economy and shuttered schools.

Moise said during a surprise news conference at the National Palace that he was constitutionally elected and would relinquish power only through a legal process like elections.

His speech was directed in part at thousands of protesters angry over corruption, inflation that has hit nearly 20% and the dwindling of basic supplies including gasoline. Joining the call for the president's resignation are business groups, church leaders and human rights organizations.

Moise reiterated that he is open to any negotiations leading to a peaceful resolution of the political crisis, saying that the opposition should agree to a dialogue with his government to address the country's problems.

"However long it takes, I am ready for dialogue. We don't want to have another 1986," Moise said, referring to the year that then-President Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier fled Haiti following lengthy demonstrations against his regime.

During his speech, Moise said Haiti is "worse off" than it was from 2004 to 2015, the years following the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Opposition leaders immediately rejected Moise's bid for talks, saying his offer was "not credible" as they called for more street protests to force his resignation.

Moise spoke on the day that the U.N.'s Mission for Justice Support in Haiti ended its mandate, marking the first time since 2004 that there is no U.N. peacekeeping operation in Haiti. The U.N. Integrated Office in Haiti will take its place and play an advisory role.

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President Jovenel Moise breaks his silence Tuesday at the National Palace in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti.

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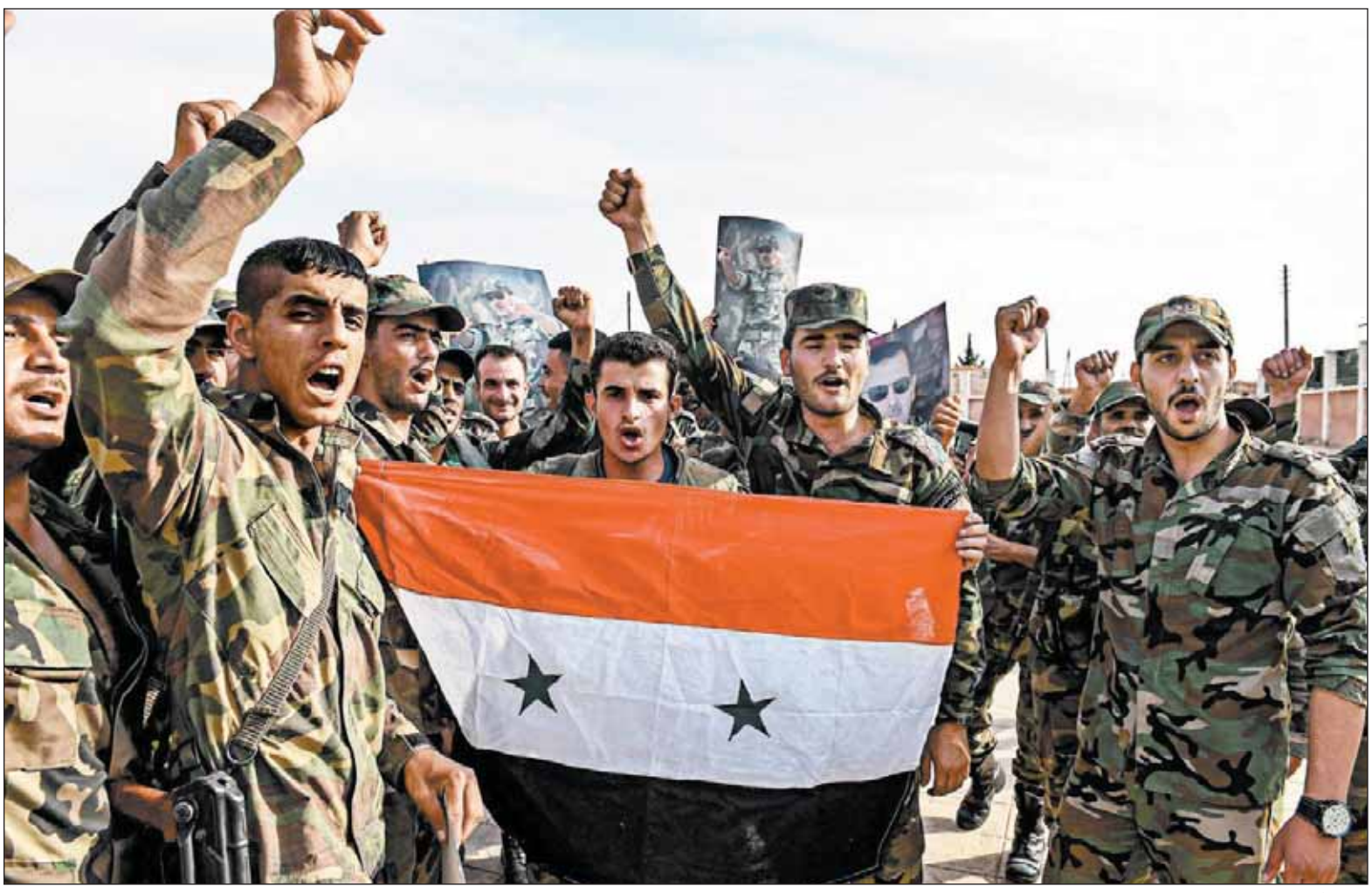

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Syrian soldiers pose with a national flag and portraits of President Assad on Tuesday as they mark returning to Manbij.

Russia

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to ensure the several hundred American forces there got out safely, U.S. officials said.

U.S. troops have had outposts in Manbij since 2017, when they went in to avert a battle over the town between Turkish and Kurdish fighters.

Now Russia was playing that role. Outside Manbij, Russian troops patrolled front lines between Turkish and Syrian army positions to keep them apart, Russia's Defense Ministry said.

"No one is interested" in fighting between Syrian government troops and Turkish forces, said Alexander Lavrentyev, Moscow's envoy for Syria. Russia "is not going to allow it," he told Russian state news agencies.

Kelly Craft, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told reporters Washington is "deeply concerned" that Russian troops are patrolling between the two sides.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu spoke to U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper to discuss "issues of mutual interest in the context of situation in Syria," the Russian Defense Ministry said in a brief statement, without elaborating.

Russia has been a staunch ally of Assad for decades and entered the Syrian conflict in 2015, providing air power that eventually turned the tide of the war in his favor.

The Russian military has shipped weapons to Damascus, trained thousands of troops and put its advisers in key Syrian military units.

In the first week of the Turkish assault, at least 154 fighters from the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces have been killed, as well as 128 fighters from Turkish-backed Syrian factions , according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a monitor of the war. It said at least 69 civilians have been killed in Syria. Turkey says six of its soldiers have died, as well as at least 20 Turkish civilians killed by Kurdish mortar fire across the border.

Despite the Syrian and Russian deployments, Turkey insisted it would capture the town of Manbij. Asked on Sky News if Turkey's military was willing to fight Assad's army, Vice President Fuat Oktay said, "We hope it's not going to happen, but again we are determined to get control over Manbij."

A U.S. official said the approximately 1,000 U.S. troops being withdrawn from northern Syria will reposition in Iraq, Kuwait and possibly Jordan.

The U.S. forces in Iraq could conduct cross-border operations against the Islamic State group in Syria as they did before creating the now-abandoned partnership with Syrian Kurdish-led forces, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive planning for a U.S. pullout.

After opening the way for the Turkish assault with its pullout, Washington is now trying to restrain its fellow NATO member.

Trump on Monday announced sanctions aimed at Turkey's economy. The U.S. called on Turkey to stop the offensive and declare a cease-fire, while European Union countries moved to broaden an arms sale embargo against their easternmost ally.

Trump was sending Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and national security adviser Robert O'Brien in an effort to try to begin negotiations to stop the fighting. Pence said Trump spoke directly to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who promised not to attack the border town of Kobani, which in 2015 saw the Islamic State group's first defeat in a battle by the U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters.

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Turkish forces move into Syria after word that the U.S. would no longer be in the way.

Fearing betrayal, Kurds kept channels open to Syria, Russia

By Matthew Lee and Sarah El Deeb
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Syria's Kurdish fighters, America's longtime battlefield allies against the Islamic State, announced over the weekend that they were switching sides and joining up with Damascus and Moscow, it seemed like a moment of geopolitical whiplash.

But the move had been in the works for more than a year.

Fearing U.S. abandonment, the Kurds opened a back channel to the Syrian government and the Russians in 2018, and those talks ramped up significantly in recent weeks, American, Kurdish and Russian officials said.

"We warned the Kurds that the Americans will ditch them," Russia's ambassador to the European Union, Vladimir Chizhov, told Russia's Tass news agency on Monday.

The switch in allegiances is a stark illustration of how American foes like Russia and Syria are working steadily to fill the vacuum left by President Donald Trump's retreat in the region. It also betrays the anxiety that U.S. allies across the globe now feel in the face of Trump's seemingly impulsive foreign policy decisions, which often come as a surprise to allies and critics alike.

When Trump announced Oct. 6 that he was pulling troops back from northeastern Syria, paving the way for an assault by Turkey, the Kurds knew where to turn.

Syria's Kurds have publicly acknowledged courting the Syrian government and its allies over the past year.

But much of the back-channel diplomacy, including the most recent talks, happened behind the scenes.

Discussions between the Kurds, the Syrian government and Moscow began early last year as the Kurds grew nervous that the Americans would leave them in the lurch, Kurdish officials said. Pulling U.S. troops out of northeastern Syria would leave the Kurds directly in Turkey's line of fire, because the Americans served as something of a buffer between the two sides.

The Turks have long been eager for an opportunity to go in and flush out the Kurdish fighters in Syria, which they consider terrorists. Turkey says the group is an offshoot of a Kurdish guerrilla group known as the Kurdistan Workers' Party, which has waged a decades-long insurgency inside Turkey.

As Turkey spoiled for a fight, the Kurdish fighters were losing confidence in their alliance with the Americans. For five years, the Kurds had fought alongside U.S. soldiers and were vital to defeating the Islamic State group — something Trump touts as a signature achievement of his presidency.

The deal the Kurds' struck over the weekend with Syria and Russia was negotiated in Aleppo and finalized in Damascus, said Razan Hiddo, senior a Kurdish official. Kurdish forces will work side by side with the Syrian army to try to ward off the Turkish offensive, which began last week after Trump told Turkish President Reccep Tayyip Erdogan that U.S. troops would no longer be in the way.

Russia and Syria, meanwhile, are in a strong position to fill the vacuum left by Trump.

Last week, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov was asked about how both the Syrians and the Kurds were looking for Russia to step in as a mediator.

Lavrov made no promises, but said, "We'll see what we can do."

Post-war Liberians demand more care

WHO: More than 20% of population has mental issues

By Jonathan Paye-Layleh
Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — More than a decade after back-to-back civil wars ravaged Liberia its people still await justice for countless abuses, and many say the lack of accountability is worsening a mental health crisis.

The frustration soared when President George Weah recently indicated there was no need for his government to set up a war crimes court in the West African nation where the conflicts killed a quarter-million people.

"Why now?" he repeated in an address to the United Nations annual gathering of world leaders last month.

The impatience with that attitude boiled over last month when hundreds of people stormed Liberia's legislature with a petition asking the government for more mental health support. They said they represented some half-million people who have received mental health services over the years via a charity, the U.S.-based Carter Center.

Such private aid is not enough to assure that every Liberian receives assistance, they said.

"Mental health care continues to be seriously sidelined," said Bill Ballah, a spokesman for the group. "Each of us needs good mental health to pursue our life goals and meet our responsibilities as responsible citizens."

Critics say Liberia's president is not interested in creating a war crimes court because his political support base includes some elements who committed atrocities. Weah has rejected that accusation, and his supporters dismiss it as untrue.

In addition to those suffering from trauma caused by the civil wars from 1989 to 2003, thousands of Liberians are trying to recover from the world's deadliest Ebola outbreak that killed more than 4,000 in the country from 2014 to 2016.

More than 20% of Liberia's post-war population has mental health issues, including post-traumatic stress disorder, the World Health Organization said in 2016.

But the country has just a couple of psychiatrists for a population of nearly 5 million.

Until the arrival of a Nigerian psychiatrist three years ago, Dr. Benjamin Harris had been the only psychiatrist in Liberia for decades.

About 70% of students Harris interviewed near the end of the civil wars said they had seen people killed or tortured. About 60% said they had lost confidence in human beings and society.

Armed with charms, Nigerian hunters take on Boko Haram

By Haruna Umar
Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — Thousands of Nigerian hunters, armed with charmed amulets and intimate knowledge of harsh terrain, are preparing an offensive against the Boko Haram extremists who have ravaged the northeast for a decade, calling it "high time" they help soldiers end the deadly insurgency.

Nigeria's government discouraged a similar offensive five years ago, calling it a suicide mission. This time it has the backing of the governor of Borno state, which has suffered the worst of the Boko Haram attacks.

It is a sign that Nigerian authorities, who have repeatedly claimed the defeat of Boko Haram, might be running out of options against the Islamic extremists and a recent offshoot that has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group.

Borno state's new Gov. Babagana Zulum, who inherited the conflict after winning election earlier this year, said he is tired of applying conventional strategies against an extremist group that has killed and abducted tens of thousands of people and displaced millions. The unrest has created a vast humanitarian crisis.

The governor recently approved the sourcing of at least 10,000 hunters to help end the fighting.

While Nigeria's military would not comment, government spokesman Isa Gusau confirmed that the governor has decided to "aggressively explore every lawful means necessary in trying to put an end to the insurgency" after consultations with key stakeholders including elders and traditional rulers.

"We need all the prayers we can get, given the task ahead," Gusau said.

The hunters are separate from the civilian self-defense forces that have sprung up in northeastern Nigeria to combat the Boko Haram insurgency. Usually inheriting their vocation, the hunters are seen as the only group with intimate knowledge of the forests and other terrain in the vast region near Lake Chad. They see their charms and amulets as protection from attack.

An Associated Press reporter recently visited the camp where about 2,000 hunters have been waiting ahead of their march into the Sambisa forest and other Boko Haram hideouts.

More than 5,000 are being mobilized from Nigeria and regional countries including Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad, said one leader of the hunters, Baba Maigiwa.

"The majority of our men have returned to their various states and communities to go and bid their families farewell" but are on their way back to the Borno capital, Maiduguri, said another leader, Abdulkareem Umar.

"We are here because the governor is passionate about ending this madness called Boko Haram," he said.

He said the hunters are being fed by the Borno state government as they wait for the offensive, and food and water have been deployed to various locations that can be used as forward operating bases.

"We are so happy with the move the state governor is making by recognizing the contributions that the hunters can bring into the counterinsurgency war," said another hunters' chief, Maigana Maidurma. "We are ready to lay down our lives if that is what it would take to bring peace to our dear land."

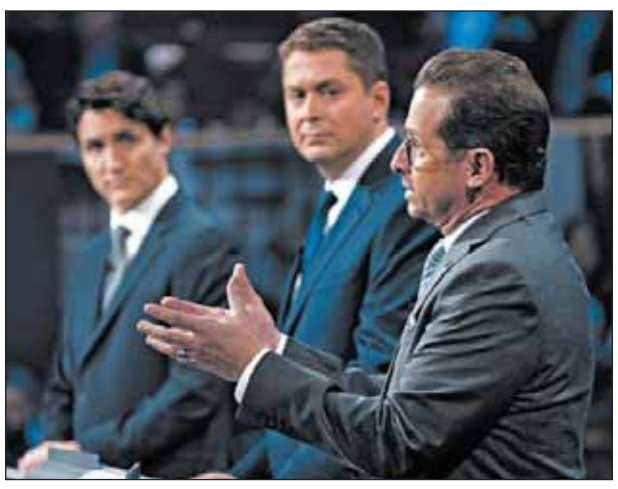
HARUNA UMAR/AP

A group of hunters gathers at a camp Oct. 8 in Maiduguri, Nigeria. Thousands of Nigerian hunters are backed by the governor of Borno state to end the deadly insurgency.

Quebec separatists on track to rise from ashes in election

Province in position to be a key player in minority government

By Sandrine Rastello
Bloomberg News



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Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, left, Conservative leader Andrew Scheer and Bloc Quebecois leader Yves-Francois Blanchet take part in a debate in Gatineau, Quebec.

Talk of independence is largely hushed in Quebec these days, yet the federal separatist party is rising from the abyss and could soon hold sway in Canada once again.

Just a year ago, the Bloc Quebecois was trying to recover from an internal feud that split its lawmakers and left it leaderless. Polls now suggest the tide has turned. The Bloc is on track to win the most seats in a decade, making it a potential power broker in Parliament assuming the two largest parties fail to win a majority in the Oct. 21 national elections.

"Anybody who talked about the end of the Bloc Quebecois after the last two elections — it was premature," said Sebastien Dallaire, a pollster at Ipsos in Montreal.

Leader Yves-Francois Blanchet, 54, who managed a rock singer before entering politics, is aiming for at least 20 seats in Ottawa to defend the French-speaking province's interests, twice the tally from the 2015 election. Projections compiled by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. as of last week suggest the party is on track to take 25 districts, third-most among all parties.

With the polls showing that either Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberals or Andrew Scheer's Conservatives are likely to end up with a minority government in the 338-seat House of Commons, 20 or so seats could be enough to wring concessions in exchange for the Bloc's support.

Though the Bloc has backed the Conservatives in the past, Blanchet hasn't committed to helping any particular party, and will consider each bill through the lens of Canada's second-most populous province.

"It's good for Quebec? We vote in favor. It's bad for Quebec? We vote against," he told journalists after a televised debate this month in Montreal.

While the Bloc has no aspirations to form government — it only runs candidates in Quebec's 78 electoral districts — and has put separatism on the back burner, it favors taxing digital giants such as Facebook and Amazon.com and giving Quebec powers to reject projects under federal jurisdiction like pipelines or airports.

Perhaps most controversially, it opposes any attempt by Ottawa to challenge a recent law barring teachers and other government workers from wearing religious symbols.

The party's focus on secularism and the environment, along with the plunge in support for the New Democratic Party in Quebec, have given a boost to Blanchet in his first campaign, and may bring the Bloc closer to the 50 or more seats it traditionally held until 2011.

The party can be hard to place on the Canadian political spectrum. Its values and social policies are more aligned with the Liberals on a classic left-right scale, but its separatist aspirations bring it closer to the Conservatives' decentralized approach to federalism, said Andre Lecours, a professor in the School of Political Studies at the University of Ottawa.

The Bloc was the occasional ally of minority Conservative governments from 2006 to 2011 under Prime Minister Stephen Harper, pushing for policies such as stimulus spending. Lucien Bouchard, who founded the party in 1991, was a Cabinet minister for Conservative leader Brian Mulroney.

Rising environmental concerns could complicate cooperation with the pro-pipeline and anti-carbon tax Conservatives. The Bloc wants to end fossil-fuel subsidies, crank up targets to reduce Canada's carbon emissions, and devised a "green equalization" system of payments to provinces that would tax higher-carbon emitters.

"In the 2000s, the Bloc's focus was on federalism," Lecours said. "Now that would perhaps be more complex. If the Conservatives said 'We'll leave Quebec alone but we will build a pipeline from Alberta to the Pacific Ocean,' I'm not sure how the Bloc would react."

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France OKs bill legalizing IVF for lesbians, single women

PARIS — France's lower house of parliament on Tuesday overwhelmingly passed a bill that aims to give single women and lesbian couples legal access to in vitro fertilization, egg freezing and fertility medication.

The assisted reproduction measures are part of a broader bioethics bill voted by the National Assembly. The bill passed 359-114. It must still go to the Senate for debate.

French law currently restricts in vitro fertilization and related procedures to infertile heterosexual couples.

The legislation also would allow children conceived with donated sperm to demand the donor's identity when they reach age 18, a change from France's currently strict donor anonymity protections.

The bill does not address surrogacy arrangements, which are banned in France.

Feds propose opening biggest national forest to logging

JUNEAU, Alaska — The U.S. Forest Service is taking comments on a proposal that would exempt the country's largest national forest, in southeast Alaska, from a ban on timber harvests and road building in roadless areas.

This option would exempt the Tongass National Forest from the so-called Roadless Rule.

The Forest Service says this alternative is in line with a request from the state. The state submitted a petition seeking an exemption in 2018.

The agency says the alternative affects 9.2 million acres of inventoried roadless areas and would convert 165,000 old-growth acres and 20,000 young-growth acres from a designation as unsuitable timber lands to suitable.

Conservationists criticized the plan as short-sighted and irrational.

Initial count: Conservative law professor wins Tunisia election

TUNIS, Tunisia — Tunisia's election commission said a preliminary count shows Islamist-backed law professor Kais Saied has won the country's presidential election by a significant margin.

The commission said that Saied got a majority of the votes in each of the 33 electoral districts. He exceeded 90% in six traditionally conservative southern districts.

Saied, 61, is an independent outsider but has support from moderate Islamist party Ennahdha, which won Tunisia's parliamentary election last week.

He has promised to overhaul the country's governing structure to give more power to young people and local governments.

The election was held early following the July death in office of President Beji Caid Essebsi.

KLEBER GONCALVES/AP

Firefighters rescue a woman from a seven-story building that collapsed Tuesday in Fortaleza, a city in northeastern Brazil. The collapse killed at least one person. City authorities said several people may be trapped under the debris as the search continues.

UK advances on Brexit deal ahead of crucial EU summit

BRUSSELS — European Union officials hoped to sketch out a Brexit deal with Britain within hours, but negotiations stretched into early Wednesday in the latest effort at producing an agreement in more than three years of false starts and sudden reversals.

The bloc said it might be possible to strike a divorce deal by Thursday's EU leaders' summit, which comes just two weeks before the U.K.'s scheduled departure date of Oct. 31. One major proviso: The British government must make more compromises to seal an agreement in the coming hours.

Britain and the EU have been here before — within sight of a deal only to see it dashed — but a surge in the British pound Tuesday indicated hope that this time could be different. The currency rose against the dollar to its highest level in months.

Even though many questions remain, diplomats made it clear that both sides were within touching distance of a deal for the first time since a U.K. withdrawal plan fell apart in the British House of Commons in March.

Still, talks that first lingered into Tuesday night turned into negotiating past midnight as no deal materialized between experts from both sides holed up at EU headquarters in a darkened Brussels.

Thursday's EU leaders' meeting, the last before the Brexit deadline, was long considered the last opportunity to approve a divorce agreement. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson insists his country will leave Oct. 31 with or without an agreement, although U.K. lawmakers are determined to push for another delay rather than risk a chaotic no-deal Brexit.

Puerto Rican governor calls emergency meeting

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Puerto Rican Gov. Wanda Vazquez called an emergency meeting Tuesday after six people were killed in a mass shooting in San Juan's Rio Pedras housing project Monday and gunfire left two people dead a day earlier in the island's north.

She convened a gathering of her security team, led by public security chief Elmer Roman and justice secretary Dennise Longo Quinones.

After the meeting, Roman said increased air and land patrols were discussed, along with reinforcing social programs.

Officials said a patrol assigned to the Rio Piedras residence was not there at the time of the shooting but at a nearby housing project.

The spate of crimes adds to Puerto Rico's problems, which include a prolonged recession, a hurricane in 2017 and the ousting of the island's governor in August.

Judge blocks Michigan's ban on flavored e-cigarettes

LANSING, Mich. — A Michigan judge temporarily blocked the state's weeks-old ban on flavored e-cigarettes Tuesday, saying it may force adults to return to smoking more harmful tobacco products and has irreparably hurt vaping businesses.

Court of Claims Judge Cynthia Stephens put the prohibition on hold until "further order of this court." The preliminary injunction will be appealed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who ordered the creation of the emergency rules in a bid to combat the epidemic of teen vaping.

As of last week, vaping-related illnesses in the U.S. had reached about 1,300 cases in 49 states and one U.S. territory, including at least 26 deaths.

Government survey figures show that last year, one in five U.S. high school students reported vaping in the previous month.

In California: A man who showed up at a Northern California police station with a dead body in his car confessed to killing four family members, three of whom were found inside his apartment, police said Tuesday.

Shankar Hangud, 53, was arrested Monday after he turned himself in to Mount Shasta police and told investigators he had killed the man in his car, Roseville Police Capt. Josh Simon said. Police said he also confessed to killing three other people at his apartment in Roseville, about 260 miles south of Mount Shasta.

Hangud is facing four murder charges, Simon said.

Detectives have interviewed Hangud, but they have not determined a motive, he said.

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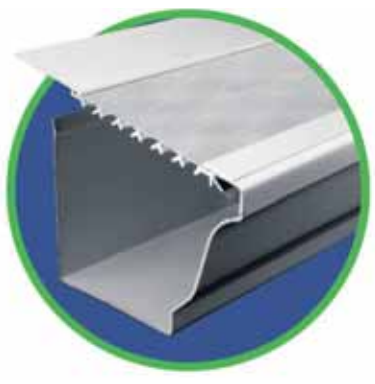

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EDITORIALS

Pritzker moves to protect the reputation and reality of Illinois gambling. Good.

For the past few days we've been thinking about the paperwork from a September raid on the Springfield office of state Sen. Martin Sandoval. We don't know why the feds went snooping — Sandoval has not been accused of wrongdoing — but we know the search reflected a broadminded curiosity about video gambling, construction, a suburban red light camera company and ComEd.

Maybe the details will be divulged over time, but we're already intrigued by the many dozens, yes, dozens, of people and entities mentioned in the Sandoval search warrant. They represent a trip across the Illinois landscape of politics and clout.

On Tuesday, Gov. J.B. Pritzker joined the fray. Here's the background:

One of those named in the search warrant is Rick Heidner, owner of Gold Rush Gaming, a video gambling company that has machines in such towns as Lyons, McCook and Summit. Heidner is also part of a team that wants to build a harness racing track and casino in Tinley Park — a conglomeration known as a racino. None of those facts is spelled out in the Sandoval search warrant. Instead, Heidner and his company are referenced under a general heading of items to be seized: *Items related to Rick Heidner, Gold Rush Gaming.*

Here's something else not listed in the search warrant: Heidner has longstanding business ties to a banking family whose financial involvement with mob figures helped torpedo the proposed Emerald Casino in Rosemont. That fact was exposed last weekend by the Tribune's David Heinzmann.

STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Rick Heidner, part of a team that wants to build a racing track and casino in Tinley Park, was named in a search warrant for state Sen. Martin Sandoval's Springfield office.

On Tuesday, Gov. J.B. Pritzker reacted to that report: He intervened in the race track deal, saying the state would not sell the land on which the proposed racino would be located.

Pritzker is smart to halt the action right here, right now, until regulators come up to speed with the Tribune's disclosures. Illinois is embarking on a huge gambling expansion statewide. Immense amounts of money potentially are in play. Many legislators see nothing but new buckets of revenue. A governor who moves swiftly to keep scandal at bay is protecting the reputation, and the reality, of legal gambling in Illinois.

We aren't accusing Heidner of any wrongdoing. In the past he has partnered in business deals with Rocco Suspenzi, chairman of Parkway Bank and Trust, Heinzmann reported. Back in 2003, the FBI and Illinois Gaming Board found that Suspenzi and his son Jeffrey concealed their own ownership stake, as well as that of a reputed mob figure, in the Emerald casino deal. And now the governor is sidelining Heidner's race track activity.

Why the Illinois Racing Board evidently didn't understand Heidner's background when it approved the horse track portion of the proposed casino is one of many questions we have. Pritzker should have questions too.

So you see what we mean about that federal document. It's chock full of characters whose paths intersect at the nexus of Illinois politicians, campaign contributors, regulated industries and government contractors. While no one has been accused of a crime, the warrant evidently relates to several ongoing investigations.

- ComEd and its parent company, Exelon, are listed in the Sandoval search warrant. Exelon CEO Anne Pramaggiore abruptly retired Tuesday, the Tribune reported.
- Safespeed, a red light camera company, is listed in the warrant. Safespeed was the subject of a Tribune investigation two years ago. That report revealed Sandoval had interceded with the Illinois Department of Transportation on Safespeed's behalf while accepting campaign donations from the company and its owner.
- Also listed in the warrant is John Harris, the former chief of staff to Rod Blagojevich, the imprisoned former governor. News reports have Harris working for Michael Vondra, a Sandoval campaign supporter who's in the road construction business. Vondra's listed in the search warrant. Sandoval has stepped down as chairman of the legislature's Transportation Committee.

What does it add up to? Maybe all this federal activity leads nowhere. Or maybe this line in the Sandoval document becomes key: Agents were looking for "Items related to any official action taken in exchange for a benefit."

Would such a thing ever happen in Illinois?

A Chicago cop who killed an innocent woman shouldn't have his record wiped clean

You can't say Dante Servin and his lawyer are lacking in chutzpah. The disgraced former Chicago police officer, who shot and killed Rekia Boyd in 2012, was supremely lucky to be acquitted on a technical legal point in his 2015 trial. Now he is back, asking a court to grant him the further indulgence of expunging all records of the charges against him.

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dante Servin during his 2015 trial in Rekia Boyd's death.

Servin was the rare Chicago cop to undergo prosecution for killing someone. While off-duty and driving late one night, he asked some people at a West Side alley to make less noise. When a man in the group, Antonio Cross, approached his Mercedes with an object in his hand, Servin testified, he identified himself as a police officer, pulled out a pistol and fired five shots over his shoulder as he drove away. One of the bullets hit Boyd in the head. She died two days later.

Under Anita Alvarez, the state's attorney's office charged Servin with involuntary manslaughter, on the grounds that he acted with inexcusable recklessness. But a judge shocked the city by ruling that his conduct was not reckless as a matter of law; it was "beyond reckless." The only appropriate charge was murder, the judge said. He ordered an acquittal without the defense calling a single witness. Servin was free to go.

After that verdict, Servin claimed he was in the right despite the fatal consequences for Boyd, an innocent 22-year-old. "I saved my life that night," he insisted, even though Cross was found to have only a cellphone, not a gun.

The city apparently didn't find Servin's defense convincing. It paid $4.5 million to settle a wrongful death suit with Boyd's family. And Servin wasn't willing to bet on keeping his badge. He resigned before he could be fired, ensuring that he would be able to collect a pension of about $57,500 a year.

Now, however, he wants to have his record wiped clean. Servin, his lawyer claims, has been unable to find steady employment, and he's battled post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and "extreme depression." Said Matt Fakhoury, "We're trying to get him the fresh start he deserves." The expungement would make it easier for him to get a job — maybe even in law enforcement.

State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office opposes the request, arguing that "the nature and facts of the crime are such that the public, employers and law enforcement should have access to (Servin's) record." That is hard to dispute.

Servin killed an innocent person while trying to kill an unarmed man with whom he had initiated an argument while off-duty. It's not our place to declare him guilty of any crime. That's why we have courts. That said, he got off because of a disagreement between the state's attorney and the judge on the crime he should have been charged with. Boyd is dead. Servin is not only alive but free and collecting retirement pay.

Foxx, we should note, has pushed to facilitate expungement for some minor offenders. In August, she announced a program to erase all misdemeanor cannabis convictions — a reasonable change given the legalization of recreational and medical marijuana in Illinois. A new state law essentially provides for automatic expungement of low-level pot convictions and allows other offenders to petition for it. Keep in mind that those people, unlike Servin, have already paid any arguable debt to society.

A 2016 state law made it easier for juveniles and adults to clear their records of arrests that did not lead to convictions. As a general matter, that approach is sensible. But when the record shows irresponsible conduct that causes the loss of human life, that record should be preserved, not erased.

If Servin wants to justify his "beyond reckless" behavior to anyone in a position to affect his future, he's welcome to try. But he shouldn't have the help of a court in concealing what he did.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

It was a short tweet. Only seven words. But it ripped the facade off of two giant forces, the Chinese government and the National Basketball Association, and exposed their hypocrisies in a sobering light. If you've ever doubted the power of free speech, and the perils of silence, you need only to have watched the events of last week.

"Fight for freedom, stand with Hong Kong." Those were the seven words, tweeted out by Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey, a man who, when it comes to famous names in the NBA, is on the same level as the team trainer. ... But that didn't stop China, the most populous nation on the planet, from going berserk. ... All this for a tweet that the Chinese people *couldn't even see* — because Twitter is banned in China. ...

China, we expect to ignore civil rights. The NBA should be better. Instead, our basketball league made one misstep after another, showing how slippery the floor gets when you've papered it with money.

Which begs the question: Why the heck is the NBA so involved with China in the first place? The answer is obvious. Billions. Billions of dollars, and 1.4 billion people. ... You stand for something or you fall for anything. Right now, the NBA, which has been so proud of standing for democratic principles, is having its spine tested by a marriage it couldn't help itself from rushing into, because the bride was just so rich.

Mitch Albom, Detroit Free Press

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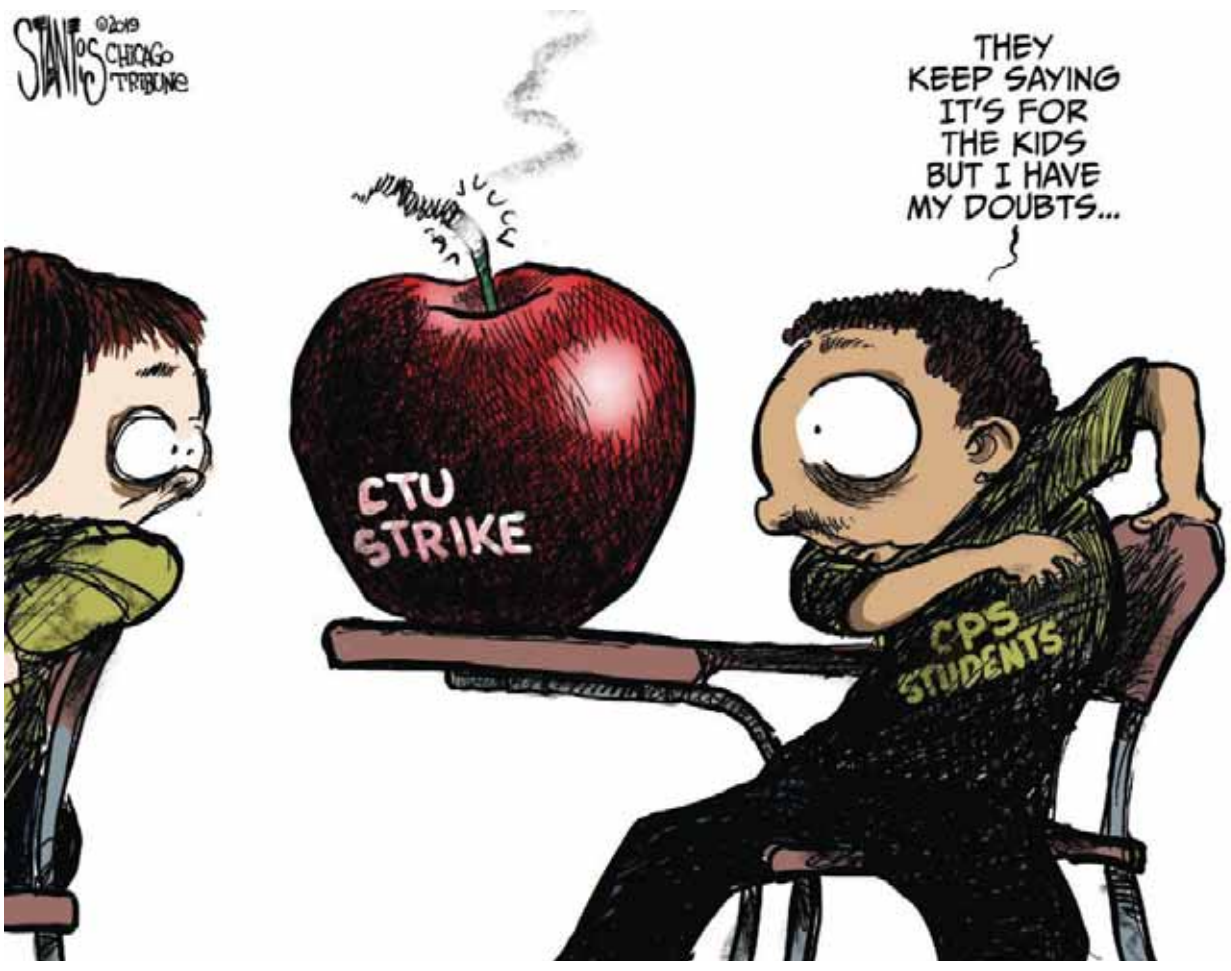

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The Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act aims to make it far easier to win damages when work is stolen by small-time violators.

Proposed crackdown on copyright violators threatens everyday sharers

ERIC ZORN

You just booked a family trip to Arizona!

To spread the good news, you take to your social media accounts — Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and the like — and announce your upcoming vacation to a few hundred friends and followers. To add visual interest to your posts, you append a gorgeous, professional photo of the Grand Canyon that you grabbed in a Google Images search.

Including the picture is ridiculously easy to do. It's also wrong.

When you use the creative output of photographers, musicians, graphic artists, writers and others without permission, you take from them control over their work, and sometimes money they would be owed. They've long been able to sue transgressors in federal court, but the cost of waging an inevitably complex legal battle is so high — estimated at an average of $400,000 by Keith Kupferschmid, CEO of the Copyright Alliance — that, realistically speaking, the victims of such theft have little recourse other than to send demands to the thieves and social media providers that they take down the material.

A proposal now moving through Congress — the Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act — aims to make it far easier to win damages when work is stolen by small-time violators. CASE will create a three-judge panel within the U.S. Copyright Office to rule on minor intellectual-property disputes that are now too expensive for creators to pursue.

For a modest filing fee, plaintiffs will be able to seek judgments of up to $30,000 in actual and punitive damages in streamlined proceedings in front of the Copyright Claims Board — a panel with more expertise in that complicated area of law than most federal judges have.

It'll be a sensible way for the photographer who took that gorgeous Grand Canyon photo to win compensation from a hotel, tour planner, mule-ride company or any other small business that used the image for commercial purposes without permission, and that's good.

But, as written, CASE stands also to be a tool for opportunistic lawyers to use to threaten, confuse and extract settlements from normal people like you who just want to inform and entertain on social media, or maybe dress up a blog post or illustrate a community newsletter, not make a buck off someone else's creation.

Because, yes, it's wrong to steal. But in many such cases it's not *that* wrong, come on. When you're not profiting from the unauthorized use and not ducking licensing fees you'd otherwise be willing to pay, it's a trifling offense worth little more than a mild scolding.

Under CASE, alleged violators will get 60 days to decide whether to opt out of the small claims process or to take their chances in the existing federal court system, where they could be made to pay much more if they lose.

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CASE will make it easy for lawyers to intimidate legally unsophisticated people — that would be most of us — into settling such complaints for maybe a couple thousand bucks rather than hiring a lawyer and hoping that posting that Grand Canyon photo fell into the fuzzy category of "fair use."

If accused people don't respond for any reason, the Copyright Claims Board will be able to hear the complaint against them without their input, and potentially to hit them with significant penalties. And in most instances, their decisions can't be appealed.

Kupferschmid, whose membership organization is promoting the CASE Act, assures social-media sharers not to worry. "Photographers and other creators generally have no interest in bringing individuals who are using their photos for noncommercial purposes to small claims court," he wrote in one of the emails we exchanged after a phone interview. "It would be too difficult for them to police such uses and too time consuming to pursue so many of these cases ... time that they are not creating and making money creating."

But Joshua Lamel, executive director of Re:Create, a group opposing the bill, notes such that nothing in the legislation prevents small-time content creators from assigning or selling collection rights to lawyers who would then shake down alleged violators.

Lamel notes that advocates for the bill have resisted other proposed reforms:

- Limiting small-claims actions to those who have ignored take-down requests or who are making commercial use of the disputed material
- Including access to an appellate court
- Requiring plaintiffs to represent themselves before the Copyright Claims Board unless the defendants have lawyers
- Reducing the potential damage awards to amounts more in line with those in conventional small-claims courts, and limiting them to actual damages, not punitive damages.

The American Civil Liberties Union has the right idea. In a letter to congressional sponsors last month, the ACLU wrote that evidence "strongly suggests a need" for a new, small-claims process to protect copyright, but that the CASE Act goes too far. The group argued for the proposal to be revised to include the above changes because, as is, it doesn't provide defendants due process or "protect the free exchange of information that has become essential to modern American life."

Crack down on the real violators, in other words, without afflicting those who just want to illustrate their happy news.

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Democracy for CTU, but not for you

Chicago taxpayers should have a voice in costly union contracts

BY AUSTIN BERG AND ED BACHRACH

More than 90% of Chicago Teachers Union members voted to authorize a strike during negotiations this fall. They will vote again, strike or no strike, to ratify a final agreement.

But when it comes to the Chicago Public Schools contract and other pressing issues facing the city, that's as far as voting goes.

And that's wrong.

Unions came into existence as a countervailing power to big businesses that could otherwise run roughshod over employees. The theory is that both sides, labor and management, have a choice: They can agree to terms of a collective bargaining agreement, or they can stop providing labor or employment.

With public-employee contracts, regular citizens are the countervailing party, and government is merely their agent. Where is taxpayers' vote on these deals?

Yes, the mayor's hand-picked school board will vote on the teachers' contract. The mayor's rubber-stamp City Council will vote on other labor contracts. And if Chicago voters don't like the terms of a deal, they can throw out the politician who made it in the next election. But they're still stuck with the contract.

Under Chicago's municipal code, voters can choose their elected officials, and little else.

Voters elsewhere have a much stronger voice. In 12 of the country's top 15 cities, politicians must go hat in hand to voters to approve tax hikes or new debt. And big cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Houston have elected chief financial officers or controllers who give taxpayers an independent voice when it comes to big contracts.

Not so in Chicago. The Chicago way of finance is to give public employees the minimum to keep them from striking, raise taxes the minimum to protect politicians, and then borrow the difference.

The resulting debt is a tax increase in the larval stage. For CPS, the borrowing includes $8.6 billion of general obligation debt and $14.6 billion of pension and employee benefit debt. The district has a junk credit rating as a result and is on the brink of expulsion from the bond market.

When there is no strong countervailing power at the bargaining table, union contracts make the law.

The cap on Chicago charter schools and the moratorium on closing district schools were a part of the last contract between the schools and the teachers union. Is it any wonder CTU President Jesse Sharkey felt emboldened to bring issues such as affordable housing into negotiations? Such provisions are not part of collective bargaining agreements in other cities. And they should be solved through an open, democratic process, not simply dictated by two parties in a contract.

The same holds true for the Chicago Police Department, which is also in negotiations with the city. The Illinois law governing police discipline, known as the peace officers bill of rights, contains a provision that subordinates it to any collective bargaining agreement. In California, the comparable law does not mention collective bargaining agreements. The federal consent decree between the Police Department and the Illinois attorney general is subordinate to the union contract. Other federal consent decrees have no such wording.

In writing a book about the governance of Chicago, we interviewed officials from other big cities. One question we asked is how those other municipalities can get by with fewer police officers per capita than we do in Chicago — half as many in the case of Los Angeles. We were told city government wouldn't allow for more police because voters wouldn't pay for them.

Compared with other big cities, Chicago voters have severely limited options. If they can't vote with their hands, they will be forced to vote with their feet.

Before we get that far, it's time city officials look deeply into governance reforms. And it's time voters demand the powers they're missing.

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PERSPECTIVE

ANDREW HARNIK/AP

White House social media director Dan Scavino outside the Oval Office as President Donald Trump talks to reporters last week.

How toxic should we let political speech get?

CLARENCE PAGE

When I heard that President Trump had condemned a violent video parody that depicted a fake Trump shooting mainstream media and his political critics, I wondered whether he actually was upset that he hadn't tweeted the grisly video first.

After all, the president was nowhere to be seen as he announced his criticism through a White House spokeswoman. But while his fingerprints might not be on the video, its creator is part of a loose network of right-wing provocateurs who have a direct line to the White House, including Trump's social media director Dan Scavino, according to The New York Times and NBC News.

The controversial video made news after it was screened in a side room at a three-day event last week by a pro-Trump organization called American Priority at the Trump National Doral Miami, according to The New York Times, which obtained footage from the event.

It shows a fake President Trump superimposed over actor Colin Firth as he shoots up a crowd in a church in the 2014 action-comedy "Kingsman: The Secret Service." Labels or faces superimposed on the mowed-down identify them as major news media and political celebrities, including Kathy Griffin and Rosie O'Donnell, as well as political rivals former President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Rep. Maxine Waters and the late Sen. John McCain.

I couldn't help but wonder how many of the sickos who came up with this video — or applauded it — were among the multitudes who demanded Griffin's firing and worse in May 2017 when she posted a video of herself holding a bloody Donald Trump mask like a severed head.

After a ferocious blowback in which lost her annual job as co-host on CNN's New Year's Eve special and was interviewed by the Secret Service, Griffin tearfully apologized in an online video in which she admitted she "went way too far."

Now it's Griffin's turn to be offended. On Sunday she spoke out, along with Meghan McCain, daughter of the late senator, and others, in expressing outrage over the new video from Trump's online supporters.

But an early version of the video actually appeared online about 18 months before it made national news, NBC reported. A video creator who goes by TheGeekzTeam uploaded it on Reddit, where it went viral and attracted donations. This led to 20 more videos, almost all of them variations on the same theme of Trump as superhero battling media and political rivals like Superman battling Lex Luthor.

By late summer, TheGeekzTeam joined MemeWorld, a community of pro-Trump digital creators, which was invited to a White House conference of what turned out to be mostly conservative internet content creators.

Welcome to the meme wars, the use of internet memes — humorous images, clips and statements intended to go viral on the web — to spread propaganda against one's political rivals. Past presidential candidates would openly condemn such vile viral messages for degrading our electoral process. Trump's strategy has encouraged them.

In his new and well-timed book, "Antisocial: Online Extremists, Techno-Utopians, and the Hijacking of the American Conversation," New Yorker writer Andrew Marantz argues that the "edge lords," slang for the nihilists, conspiracy theorists, right-wing nationalists and white supremacists who pollute internet message boards, have worked to undermine the reasonable online discourse that the web at its best can provide.

Marantz is so distressed by such "gate crashers" that he recently has called for some second thoughts on the value of free speech and free press. In interviews and a recent New York Times op-ed, "Free Speech is Killing Us," he observes after years of internet-inspired violence, "I no longer have any doubt that the brutality that germinates on the internet can leap into the world of flesh and blood."

In an interview on public radio's "On the Media," Marantz clarified that he's not questioning the value of free speech, just "free speech absolutism." Just as the Supreme Court has said it's criminal to shout "fire" in a crowded theater — unless there really is a fire — he says we should take other virtues such as public safety into account when defending free speech. Perhaps, but how?

Marantz raises important points, but I still lean toward the absolutists. While internet companies, like any other media giants, have a civic obligation to do no harm, efforts to have government take on that role tend to sweep with too broad of a broom. We, the public, have an obligation to root out dangerous or offensive speech and counter it with more speech in pursuit of the truth. It's hard work in an increasingly complex media age, but it's worth the effort.

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A Chicago doctor's view: How Trump's betrayal of US ideals increases suffering in Syria

BY ZAHER SAHLOU

Every time we think the humanitarian situation in Syria has bottomed out, it gets even worse.

More than 160,000 Syrians have been displaced so far in the new chapter of this crisis, and many more are expected to suffer. President Donald Trump's abrupt and capricious decision to withdraw American troops from northern Syria is not the first betrayal of Syrians by our policymakers. Nor is it the first strategic blunder.

As a physician and humanitarian who has spent nine years providing health care in Syria and other disaster zones, I witnessed firsthand the impact of our policies, or lack of them, on the ground. My organization, MedGlobal, partners with local organizations in disaster zones, treating refugees and victims of war.

As I traveled from my world-class hospital in Chicago on medical missions, I witnessed the betrayal of our ideals on the faces of the countless Syrian refugees trapped in refugee camps in Jordan, Turkey, Greece and Lebanon.

Dema was one of them. I treated her in a poorly equipped clinic run by local NGO in a small refugee camp in Lebanon. Dema is 11 and has severe asthma. She spoke Aramaic, the language of Jesus Christ. She, like millions of Syrian refugees, felt abandoned, suffering silently from her disease in her tent. She is unable to go to school.

MEDGLOBAL

Dr. Zaher Sahloul examines Dema, a Syrian child refugee, in Lebanon last year.

This spring, I went on a medical mission to Idlib, a province in northern Syria near the Turkish border that is home to 3.5 million Syrians, nearly half of them displaced from other cities bombed and besieged by President Bashar Assad. I visited hospitals built in caves and bombed frequently by the regime and Russia. Idlib is land-locked, and people are trapped. I witnessed thousands of Syrian families displaced by bombings, with no shelter, staying for weeks under olive trees in the open fields. Women and children suffered because there were no facilities or clean water.

Syrian medical workers feel betrayed too. More than 583 hospitals have been bombed, mostly by the Syrian government and Russia, according to Physicians for Human Rights. I think often of my Syrian colleagues like Dr. Hasan al-Araj, a cardiologist from Hama, whose last operating room was inside the "Central Cave Hospital," dug into the heart of a mountain for protection. He was killed by an airstrike in his van on the way to work. More than 916 medical workers have been killed just because they are discharging their duty. This is a crime against humanity and clear violation of Geneva Conventions.

Since the early peaceful demonstrations of the Arab Spring in 2011, half of the population of Syria has been displaced. The crisis is still causing biblical suffering after nine years of global apathy and failure of the United Nations to protect civilians. Syrians feel betrayed as "never again" became "again and again and again."

How many of us connect the dots between Syria and the global refugee crisis, the rise of xenophobia, anti-refugee and anti-immigrant sentiments in Europe and the United States, the destabilization of the European Union, and the ascension of hate groups and populist parties? My guess is only few.

What is going on now in Syria is not only the betrayal of a particular ally. It is the betrayal of our ideals and the abandonment of a whole people who once believed in our ideals too. It is about the betrayal of millions of human beings trapped between the games of nations and the apathy of our policymakers. It may come back to haunt us.

Dr. Zaher Sahloul is a critical care specialist from Chicago and president of MedGlobal and Syria Faith Initiative.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Don't let pension plan be a bailout

I hope Gov. J.B. Pritzker's plan to consolidate pensions for suburban and downstate police officers and firefighters into two funds benefits plan participants, but I don't want it to lead to a statewide bailout. Some painful municipal bankruptcies and benefit cuts will accelerate pension reform.

Bailouts (and guarantees) create problems. Union leaders don't enforce funding. Politicians trade (unfunded) promises for votes, and workers turn a blind eye to abuse. Guarantees encourage fraud.

Significant gains will come only by minimizing political input. Our current financial problems are proof.

Our governor and legislators must significantly raise taxes. But most of the new tax revenue will not build new schools and hospitals or fix our ailing water system; it will not help struggling families or rebuild failing communities. No, most new tax revenue will go to members of politically powerful unions.

Retiring at 50 is absurd, but other programs have problems too. Recent legislation renewed pension spiking programs for teachers. You'd hope that legislators would know better. They obviously don't, and nor does our governor.

Public safety pensions are outlandish. We certainly owe special thanks to those who protect us, but the payout should not be extraordinary pension benefits funded by taxpayers who must work to age 65 or 70 to build sufficient retirement savings. And whatever we do, our promises should not financially enslave our grandchildren.

I believe the ultimate solution is to align public and private sector benefits. Promising public sector workers extraordinary benefits is elitist and dangerous. It's a common fault of failed economies.

Public sector workers should be enrolled in Social Security, Medicare and a savings plan. They should not be in programs that foster abuse and shift the financial burden to future generations.

— Bob Ruffatto, Arlington Heights

Illinois taxpayers need quid pro quo

I would be willing to vote yes to the fair tax amendment, providing that Gov. J.B. Pritzker promote consolidating school districts to save taxpayer money, promote the fair map amendment and amend the state constitution to permit new employees access to a 401(k) type of retirement plan, or better yet amend the constitution to allow elimination of the annual 3% increase in public pension benefits. Let's see some positive action in Springfield.

— Wayne Spaeth, Bloomingdale, Illinois

Dysfunctional setup, to say the least

Regarding the editorial on Gov. J.B. Pritzker's so-called "pension suture" ("Pritzker's pension suture can be one step toward a full healing," Oct. 13): The real issue is that a firefighter (or any public employee, for that matter) can retire with a full pension at age 50 with cost-of-living increases for the next 30 years.

Illinois taxpayers are chumps.

— Joe Piombino, Wheaton

Entrepreneurs need lawmakers' support

Small business owners are our state's biggest job creators, but too many entrepreneurs, especially women and people of color, are struggling to access the capital they need to start or grow a successful business. That's why I joined Illinois U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth alongside local business owners and small business advocates this month at a field hearing to discuss barriers to entry in the tech industry for diverse entrepreneurs.

We talked about many policies that can be enacted to help support women and entrepreneurs of color — such as expanding the U.S. Small Business Administration's Microloan Program to provide more lending to those who need it most — and the need to address predatory lending practices on a legislative level. These are key issues that could make a world of difference to small business owners and could begin to level the playing field for female and minority entrepreneurs.

I hope Sen. Duckworth and her colleagues in the U.S. Senate take up the comments and concerns brought up in this hearing and that they begin to work to address these issues, for the good of our small business community.

— Geri Aglipay, Chicago

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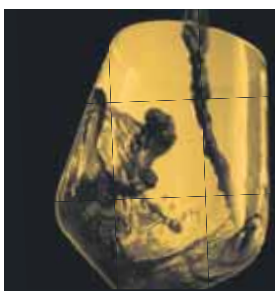

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BUSINESS

Strike may end soon as GM CEO joins talks

UAW walkout hits 30 days, longest against automaker since 1998

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

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General Motors CEO Mary Barra joined negotiators at the bargaining table on Tuesday.

DETROIT — General Motors CEO Mary Barra joined negotiators at the bargaining table, an indication that a deal may be near to end a monthlong strike by the United Auto Workers union that has paralyzed the company's factories.

Barra and GM President Mark Reuss were in the bargaining room early Tuesday, a person briefed on the talks said, but they left later in the morning as committees began work on specific contract language. The person didn't want to be identified because the talks are confidential.

The appearance of two key executives is a strong sign that bargainers are closing in on a contract agreement that would end the strike, which began on Sept. 16.

Another person briefed on the talks said the only issues that remain are faster pay increases for workers hired after 2007, apprenticeships for skilled trades workers, and the specifics of winding down a joint union-company training center. The person also didn't want to be identified because the talks are ongoing.

The union has summoned its national council of factory-level leaders to Detroit for a meeting Thursday that was billed as an update on contract talks. The group could be assembling to vote on a tentative agreement. It also will decide if workers should return to their jobs before or after they vote on the deal.

"I don't think Mary Barra would have returned unless they were making progress," said Art Wheaton, an auto industry expert at the Worker Institute at Cornell University. "And I don't think they'd have told everybody to return to Detroit on Thursday."

The strike, now in its 30th day, is the longest against an automaker since a 54-day strike in 1998 in Flint, Michigan. That strike cost the company $2 billion. The union also went on a brief two-day strike against General Motors in 2007.

Both sides are under pressure to end the walkout, which has cost GM close to $2 billion in profits and forced workers to live on $250 per week, about one fifth of their base pay. Last week, with the strike dragging on, the union said it would increase strike pay to $275 per week.

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Illinois GM suppliers feeling the pressure as action continues

Stretching into the second month, 120 companies have laid off nearly 17,000

By Lisa Schencker

Companies in Illinois and across the country that supply parts to General Motors are increasingly feeling the pressure of the month-old strike against the automaker by the United Auto Workers.

Some 49,000 UAW members walked off their jobs after the four-year contract expired Sept. 16. As of last week, more than 120 companies that are GM suppliers had temporarily laid off nearly 17,000 workers, according to the Original Equipment Suppliers Association.

The industry group declined to say how many of those companies are in Illinois but a number of suppliers have operations here. What the impact has been in the Chicago area is unclear — the companies either aren't talking or aren't revealing any specifics.

"At this point, the strike is affecting the entire automotive supply chain," said Brian Peterson, director of public policy and economic analysis at consulting firm Anderson Economic Group in Chicago. Many suppliers have temporarily laid off workers or cut their hours, he said.

Anderson estimates that 150,000 workers have been affected by the strike, including the striking UAW members.

"The automotive supply chain is a huge supply chain, especially here in the Midwest," Peterson said.

American Axle & Manufacturing has nearly 90 locations globally, including two plants on the city's South Side and one in Bolingbrook. The company's plants across North America "aren't shut down but are operating below normal levels of productivity," according to a Goldman Sachs research note from late last month.

Axle representatives did not return calls for comment.

Another supplier, Urbana-

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SEC chairman Jay Clayton says changes to his agency's successful whistleblower program will make it more effective.

SEC eyes changes to whistleblower system

Advocates alarmed as agency pushes revamp of program that grants anonymity to people

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal agency is moving with little fanfare to revamp one of the most successful whistleblower programs in the government, alarming advocates who warn the changes will set back efforts to police Wall Street and punish corporate fraud.

Much like the whistleblower system for intelligence agencies that triggered the impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump, the program grants anonymity to people who come forward with allegations of wrongdoing. But unlike that system, it deals with the private sector, offering cash payouts to people who provide information that helps the Securities and Exchange Commission identify fraud and wrongdoing.

The program was created in 2010 by the Democrats' Wall Street oversight law. Tips, and substantial cash payouts, have flowed since it started in 2011.

The SEC has collected some 26,000 tips and complaints, resulting in more than $2 billion in penalties and restitution.

More than $300 million has been distributed in roughly 50 awards to people who provided actionable information. And taxpayers don't foot the bill because the award money comes directly from funds the SEC collects in settlements.

The SEC's program has also provided a windfall for the FBI and Justice Department. The SEC, a regulatory agency with only civil authority, often sends them referrals for criminal action that have brought convictions and jail terms for serious violators.

Now, with the backing of the business community, the two Republicans on the five-member SEC and the one independent are looking to make changes to the program that Chairman Jay Clayton says will make it more effective. Final adoption of the plan is expected this month, with only a majority vote needed for approval.

Critics are aghast.

"It would destroy the program," said Stephen Kohn, chairman of the National Whistleblower Center and a partner in the law firm Kohn, Kohn & Colapinto.

The proposed changes, Kohn said, are "counter to every whistleblower law, rule and policy."

It's just U.S. regulators' latest move to unwind the stricter financial rules put in place after the 2008 financial crisis. Through scores of rulemaking actions, administration officials and regulators appointed by Trump have worked to reverse components of the law, dismissing Democratic warnings about the possibility of another financial meltdown. Republicans say that the law has slowed economic growth and needlessly restricted lending.

Business groups support the SEC's plan to change the whistleblower program but downplay its likely impact. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the lead lobbying organization for corporate America, called the proposal "a small but nonetheless important step"

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Free TV channels need to be rescanned

Friday is the deadline to continue usage of 'over the air' stations

By Corilyn Shropshire

If you're not a cable subscriber and use an antenna to watch free TV, you'll have to tinker with your television by Friday.

Viewers of free "over the air" television channels may have seen a notice running across the bottom of their screens, telling them to rescan this week or lose access to the channels.

Rescanning? What's that?

By law, more than 1,000 TV stations must move their frequency to make room for wireless services, according to TVAnswers.org, a public service website administered by the National Association of Broadcasters. The rescan does not apply to cable television subscribers.

Here are the TV stations in Chicago that will be affected:

- WMAQ - Channel 5 (NBC)
- WLS - Channel 7 (ABC)
- WTTW - Channel 11 (PBS)
- WCIU - Channel 26 (The U)
- WFLD - Channel 32 (Fox)
- WEDE - Channel 34 (My Christian Television)
- WWTO - Channel 35 (Trinity Broadcasting Network)
- WSNS - Channel 44 (Telemundo)
- WXFT - Channel 60 (UniMas)

Here's what the FCC says needs to be done to keep those channels working:

If a TV doesn't update automatically, select "scan" or "autotune" from the TV or converter box control menu to start the scanning process. You can usually find instructions to do this by pressing the "setup" or "menu" buttons on your remote control, according to the FCC.

The FCC website suggests that if consumers have trouble, they should consult the owner's manual for the television for more detailed instructions on how to run a channel scan, or contact customer service for their TV or converter box manufacturer.

For antenna users, regular rescanning is a good idea, according to the FCC. More information is available at 888-CALL-FCC (888-225-5322).

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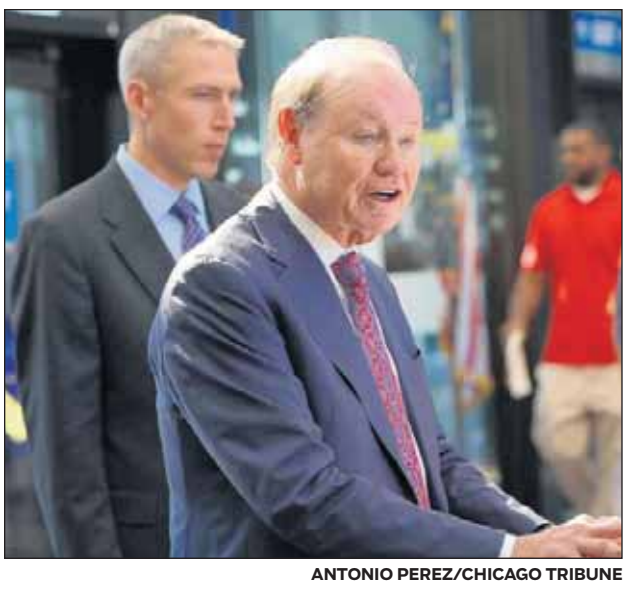
Prosecutor in Smollett case hired by Boeing



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Former U.S. Attorney Dan Webb speaks to media Friday at the Leighton Criminal Court building.

By Lauren Zumbach

Boeing has hired the special prosecutor appointed to look into the case against former "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett to defend the company in cases related to a deadly crash involving one of its 737 Max aircraft.

Dan Webb, co-executive chairman of the Winston & Strawn law firm in Chicago, will work with a team of attorneys on the lawsuits filed on behalf of victims of a Lion Air crash in Indonesia last October, according to a court filing Monday.

The Chicago-based company is facing more than 100 cases in U.S. District Court in Chicago related to the Lion Air crash and a second crash involving the 737 Max aircraft on an Ethiopian Airlines flight that together killed 346 people.

The aircraft has been grounded since shortly after the Ethiopian Airlines crash in March. Boeing is trying to get the aircraft cleared to fly again, but still needs regulators to approve changes to flight software. Major U.S. airlines now say they don't expect the planes to return to service this year and have canceled thousands of flights through January.

Last week, Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg lost his title as the aircraft-maker's chairman after company directors decided to separate the chairman and CEO jobs, shortly after a panel of international aviation regulators issued a report critical of Boeing and the Federal Aviation Administration over how the Max was approved to fly.

Webb, a former U.S. attorney for the Chicago area, is one of the city's most distinguished trial lawyers in private practice, having handled a long list of high-profile clients.

Earlier this month, an attorney for Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx questioned whether Webb's appointment in the Smollett case would give an "appearance of impropriety" since Webb co-hosted a fundraiser for Foxx and donated $1,000 to her campaign in 2016.

Cook County Judge Michael Toomin said donations were a common practice and should not affect Webb's ability to be fair and impartial. Toomin said Webb would stay on in the probe of the hot-button case involving the actor, who was accused of orchestrating a fake hate crime attack on himself before charges were dropped by Foxx's office with little explanation.

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Suppliers

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based auto parts manufacturer Flex-N-Gate, opened a facility on Chicago's South Side earlier this year. The company is the 10th-largest original equipment supplier in North America and has more than 24,000 employees at manufacturing facilities worldwide.

"The strike is obviously having an effect, but the impact to now has been manageable," said Flex-N-Gate spokesman Jim Woodcock, in a statement. "This is a collective bargaining process that all parties must respect and allow to run its course."

He declined to provide additional detail.

Magna International has 347 manufacturing plants around the world, including locations in Belvidere and Nashville, Ill. Those two locations have about 1,900 employees, according to the company, and a Magna executive last month called GM the company's "biggest customer globally."

Company spokesman Scott Worden declined to say how those two sites have been affected.

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United Auto Workers union members and their families rally Sunday near the General Motors Flint Assembly plant in Flint, Mich. A deal may be near in the month-old strike against GM, but the longer it goes on, the more it will affect companies that supply the automaker.

"As a supplier to GM with global programs, a number of our divisions in North America remain impacted, some more than others based on the amount of GM-specific business at each location," Worden said in a statement. "While we attempted to keep our employees at these impacted plants working as long as possible through training, maintenance and inventory, a few of our GM-dedicated plants are now idle."

Lear Corp. has 261 locations across the world, including in Hammond and Portage, Ind. Lear makes seating and electrical systems.

"Our UAW employees at impacted facilities are unable to work due to lack of production volume," said company spokesman Brian Corbett in a statement. He declined to say which plants or how many employees have been affected.

Other suppliers in Illinois include Lake Forest-based Tenneco; Brake Parts, of McHenry; MacLean-Fogg, of Mundelein; and Dynamic Manufacturing, of Hillside. Representatives of those companies did not respond to requests for comment.

Bill Kirchner, president of Barnes International, of Rockford, said the strike hasn't affected his company so far because Barnes works on longer-term projects for GM. Barnes builds filters for machine tools used to manufacture engines and transmissions.

But if the strike were to stretch into December, it could force changes to the workforce, Kirchner said.

The longer the strike goes on, the more it may also begin to affect third-tier suppliers, such as metal stampers and plastic injection molding companies, said Peterson, with Anderson Economic Group.

General Motors CEO Mary Barra joined in negotiations early this week, indicating that a deal may be near, according to The Associated Press. But even if there's an agreement, the union chapters would still have to ratify the contract, meaning it's unlikely production would be able to start this week at GM, Peterson said.

The Original Equipment Suppliers Association also has warned that it could be difficult to get some laid-off employees to return to work, given low unemployment rates and a shortage of skilled tradesworkers.

"Upon conclusion of the strike, this could cause extended disruption in the supply chain as suppliers ramp up their production," association President and CEO Julie Fream said in a statement.

The strike involves 33 GM manufacturing plants across the country and 22 parts distribution warehouses, including one in Bolingbrook.

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Strike

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Negotiators last week appeared to be deadlocked, and each side issued letters or statements accusing the other of failing to bargain in good faith. A quiet period began over the weekend, and negotiators worked into the night to resolve most of the remaining issues, according to both people briefed on the talks.

A union demand that all vehicles sold in the U.S. be built here apparently has been resolved, but the terms are unknown. The company did offer $9 billion worth of investments at U.S. factories, $7.7 billion from the company and another $1.3 billion from joint ventures. The $1.3 billion includes a battery cell factory in the area of Lordstown, Ohio, where GM wants to close an assembly plant.

They also apparently have agreed on wages and lump-sum payments, although the amounts are unknown. A company offer last week would give workers 4% lump sums in the first and third years of the four-year contract, with 3% pay raises in the second and fourth years. This would be in addition to annual profit-sharing checks. This year workers got checks for $10,750 each. GM also offered to lift the $12,000 cap on profit-sharing checks. The union also sought sweeter retirement benefits.

After initially trying to cut health care costs, GM agreed to leave benefits and payments untouched. Union members pay 3% premiums while most workers at large companies in the U.S. pay over 30%, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Both sides also have agreed on a path for temporary workers to get permanent jobs. GM had proposed that they become permanent after three uninterrupted years of work, but that was shortened. GM initially offered an $8,000 bonus to workers to sign the contract, but sweetened that to $9,000.

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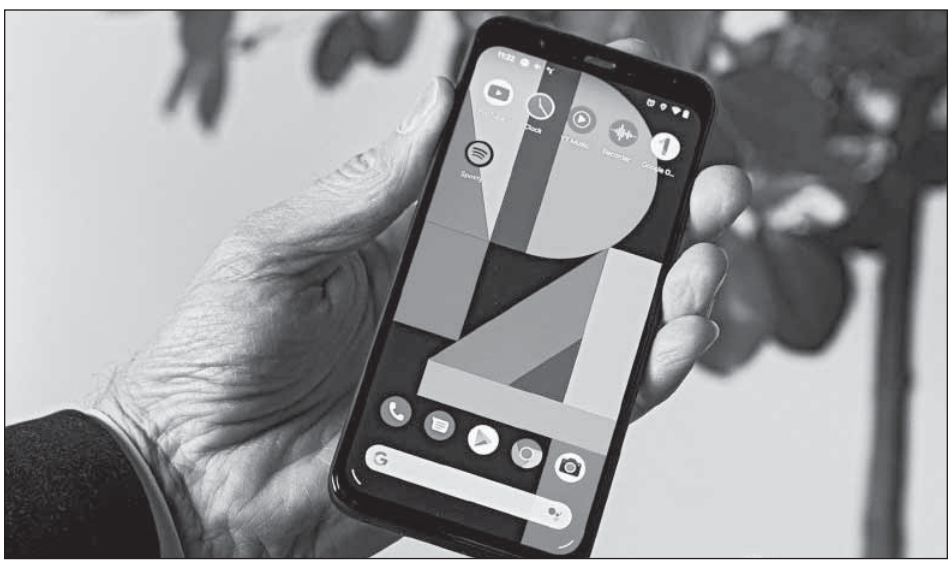

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The Google Pixel 4 boasts a second camera lens and a better facial recognition program.

Google debuts Pixel 4 phone, wireless earbuds with AI feature

By Rachel Lerman
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google unveiled a new Pixel smartphone and other hardware devices Tuesday, all aimed at getting people even more dependent on its artificial-intelligence services.

The Pixel 4 phone promises to respond to AI queries even faster than before, while a home Wi-Fi system is getting the AI features for the first time. The company also unveiled a new smart speaker and wireless earbuds, both invoking the AI-powered Google Assistant.

The Assistant, akin to Apple's Siri and Amazon's Alexa, is now available on more than 1 billion devices, including ones made by other manufacturers. With Google's own products, though, the company can steer users to Assistant features even more.

That in turn, could encourage Google users to interact with other Google services such as search and maps more frequently, feeding into Google's multi-billion-dollar advertising business. More use of the Assistant also means that Google gets more data on user preferences and activities to build its advertising profiles.

Amazon and Google are both pushing their voice assistants onto more devices, though they have different ultimate goals, said Victoria Petrock, principle analyst at eMarketer. Amazon is getting a shopping assistant into every device it can, she said, while Google is collecting more information about user preferences.

"I think their end game is trying to collect all this data and target you with advertising," she said.

The "helpful" features Assistant announces could make people even more likely to use it.

"The voice is a whole new way to capture people's behaviors," she said.

Assistant has faced scrutiny this year after reports revealed that Google contractors were transcribing some customer's spoken communication with the AI to help improve the system. Google has since clarified its policies and said it will make it more explicit that people must give explicit permission, or opt in.

Still, many are skeptical of the proliferation of digital assistants in homes and pockets.

With the new Pixel, the Google Assistant will complete some tasks entirely on the device — so it doesn't have to wait for answers from the cloud — allowing users to make commands and dictate text messages more quickly.

The Pixel 4 will have better facial recognition for unlocking the phone with a glance. Unlike the existing "trusted face" feature on Android phones, the new Face Unlock is intended to be more secure and easier to use, matching what Apple and Samsung already offer.

The new phone gets a second camera lens, for better zooming, even as some Apple and Samsung devices are getting a third lens, for wider-angle shots. True to Google's focus on AI, the Pixel's new camera will recognize people you have taken many photos of before and automatically focus on them in new shots.

And the new phone comes with motion-sensing technology that allows people to do simple hand-waving gestures to skip songs or switch apps without touching the phone.

The Pixel 4 will carry a starting price tag of $799 — $100 more than the entry-level iPhone 11 — and will go on sale Oct. 24. The larger XL version will cost $899.

Germany's 5G guidelines avoid Huawei ban

Associated Press

LONDON — Germany released draft security guidelines Tuesday for next generation wireless networks that stopped short of banning Huawei, as the U.S. warned again it would reconsider intelligence sharing with allies that use the Chinese company's equipment.

The Federal Network Agency catalog of conditions for suppliers of new 5G networks include requiring certification of crucial components and ensuring trustworthiness of manufacturers, without singling out Huawei for exclusion.

Huawei said it welcomed the German government's move to "create a level playing field" for 5G suppliers, in which "all vendors are equally and fairly welcome to participate in the construction of 5G networks if they fulfill the security requirements."

The U.S. has been lobbying allies in Europe to shun Huawei, the world's biggest maker of networking equipment, over worries its equipment might aid Chinese electronic spying, claims the company has repeatedly denied.

The Trump administration cut off its access to U.S. technology in May.

The top U.S. cybersecurity diplomat, Rob Strayer, said that along with testing equipment and software for vulnerabilities, governments should also take into account the background of the manufacturer's home country, including whether it has independent courts.

U.S. officials worry that companies in China are required to cooperate with intelligence requests under a national intelligence law.

"If there's technology that's untrusted deployed in their networks, then we have to reassess how we share information with countries like Germany," Strayer told in a telephone media briefing, though he added he hadn't yet reviewed the German rules, which are open for consultation and could become law by the end of the year.

SEC

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toward improvement. It says the SEC "has found itself overwhelmed at times by a large number of low-quality complaints advanced by bounty seekers more concerned with enriching themselves than truly protecting investors."

Wall Street's biggest trade group, the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, endorsed the proposal generally. It urged regulators to review the rules to encourage whistleblowers to report violations within their companies rather than going to the SEC.

The proposal would give the SEC discretion to set the smallest and largest cash awards to whistleblowers, among other changes. Critics say that change would likely discourage employees from reporting major frauds by lowering the chances of a huge payout. The payment for successful cases is now 10% to 30% of fines or restitution collected by the agency — which means the bigger the fraud, the larger the bounty.

The SEC also wants to impose new requirements for filing a whistleblower complaint. To receive legal protection from the SEC against retaliation — a core concern for people risking their careers and livelihoods — a whistleblower would have to report violations in writing, rather than the oral disclosures now permitted at the SEC and other federal agencies.

"Whistleblowers are the defenders of taxpayers, shareholders and consumers," Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, the senior Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, told The Associated Press in a statement. "Whistleblowers shouldn't be punished because they don't file a specific form at a specific time when they are putting themselves at personal and financial risk by blowing the whistle."

Asked about criticisms of the proposal, the SEC referred to statements by chairman Clayton. He has said that for awards below $2 million, the current percentage range is too "rigid" and the agency "should have the authority to depart upward (but not downward) from the amount determined by the percentage formula." More than 60% of the awards paid out under the program have been below $2 million, Clayton said.

In a small number of cases with $100 million or more collected, the SEC would have discretion to limit the size of the payout to 10% or $30 million, whichever is greater.

The agency also says requiring complaints to be put in writing to qualify for protection against retaliation presents "a minimal burden."

Supporters question why the changes are necessary, given the successes of the program.

"The latest developments demonstrate how fundamental whistleblowers are to holding government and corporations accountable, and how they should be protected," said Shanna Devine, the worker health and safety advocate at Public Citizen. The SEC proposal, she said, "would send the wrong message."

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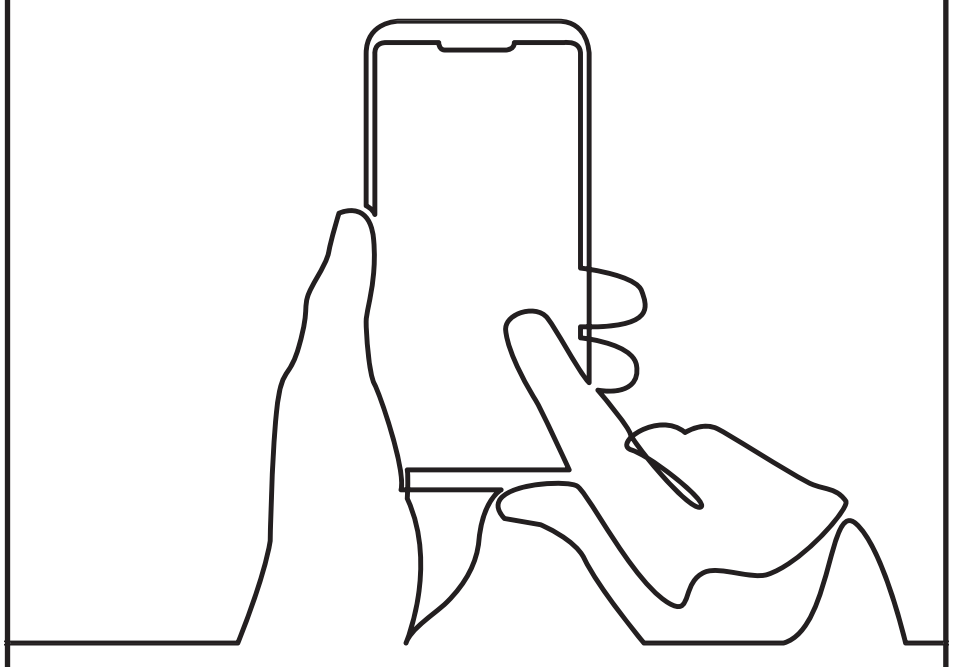

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Prenups prevalent for techies in love

Startup founders look to protect future windfalls

By Ben Steverman and Anders Melin
Bloomberg News

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Thanks to a prenup, co-founder Sergey Brin's stake in Google was unchanged when he divorced Anne Wojcicki, left.

The young woman in Monica Mazzei's San Francisco law office was adamant: She wanted a prenuptial agreement.

Never mind that the client had barely anything to her name. What she had was a bunch of startup ideas. She and her fiancé, who already had his own small tech company, signed a prenup with clear terms, Mazzei said: "The spouse who has an idea (and) starts a business 'owns' that business. It's their baby."

A few years later, Mazzei, a partner at Sideman Bancroft, was traveling through the San Francisco airport when she saw her former client on a magazine cover. Her startup had struck gold. Her husband's business had fizzled.

In Silicon Valley, where penniless programmers fervently believe their ideas are worth billions, getting rich can take priority over getting married. California law assumes any wealth created during a marriage is community property, which should be split equally in a divorce. That's alarming not just for young entrepreneurs but also their investors.

Fortunately, a well-written prenup is a safeguard against post-divorce havoc, which is why more and more young couples are insisting on the agreements, according to several lawyers. Long popular with older wealthy couples who re-marry, prenups are also being demanded by entrepreneurs who want to keep future windfalls to themselves.

"I am seeing more and more young people want to enter into prenuptial agreements who do not currently have a lot of money now but plan to have a lot of money someday," said Manhattan-based divorce attorney Jacqueline Newman.

In a 2016 survey by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, three in five divorce attorneys said more clients were seeking prenups in the past three years. About half said they'd seen a spike in the number of millennials requesting the agreements.

"People's concepts and notions of fairness when it comes to privately held businesses are changing," said Mazzei, adding she's seen "a tremendous increase" in prenups in the past eight years. "They feel that even if they're married, this is their passion. The agreement should be reflective of that."

Today's startup founders have plenty of prenup-writing forebears to emulate. Google co-founder Sergey Brin and Anne Wojcicki, who helped found personal genomics company 23andMe, had a prenup when they married in 2007. After they divorced in 2015, his stake in Google remained unchanged.

"It's complicated — that's all I can say," Wojcicki told Bloomberg TV about the split.

Oracle Corp.'s Larry Ellison has been married and divorced multiple times, but none affected his stake in the software company. Ellison is the seventh-richest person in the world with a net worth of $59.8 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

Still, a prenup hardly guarantees a smooth divorce. Judges can and do throw out the agreements, especially if they're drafted poorly. "If you don't put in the right language, a lot of prenups don't do the job," said Lowell Sucherman, a divorce attorney at Sucherman Insalaco in San Francisco.

While venture capital firms don't explicitly require prenups, they do demand legal language protecting their investments in the event a divorce court hands a chunk of a founder's shares to an ex-spouse. So do other co-founders.

"Founders have wanted to ensure that someone else can't suddenly come in and obtain some sort of founders' control," said Par-Jorgen Parson, a partner at venture capital firm Northzone, who has served on the board of Spotify Technology. "It's just as often driven by the founders as by external investors. You don't want to rock the balance of power."

Venture capital firms often demand that founders' husbands and wives sign "spousal consent" forms. Such agreements determine who gets to vote for board members, and how and when shares can be sold. In the event of a divorce settlement (or death or disability), a founders' spouse might end up with company shares. But, the agreements ensure that an ex can't exercise much, if any, control over the company post-divorce.

"We're trying to make sure that people don't become involuntary business partners with someone they don't know, don't like or who aren't qualified," said James Ficenec, a partner at Newmeyer & Dillion in Walnut Creek, California.

Divorcing founders will often do anything to avoid handing over half of their shares in their startup.

"Founders will try to negotiate keeping more of their shares," said Michael Gorback, a partner at Hanson Bridgett. "You might balance it out some other way," by paying exes in cash, a home or other investments.

MacKenzie Bezos and Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos divorced earlier this year, leaving her with a 4% stake and a net worth of $34.6 billion, according to the Bloomberg index. He kept 75% of the couple's Amazon shares, and retains voting control of those she does hold.

"One issue we come across very often is, 'How do you value a startup?' " Mazzei said. Years before an initial public offering, a startup might have no profits or even revenue to speak of. A promising company could later go under — or eventually be worth billions.

In a divorce, "it can be quite difficult when you have a large asset that is illiquid," said Lyssa Grimaldo, a wealth manager at San Francisco-based Wetherby Asset Management and a certified divorce financial analyst. Adding to the problem, she said: "One partner knows more about that asset than the other."

Lawyers can usually sort out the legal ramifications of divorce. They're less helpful in containing the chaos that a founder's marital problems might create in the workplace or business relationships.

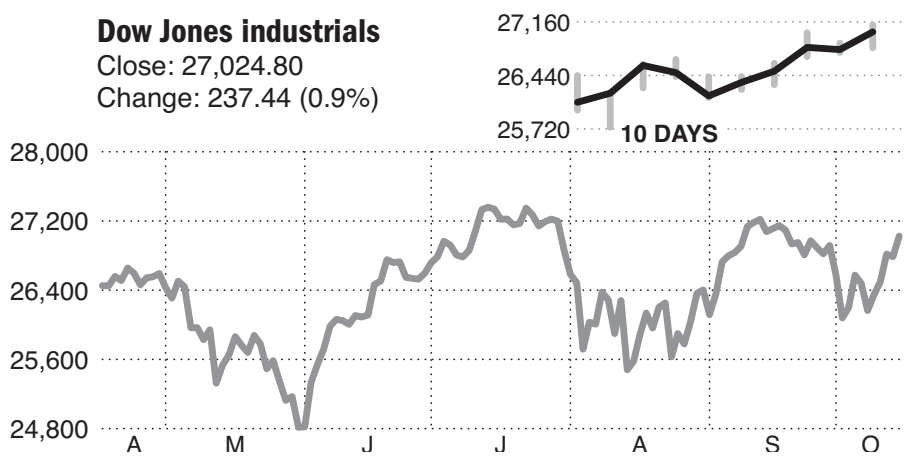
"We have companies where the founder is the brand, and trust and credibility are core to the business," said Ed Zimmerman, partner and chair of the tech group at Lowenstein Sandler in New York.

If a divorce isn't disclosed to key investors, they can lose trust in a founder who they thought they knew well. Then there's sometimes other nasty fallout, of the sort that companies are increasingly sensitive to in the #metoo era.

"It would be great if we lived in a world where people who had marital problems didn't manifest those problems by hitting on or dating people who worked at their company," Zimmerman said.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 27,120.11 Low: 26,811.20 Previous: 26,787.36



	Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
	+100.06 (+1.24%)	+29.53 (+1.00%)	+17.87 (+1.19%)
Close	8,148.71	2,995.68	1,523.30
High	8,166.18	3,003.28	1,528.42
Low	8,071.81	2,973.61	1,507.80
Previous	8,048.65	2,966.15	1,505.43

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+.02	-14.10	+.47	-.0003	-.78
to 1.77%	to $1,477.60	to 108.84/$1	to .9062/$1	to $52.81

Major market growth and decline

	DOW	NASD	S&P
5-day % change	+3.29	+4.15	+3.55
30-day % change	-.32	-.46	-.33
1-year % change	+4.75	+6.58	+6.61

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	510	511.25	504.25	507	-4
		Mar 20	514.75	517	510.75	513.25	-3.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	397	398.50	392.50	393.25	-4.50
		Mar 20	406.75	408.25	403.25	404.25	-3.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 19	938.75	944.25	933.25	934	-6.50
		Jan 20	953	958.25	947.50	948.50	-6.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	29.99	30.76	29.85	30.39	+.39
		Jan 20	30.23	30.99	30.10	30.63	+.39
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	310.30	311.90	307.60	307.80	-3.10
		Jan 20	312.50	314.20	310.20	310.40	-3.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Nov 19	53.51	53.79	52.39	52.81	-.78
		Dec 19	53.56	53.84	52.46	52.88	-.77
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Nov 19	2.285	2.349	2.266	2.339	+.059
		Dec 19	2.495	2.537	2.485	2.532	+.034
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Nov 19	1.6145	1.6317	1.5918	1.6144	+.0012
		Dec 19	1.5695	1.5872	1.5473	1.5704	+.0002

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	81.98	+2.16
AbbVie Inc	N	74.50	+.74
Allstate Corp	N	108.07	-.16
Aptargroup Inc	N	115.18	-.67
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.33	+.13
Baxter Intl	N	87.74	+.54
Boeing Co	N	370.96	-2.22
Brunswick Corp	N	55.00	+1.34
CBOE Global Markets	N	115.05	-.13
CDK Global Inc	O	47.69	+1.33
CDW Corp	O	123.36	+.03
CF Industries	N	48.58	-.39
CME Group	O	212.57	+.22
CNA Financial	N	47.18	-.03
Cabot Microelect	O	143.59	+3.78
Caterpillar Inc	N	131.03	+2.65
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	27.08	-.70
Deere Co	N	172.64	+3.71
Discover Fin Svcs	N	78.95	+1.20
Dover Corp	N	95.98	+.07
Equity Commonwlth	N	31.10	+.08
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	136.85	+1.40
Equity Residential	N	87.56	-.02
Exelon Corp	O	47.06	-.05
First Indl RT	N	39.84	+.20
Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	57.01	+.91
Gallagher AJ	N	88.52	+.33
Grainger WW	N	307.34	+1.27
GrubHub Inc	N	56.07	+1.66
Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	101.15	+1.75
IAA Inc	N	36.29	+.25
IDEX Corp	N	158.52	+1.71
ITW	N	155.77	+1.83
Ingredion Inc	N	81.09	+.89
John Bean Technol	N	104.97	+2.46
Jones Lang LaSalle	N	142.35	+1.78
Kemper Corp	N	75.02	+.62
Kraft Heinz Co	O	27.49	+.17
LKQ Corporation	O	31.03	+.29
Littelfuse Inc	O	185.27	+3.44
McDonalds Corp	N	207.22	-1.16
Middleby Corp	O	114.09	+1.18
Mondelez Intl	O	54.04	-.18
Morningstar Inc	O	155.10	+2.53
Motorola Solutions	N	169.71	+2.37
NiSource Inc	N	28.14	-.40
Nthn Trust Cp	O	93.62	+1.56
Old Republic	N	23.65	+.17
Packaging Corp Am	N	107.16	-.10
Paylocity Hldg	O	101.71	+1.61
RLI Corp	N	91.02	-.08
Stericycle Inc	O	50.98	+.19
TransUnion	N	81.65	+1.22
US Foods Holding	N	39.59	-.96
Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	245.40	-1.17
United Airlines Hldg	O	87.88	+.91
Ventas Inc	N	72.24	-.41
Walgreen Boots Alli	O	54.52	+.85
Wintrust Financial	O	64.79	+1.23
Zebra Tech	O	202.15	+8.57

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	29.73	+.59
Chesapk Engy	1.34	...
Pinterest Inc	25.57	-.35
Infosys Ltd	10.67	+.05
Gen Electric	8.89	+.17
Wells Fargo & Co	50.11	+.84
Ford Motor	9.07	+.25
JPMorgan Chase & Co	119.96	+3.51
Aurora Cannabis Inc	3.76	+.25
AT&T Inc	37.90	+.43
Jagged Peak Energy	6.91	+.19
Transocean Ltd	4.72	+.08
Citigroup	71.22	+.98
Parsley Energy	15.63	+.45
Snap Inc A	14.09	+.33
EnCana Corp	4.29	+.02
Freeport McMoRan	9.52	+.02
Vale SA	11.44	-.14
Barrick Gold	16.66	-.44
Yamana Gold Inc	3.20	-.08
Aphria Inc	5.43	+1.07
Sthwstn Energy	2.03	+.05
ING Groep NV	11.08	+.19
Nokia Corp	5.01	+.06

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	30.72	+.19
Westwater Resources	4.85	+1.94
Roku Inc	132.82	+13.70
Apple Inc	235.32	-.55
Microsoft Corp	141.58	+2.03
Intel Corp	52.65	+1.01
Cisco Syst	46.36	+.31
Micron Tech	46.46	+1.60
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.44	+.11
Nvidia Corporation	196.37	+9.84
Facebook Inc	188.89	+5.61
Glu Mobile Inc	6.00	+.50
VEON Ltd	2.31	-.01
Zynga Inc	6.19	+.10
Datasea Inc	3.34	+2.45
Bed Bath &Beynd	11.99	-.31
Naked Brand Group	.04	-.00
Advaxis Inc	.33	+.02
Zoom Vidio Comm Cl A	71.11	+.31
JD.com Inc	31.00	+1.17
SmileDirectClub Inc	10.31	+.61
FuelCell Energy	.28	-.01
Comcast Corp A	45.67	+.44
Caesars Entertain	12.01	+.06

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2991.05	-16.8/-.6
Stoxx600	394.02	+4.3/+1.1
Nikkei	22207.21	+408.3/+1.9
MSCI-EAFE	1891.35	-5.3/-.3
Bovespa	104489.60	+188.0/+.2
FTSE 100	7211.64	-1.8/-.0
CAC-40	5702.05	+59.0/+1.1

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.90	+.43
Alibaba Group Hldg	175.29	+4.13
Alphabet Inc C	1243.01	+25.87
Alphabet Inc A	1242.24	+24.47
Amazon.com Inc	1767.38	+30.95
Apple Inc	235.32	-.55
Bank of America	29.73	+.59
Berkshire Hath B	209.38	+1.47
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.42	+.24
Facebook Inc	188.89	+5.61
HSBC Holdings prA	26.36	-.07
JPMorgan Chase	119.96	+3.51
Johnson & Johnson	132.84	+2.12
MasterCard Inc	278.56	+2.18
Microsoft Corp	141.58	+2.03
Procter & Gamble	117.20	-2.85
Taiwan Semicon	50.39	+.48
Visa Inc	178.75	+1.39
WalMart Strs	119.53	+.36

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.64	1.63
6-month disc	1.62	1.63
2-year	1.60	1.60
10-year	1.77	1.75
30-year	2.23	2.21

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1477.60	$1491.70
Silver	$17.308	$17.634
Platinum	$84440x	$894.60

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.00
Discount Rate Primary	2.50
Fed Funds Target	1.75-2.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.67

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	58.2751
Australia (Dollar)	1.4806
Brazil (Real)	4.1594
Britain (Pound)	.7824
Canada (Dollar)	1.3203
China (Yuan)	7.0818
Euro	.9062
India (Rupee)	71.505
Israel (Shekel)	3.5180
Japan (Yen)	108.84
Mexico (Peso)	19.2532
Poland (Zloty)	3.89
So. Korea (Won)	1184.83
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.61
Thailand (Baht)	30.43

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FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	32.02	+.43	+5.5
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	27.78	+.20	+9.2
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	49.05	+.59	+9.2
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	61.39	+.32	+8.9
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	59.97	+.79	+8.2
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	50.27	+.69	+7.1
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.75	+.11	+9.0
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	38.25	+.46	+5.2
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	45.20	+.49	+12.3
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	46.62	+.51	+11.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.07	-.01	+9.5
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.64	+.64	+3.5
Dodge & Cox Stk	186.04	+2.91	+2.3
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	10.72	-.02	+7.9
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	104.15	+1.02	+11.1
Fidelity Contrafund	13.13	+.16	+9.1
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	11.55	-.03	+10.5
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	84.91	+.83	+10.0
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	11.93	-.03	+10.6
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.29	+.01	+6.3
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	11.03	-.01	+10.9
PIMCO IncI2	11.96	...	+6.5
PIMCO IncInstl	11.96	...	+6.6
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.45	-.04	+9.8
Schwab SP500Idx	46.50	+.46	+11.1
T. Rowe Price BCGr	116.01	+1.65	+12.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.94	+.91	+11.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	276.65	+2.73	+11.1
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	37.60	+.19	+10.7
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.26	+.14	+19.2
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	76.23	+.59	+10.7
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	87.04	+.90	+14.3
Vanguard HCAdmrl	81.51	+1.42	-.9
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.49	-.02	+9.0
Vanguard InsIdxIns	271.28	+2.68	+11.1
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	271.29	+2.67	+11.1
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	64.27	+.63	+10.1
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	207.64	+1.66	+11.1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	139.21	+1.83	+5.7
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.73	-.01	+6.1
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	73.79	+.67	+4.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.34	+.13	+9.5
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Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	35.40	+.21	+9.6
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Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	11.07	-.02	+10.7
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Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	73.13	+.39	+12.3
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	65.56	+.04	+12.3
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	64.75	+.74	+7.1

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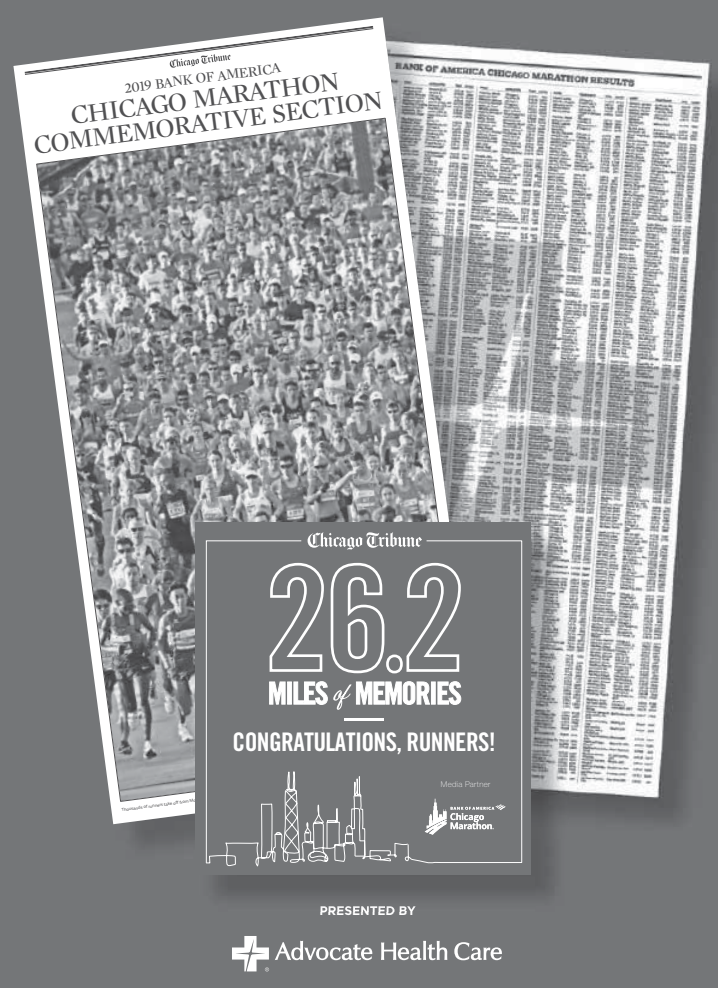

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OBITUARIES

PATRICIA LEE 1951-2019

Beloved Illinois Masonic emergency room physician

By Marie Fazio

Dr. Patricia Lee is so influential in Chicago medicine that when medical professionals are faced with a difficult situation, often they'll ask: "What would Pat Lee do?"

The simple refrain reminds them to take a deep breath, think clearly and assess the situation, just like she would, according to her friends and colleagues.

"Everybody that touched her has been elevated in their practice and in their life," said Dr. Julie Basta, who worked with Lee at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for more than 20 years, most recently serving under her as vice chair of the emergency department. "She treated everyone warmly and fairly. She spun things in a positive way that made you believe in yourself. That's pretty precious in this world."

Dr. Lee, renowned in Chicago and beyond for her compassion and dedication to medicine, died Oct. 11 following a battle with cancer, her family said. She was one of few female heads of emergency departments around the country.

Lee's lifelong dream of becoming a doctor almost never happened. When she got married at age 19, her academic adviser discouraged her from applying to medical school, saying she wouldn't be considered for fear that she would soon become a mother and quit her practice, said her daughter Elizabeth Lee.

Undeterred, she worked as a medical technician and oversaw a hematology lab until she decided to take the leap, said Reed Lee, her ex-husband with whom she remained friends. At age 36, she began attending UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

Lee's calling in medicine was apparent to those around her before she obtained her degree.

After her 20th high school reunion, while Lee was a medical student, she went to an IHOP with close friend Maryanne Mason and their husbands. While they drank coffee, a man started choking. Lee instinctively jumped up and performed the Heimlich maneuver, Mason said.

FAMILY PHOTO

Dr. Patricia Lee

"She saved his life. I doubt anyone else there could have. And she was only a med student then. Impressed the heck out of us," Mason said.

Dr. Richard Feldman met Lee when she was a resident at Masonic. She stood out for her maturity and intellectual brilliance, he said, and fellow residents would often turn to her with questions. She held herself to a high standard, keeping up with the latest research, reading everything that would help her be a better physician.

Lee graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago residency program in 1993 and was hired as an attending physician in the Masonic emergency department, where she continued to care for patients while teaching and mentoring residents. In 2009, she was promoted to chair of the emergency department, a position held by few women across the country.

Lee encouraged her daughters from a young age to be independent leaders who stood up for themselves and others. She would often tell them to "put your big girls panties on and just go and do things ... don't sit back and be silent," Elizabeth Lee said.

In her various positions, Feldman said Lee was committed to treating all patients with empathy, no matter their background, appearance or diagnosis. She once volunteered to pick maggots out of a homeless man's hair herself, rather than pass the task to a resident, because "she felt it was the right thing to do," Feldman said.

Even in the midst of a chaotic emergency room, Lee could always offer a nice word or a kind gesture. When she worked New Year's Eve, she brought in sparkling apple cider for everyone who was there, her daughter said.

"She didn't leave anybody out, doctors, nurses, technicians, patients," Elizabeth Lee said. "That was my mom, she always thought about everybody."

Since her mother's diagnosis, her daughter said the family has received hundreds of letters from former residents, patients and friends who recall Lee's enormous impact on their lives.

In her last weeks of life, Lee typed letters for her colleagues at the hospital, and past, current and future medical residency students.

"Approach each patient with compassion, with understanding, and remember that you never know who you have affected with your actions," she advised future doctors.

Lee is survived by her two daughters, Emily Reno (Brian Reno) and Elizabeth Lee (C. Thor Martin); grandchildren Aulden Martin, Iona Martin, Sammie Lee Martin, Ryan Reno and Robert Reno; and two brothers, Bruce and Steve Shields, of Texas.

A memorial service is scheduled for Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

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ON OCTOBER 16 ...

In 1790, Congress established the District of Columbia as the permanent seat of the government.

In 1793, leaders of the French Revolution beheaded the queen, Marie Antoinette.

In 1846, Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston was the site of the first surgical operation in which ether was used.

In 1859, Kansas abolitionist John Brown led 20 men in a raid on the U.S. arsenal in Harpers Ferry, Va.

In 1916, in New York, Margaret Sanger opened the nation's first birth-control clinic.

In 1943, Chicago Mayor Edward J. Kelly officially opened the subway system.

In 1946, 10 Nazis were hanged in Germany following the famed Nuremberg war-crimes trial.

In 1964, China became the world's fifth atomic power as it announced it had tested its first nuclear bomb.

In 1969, the New York Mets, which started the season as 100-1 longshots but overtook the Cubs in the National League Eastern Division, completed their "miracle" year by defeating Baltimore 5-3 to win the World Series in five games.

In 1970, Anwar Sadat became president of Egypt, succeeding the late Gamal Abdel Nasser.

In 1972, a plane carrying House Democratic Leader Hale Boggs of Louisiana and three other men was reported missing in Alaska. (It never was found.)

In 1973, the Nobel Peace Prize was won by the men who had hammered out the Vietnam cease-fire agreement: U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and North Vietnamese negotiator Le Duc Tho.

In 1978, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Poland was elected pope, making him the first non-Italian pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church in 465 years. (He would take the name John Paul II.)

In 1979, Theodore Schultz, a professor at the University of Chicago, and Arthur Lewis, a West Indian, were announced as co-winners of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences.

In 1985, a body that had washed up on a Syrian shore was identified as that of Leon Klinghoffer, the American who was slain and his body thrown overboard during the guerrilla hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship in the Mediterranean.

In 1987, a 58 1/2-hour drama in Midland, Texas, ended happily as rescuers freed Jessica McClure, an 18-month-old girl trapped in a narrow, abandoned well.

In 1995, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan presided over a gathering estimated at more than 800,000 African-Americans on the National Mall in Washington as part of his Million Man March to demonstrate unity among black men.

In 1996, more than 80 soccer fans died in a stampede prior to a scheduled World Cup qualifying match in an overcrowded stadium in Guatemala City.

In 1998, Northern Ireland Roman Catholic nationalist John Hume and Protestant leader David Trimble won the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts in bringing an end to generations of sectarian violence in the British province.

In 2002, the White House announced North Korea had disclosed it had a nuclear weapons program.

In 2013, the House and Senate passed a bill ending the federal shutdown and raising the nation's debt limit.

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Pick 4 ..... **5641**
Badger 5 ..... **02 10 12 14 20**
SuperCash **08 13 20 28 29 39**

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Oct. 15
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Daily 4 midday ..... **3434 / 9**
Daily 3 evening ..... **534 / 1**
Daily 4 evening ..... **6346 / 1**
Cash 5 ..... **10 15 19 28 36**

MICHIGAN
Oct. 15
Daily 3 midday **412**
Daily 4 midday **6448**
Daily 3 evening **018**
Daily 4 evening **1383**
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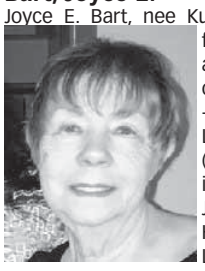
Bart, Joyce E.
Joyce E. Bart, nee Kuzlik, age 83, of Itasca and formerly of Wood Dale and Chicago. Loving mom of Dorie (Vincent) Loftus - Lopez, Cynthia (Wayne) Loftus - Schwartz and Kelly (Gil) Loftus - Marrero; cherished Nana of Dina (Jeremy) Janssens, Kathryn (Shawn) Keenon, Michael, Jamie Loftus, Robert Marrero and Thomas Marrero and great grandchildren Lily, Grace, Blaize, Faye, Gabriella, Dominic and Nicholas; beloved sister of Sandra Kuzlik. Joyce's career centered around education. She was an English teacher and Dean of students at Westinghouse High School in Chicago for many years. Upon retiring she stayed active by going places with the Itasca Seniors Club, reading, and anything that related to gambling for fun , such as bingo, the river boat casinos and Las Vegas. Her family is what brought her the most joy. Her three girls and their families are what kept her going. Celebration of life Sunday, October 20th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the **Countryside Funeral Home** and Crematory 333 S. Roselle Rd. (1/2 mile South of Irving Park Rd.) Roselle. Celebration of life luncheon to follow at Eaglewood Resort, 1401 Nordic Rd., Itasca, IL. Cremation private at the Countryside Crematory. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 would be appreciated.



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Bauer, Michael J. '"Mike"'
Michael Bauer, 82, of Edison Park. Retired CFD. Beloved husband of Kathleen nee O'Brien. Loving father of Kathleen (the late Dave) Heraty and Beth Bauer. Proud Papa of Sean, Patrick and Aidan Heraty. Loving son of the late Marie and Mike Bauer, step son of the late Harry Borza. Dear brother of Lorraine (the late John) Kiser and the late Marlene Robinson. He was a member of CFD as one of the original helicopter units for 23 years and a carpenter with Local # 80 for 25 years. A memorial visitation will take place Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, Peter Heneghan, director, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 2:00 pm until time of memorial service at 4:00 pm. Memorials to St. Baldrick's Foundation, in honor of infant Danny O'Brien who passed away of Rhabdoid Tumor at www.stbaldricks.org. For further information www.suerth.com or 773-631-1240.

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Baumhart, S.J. , Fr. Raymond C.
Fr. Raymond C. Baumhart, S.J. October 10, 2019. Age 95. A Jesuit for over 70 years. He was born in Chicago, Illinois. Before entering the Society, Ray graduated from DePaul Academy in Chicago and attended DePaul University while working as the Associate Director of the Chicago chapter of the Boys Club (now named Boys and Girls Clubs of America), an organization which provides after-school programs and mentoring for young people. In 1943 he transferred to Northwestern University (from which in 1945 he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration) and enlisted in the Navy. Ray began his navy career by studying at Northwestern and, in 1944, studying Business Administration at the Harvard Business School. He went to sea on the President Polk, a troop transport ship, as a junior officer in 1945. Ray was honorably discharged from the Navy and entered the Society in 1946.

In 1963, Ray was the first clergyman to earn a Doctorate in Business Administration from Harvard University. His dissertation was on business ethics. After ordination and the completion of coursework for his doctorate, Fr. Ray spent over three decades at Loyola University Chicago. He taught personnel management, business ethics, and statistics (1962-1966), was assistant dean (1963-1964) and dean of the School of Business Administration (1964-1966). He then spent two years (1966-1968) researching and writing at the Cambridge Center for Social Studies (a Jesuit think tank aimed at work on business ethics and social justice). Fr. Ray returned to Loyola as the executive vice president (1968-1969) before becoming the acting vice president of Loyola's Medical Center (1969-1970). He had a major hand in the 1969 opening of the Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois.

In 1970, Fr. Ray became the twenty-first (and longest serving) president of Loyola University Chicago (1970-1993). His tenure saw the university grow in both enrollment and physical space. When Fr. Ray was elected president, Loyola University owned 31 buildings and when he left office, the university owned 83 buildings. Flanner Hall, Maguire Hall, Halas Sports Center, and the Crown Center are four examples of campus buildings constructed during his presidency. Additionally, Fr. Ray oversaw the merging of Mundelein College with Loyola in 1991.

After a well-deserved sabbatical, Fr. Ray served on Cardinal Bernardin's and [then] Cardinal George's advisory cabinet, became the Director of Evangelization and Christian Life for the Archdiocese of Chicago (1994-2000), and served as a personal consultant to Cardinal George (2000-2011). He also served the Loyola University Jesuit Community as superior of the Jesuit residence (2006-2007) and treasurer of the community (2007-2011). In 2011, Fr. Ray was missioned to Colombiere Center to pray for the Society of Jesus, pray for the Church, and care for his health.

Ray was always a gentleman. He graciously greeted and conversed with those he encountered. He had a big smile and an infectious laugh. In all of his jobs and ministries, Ray humbly practiced servant leadership and encouraged (and empowered) others to do the same. He was greatly admired and respected by colleagues and counterparts alike for his insights, strategic planning, and gentle but direct capacity for making decisions, large and small. He was a very effective mentor to many younger Jesuits as they prepared for or began their administrative service to the Society or in one of our apostolic works.

Visitation is Thursday, October 17, 4-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Colombiere. Funeral Mass Friday, October 18, at 10:45 a.m. at Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Rd., Clarkston, MI with burial to follow. Memorial gifts to support the Jesuits may be made to the USA Midwest Jesuits, 1010 N. Hooker St., Chicago, IL 60642. Visit www.jesuitsmidwest.org to read full obituary, sign guestbook, or make an online memorial gift. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500.

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Beinlich, Hugo 'Butch'
Hugo "Butch" Beinlich, Jr., 82, passed away on October 14, 2019. Owner of C.R. Ebert and Sons Roofing Company. Beloved husband of Dolores (Tudy); loving father of Timothy (Kathy), Beverly Beinlich-Pasquesi, Dawn (Chuck) Barnes, Sandra Swanson, Sharon (Bob) Dombrowski, Jennifer (Chris) Anderson and Gayle (Billy) Zibble; cherished grandfather of 23 and great-grandfather of 4. A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 1-5 pm at **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home**, 1787 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035. In lieu of flowers, the Beinlich family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Bergersen, Evelyn K. 'Lynn'

Evelyn "Lynn" K. Bergersen fondly known as "Momsy" passed away on Monday, Oct. 14, 2019. Momsy was the beautiful wife of Earl Bergersen and Mother to Leslie (Bill) Stevens, Lauren (Bill) Smith and Brian (Ellen) Bergersen and amazing grandmother to Grant Stevens, Brooke Stevens (Adam) Green, Jeffrey Stevens, Christopher Bergersen, Michael Bergersen, Daniel Bergersen and Samnang Smith.

Lynn was born on June 4, 1931 and married on September 14, 1957 to the love of her life. She met Earl during the first week of college at Northwestern University where she graduated and then obtained her Masters Degree at Columbia University in New York. For the last 62 years, Earl and Lynn have spent almost every day together. They are truly the pure example of love, devotion and happiness. Lynn and Earl resided in Glenview, IL and Palm Desert, CA and previously in Winnetka, IL and Dorado, PR.

Lynn was the matriarch of her family. She led with such kindness, honesty, humility, intelligence and humor. Lynn treasured her family and embraced every moment with them. She was fondly referred to as "Momsy". She had a vivacious personality and a wit that always made those around her laugh. There was never a dull moment when Momsy was around.

Lynn spent her life at the side of her husband creating a company over 53 years ago. The dedication and countless energy they spent creating this company, which has treated over 4 million children and developed over 500 current patents in over 67 countries. Lynn was the first female exhibitor at the AAO orthodontic meetings back in May 1967 and has been a fixture ever since. Last week while being in ICU, she did not want her family to leave until they had agreed to new names for new products coming out on the market. She would fall asleep to wake up to give her yeah or nay on names. Fortunately the final new names were met with her approval.

Our Momsy's wit and beauty will last forever. Please join us in celebrating a beautiful life that was lived to the fullest Friday October 18, 2019 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday October 19, 2019 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street at Church Street, Glenview, Illinois 60025. Entombment All Saints Cemetery & Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Momsy's name to a charity of your choice. Funeral Information: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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Berlinger, Thomas Bruce 'Tom'

Tom passed peacefully on October 10th. He is survived by his wife Catherine, children Matthew, Megan and Marc, sister Donna Berlinger Mercier and husband Dr. Charles Mercier, grand children Mason, Madden, Matea, Juliana along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends. He held executive sales positions at Telecredit, Equifax, Certegy, and Secure Payment Systems. Tom will be remembered for his magnetic personality, jokes, being highly respected by his peers, So Very Handsome, Mr. Big, loyal Bears fan, great competitive athlete, Golf acumen, giving nicknames his unselfish love of family and friends. Memorial gifts: MUSC Foundation/Hollings Cancer Center, 18 Bee Street, MSC450, Charleston, SC 29425.

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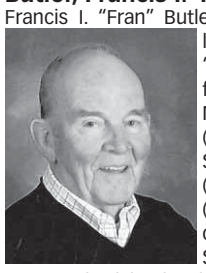
Butler, Francis I. 'Fran'



Francis I. "Fran" Butler, age 84, of Elmhurst, beloved husband of Elizabeth "Beth", nee Brown; loving father of Catherine Butler, Margaret "Molly" Galvin, Beth (David) Altier, Peter Butler, Stephen Butler, Maureen (David) Schroeder and Sarah (Brian) Ford; cherished Papa of Maddy (Adam) Maloney, Stephanie and Frannie Smith, Sean and Michael Galvin, Peggy Altier, Erin Butler, Duncan and Luke Schroeder, Cate and Emma Ford; Great Papa of Max and Mabel Maloney, Ruby Galvin and William Schroeder; dear brother of Judith, Daniel (Audie), John (Rosita) and Jim (Marianne) Butler, Mary Alice (Thomas) Coffey, Jane (the late Francis) Connors and the late Michael and Stephen Butler; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Proud graduate of St. Catherine of Siena Grade School, Fenwick High School (1953) and Loras College (1959). Lifelong career in sales and marketing, retiring from Alloyd Inc. Thirty-year member of Kairos Prison Ministry team, including Chairman of Kairos of Illinois. Visitation Thursday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet Friday for Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst. Interment Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kairos Prison Ministry of Illinois, Attn: Jim Dolan, PO Box 772, Ballwin, MO 63011 or IC Catholic Prep, 217 S. Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Cochran, Barbara

Barbara Cochran nee Adamovich, age 73, of Evanston. Beloved wife to Richard "Dick" Cochran. Loving mother to Katie (Bill) Duncan and Erin (Matt) Glick. Adoring Nana to Maycee, Bridgette, Maggie and Evie. Dear sister to John Adamovich, Marie Lichter and Pete Adamovich.

Visitation Saturday, October 19, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., stay till 8:00 p.m. to celebrate her life, at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home,** 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077.

In lieu of flowers, make a memorial contribution to Kellogg Cancer Center, 2650 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201 or The Women's Club of Evanston, 1702 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

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Donatello, Therese

Therese M. "Terry" Donatello, age 80, of Elgin formerly of Elmwood Park. A former 43 year educator in the Archdiocese of Chicago School System. Beloved daughter of the late Jack & Rose (nee Petitte) Donatello. Loving sister of Giachino "Jack" (Kathy) Donatello. Dear aunt, grand aunt and great aunt of many. Devoted cousin of many especially Marianne (Ugo) Antonelli, Marc Antonelli, and Dina Holm. Godmother of Nicholas D. (Caryn) Antonelli, Sr. Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Mass at 11:30 AM on Saturday at St. Catherine of Siena Church, West Dundee. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. Visitation will be held from 4-8 PM on Friday at Miller Funeral Home, West Dundee and again on Saturday morning at the church from 10:30 AM until time of Mass. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.millerfuneralhomedundee.com For info, please call 847-426-3436.

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Feirstein, Judith Lynn

Judith Lynn Feirstein, nee Mitchel, age 79, of Buffalo Grove, formerly of Morton Grove, beloved wife of the late Calman; loving mother of Traci (Mitchell) Jacobs, Alyson (Tom) Brodner, and Amy (David) Frenk; adored Nana of Ashley (fiancé Zak), Jaime, Hannah, Jacob, Jason, and Geoffrey; devoted daughter of the late Florence and the late Theodore Mitchel; cherished sister of Valerye (Arnold) Siegel and Thomas (Frada) Mitchel; dear sister-in-law of Fred (Marilyn) Feirstein; treasured aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Judy was lovingly cared for by Barbara. Judy adored her family and they intensely loved her; she will also be remembered for her artistic talents. Service Thursday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to METAVIVOR, www.metavivor.org or JourneyCare Hospice, www.journeycare.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Feldman, Gertrude

Gertrude Feldman, age 97, of Skokie, passed away Monday, October 14th at Evanston Hospital. She was born September 3rd, 1922. She was the daughter of the late Harry and Esther Shipman. She is the beloved wife of the late Julius; survived by her daughter Sheryl Reinstein, grandchildren Jamie and Jon Greiver, Todd Reinstein, and Melissa Goldberg, her five great grandchildren Aliza, Max, Sarah, Justin, and Rachel. and, her sisters Selma Waxburg and Pearl Shipman, and niece Susie Waxburg. Graveside service Thursday, 12pm at Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum; 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

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Fulwood, Laverne S.

Laverne S. Fulwood (nee Sesko) age 90 of Steger, Illinois passed away on October 11, 2019. Loving wife of the late Thomas (1993); beloved mother to late Thomas (late Renee) Fulwood, Connie (George) Stafford, Michael Fulwood, Anthony (Shirley) Fulwood, Mary (Jim) Zielinski, Anna (Jim) Krakowski, Loretta (late Charles) Alexander, Christine (Roger) Vehrs and Theresa (Jeff) Hinchman. Beautiful grandmother of 15; great grandmother of 13 and great great grandmother of 2. Dear sister to Christine (late Charles) Scherer. Fond aunt to many. Laverne served proudly in the U.S. Marines.

Visitation Thursday, October 17th from 2pm to 8pm at Steger Funeral Home 125 E. Steger Road (34th St.) in Steger, IL 60475. Funeral Mass 10 AM Friday at St. James Catholic Church, Sauk Village, IL. Interment: Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. Info: 708-755-3400.

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Gajnak, Mary C.

Mary C. Gajnak, nee Strecok, of Westchester, age 97. Beloved wife of the late Edward M.; loving mother of George (Janet) and Richard; proud grandmother of James, Thomas and Eric; dear sister of the late Anthony. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday at St. Louise de Marillac Church Mass time pending. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to Macular Degeneration Foundation (www.support.brightfocus.org) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Giovanine D.D.S., Barry D.

Barry D. Giovanine, DDS, age 64, of Glen Ellyn, Beloved husband of Sandra L., nee Allen; Loving father of Brad A., and Stephanie M. Dear brother of Cathy Giovanine, uncle, great-uncle, and friend of many. Barry was a graduate of Augustana College. He then went on to graduate from Loyola Dental School. For over thirty years, Barry had a dental practice in Lombard. He was an avid golfer and loved Disney World. A remembrance gathering will be held Sunday, October 20, 2019, from 1-3 PM with a time of remembrance and sharing at 3 PM at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the wishes of the family would be appreciated. Info www.brustfuneralhome.com or call 888-629-0094

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Grill, Sharon M.

Sharon M. Grill, nee Kreten, age 78, beloved wife for 57 years to Keith E. Grill. Loving mother of Jeanne (Greg) Billo, Laura (Troy) Rogers, Tom, Rob (Beth), Greg (Peggy), Keith (Jennifer), Susie (Pete) Grant, Mary Jo, Kari, Andy, Matthew, Penny, Sara, and the late Jason, the late Charlie, and the late Danny. Cherished grandmother of 25 and great-grandmother of six. Dear sister of Betsy (Dan) O'Driscoll, and the late Joseph (Shirley "Bunny") Kreten. Devoted daughter of the late Matthew and Monica Kreten. Sharon was a devout Catholic and faithful servant of our Lord. She was an advocate for those with disabilities and had an incredible heart for children--especially those with special needs. Visitation Thursday 2-8 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. from **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (Wheeler Dr./155th & Harlem) Orland Park, IL to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills, IL. Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to United Cerebral Palsy Seguin Foundation, 7550 183rd St., Tinley Park, IL 60477 or St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Stephen Church, 17500 84th Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60487 are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Harrigan, Barbara Ann

Barbara Ann Harrigan (nee Kluth), Age 82, Born into Eternal Life on October 14, 2019. Beloved wife of Richard J. Harrigan for 57 years. Loving mother of Elizabeth Isbister, M.D. (Brad, M.D.), Julie (Charles) Wagner, and Amy Harrigan (Fiancé Jeff Nolan). Proud "Grammy" of Susan, Lauren, and Ellen Isbister, and Megan and Sarah Mayer. Devoted sister-in law of the late Sr. Myles Harrigan, RSM, Thomas W. Jr. "Bud" (Eileen), John D. "Jack" (Rita), and Jane (Robert) Ehrenstrom and (Paul) Williams. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Dear cousin of Sr. Pat Bergen, CSJ. Barb earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, and two Master of Fine Arts Degrees through Rosary College at Villa Schifanoia in Florence, Italy. Longtime Art Teacher at St. Barnabas and Christ the King Grammar Schools, and St. Xavier University. Visitation Thursday 4-8pm at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643. Mass of Christian Burial Friday morning at 10:00am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Christ the King School Foundation or Christ the King St. Vincent DePaul Society are most appreciated. Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com

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Holmgren, BettyJean M.

BettyJean Margaret Holmgren (nee Carlson), 94; retired Assistant to three Academic Deans at North Park University, talented pianist, and supporter of social justice and racial and religious equality; passed away peacefully October 13, 2019. Beloved wife of 71 years to Professor and Pastor Fredrick Carlson Holmgren. Devoted mother of Mark Jonathan (partner Ronda) Holmgren of Edmonton, Alberta and Margaret "Marge" Clare Conville of Northbrook, IL. Loving grandmother of Sarah and Nils Holmgren and Samantha, Ashley, and Courtney Conville. Only child of the late Hilding Gustaf and Clare Marie Carlson. Born in Muskegon Heights, MI, Betty attended high school in Cadillac, MI, where she met Fred. After marrying and graduating from North Park College, the couple moved to New Rochelle, NY, where Betty worked as the assistant to the V.P. of Adler Electronics before returning to Chicago. In retirement, Betty and Fred traveled Europe, with their home base in Freiburg, Germany, where she became fluent in German. She is remembered as an upbeat, friendly person and a Christian who sought to reflect the embracing love of Jesus in her relationship with others. Memorial service Sunday, October 20, 4pm, North Park Covenant Church, 5250 N Christiana Ave, Chicago, IL 60625. Donations may be made in her name to the church. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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Hughes, Joseph

Joseph Hughes, age 87, of Schaumburg for 50 years. Beloved husband of the late Margaret R. Hughes. Loving father of David (Karen) and Michael J. (Ginny) Hughes. Cherished grandfather of Tiffany, Michael Jr., Steven, David Paul, and Bryan. Joe was born in Longton, County Borough of Stoke-on-Trent, England May 6, 1932 to the late Joseph and Florence Hughes and passed away October 4, 2019 at 11:11 AM at home with his granddaughter Tiffany at his side.

Joe was an avid motorcycle rider and was a member of many motorcycle clubs, including the American Gold Wing Association. Joe also served in the Royal Air Force in England.

A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, October 18th from 3:00 – 6:00 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 West Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral information or online condolences www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Kaita, Chris

Chris Kaita, age 73, U.S. Air Force veteran, passed away on October 13, 2019. He was the beloved husband of Satoko Kaita and loving brother of Jean Sakamoto, June Kadohata, Donald Kaita, Randy Isoda, Candy Isoda, and the late Jay Isoda . Adored uncle of many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. A Celebration of Life, Sat. Oct. 19, 10-11 am with a memorial service at 11 am at **Lakeview Funeral Home**, 1458 W. Belmont Ave. Chic. IL. Info www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com.

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Latus, John F.

John F. Latus, beloved husband of the late Donna (nee Kuffel); devoted father of Jack (Karen) Latus and Jill (Jeff Ackerman) Latus; dear grandfather of Amanda (Brian) Ginsburg, Andrea, Autumn and Zander; great grandfather of Logan, Drea and Kaleb; dear brother of 5. Celebration of Life will be held Friday 4:00-8:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.). Intement private at All Saints Cemetery. For info www.salernofuneralhomes. com

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Lis, Chester

Chester Lis, 79, beloved husband of Arlene for 55 years; loving father of Karen (Jeff) Gutowsky, Kathy (Mark) Peterson, Juliane (Scott) Kirkner; the cherished grandpa of Matthew (Kellie), Kevin, Tyler (Erica), Ryan (Jenna), Brett, Alissa, Jack, Brendan, Hailey, and Andrew; dear brother of the late Walter Sr. (late Dorothy) Lis, the late Evelyn (late Henry) Schorsch, Lorraine (late Anthony) Lagona, Alice (late Stanley) Stafiej, Jennie (late Howard) Johnson and Jeanette (Roger) Olson. Chester was the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Holy Trinity High School he received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology and his M.B.A. from Northwestern University. He had a successful career in Engineering and Consulting. He was very involved with Holy Trinity High School. He served on the Board and was President of the Alumni Association. Coaching his grandsons, "Coach Chet" volunteered for 12 years as a youth football coach. As an active member of his community, he served on the Board of his neighborhood's Homeowners Association.

Visitation on Friday October 18, will be from 3:00 – 8:00 PM at **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Place, Libertyville, IL.

Funeral Mass will be held Saturday October 19, at 10:30 AM at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church, 236 US Highway 45, Indian Creek, IL. Prior to the beginning of Mass, visitation at the Church will take place from 9:30-10:15AM.

Entombment to follow the Mass at Ascension Catholic Cemetery, Libertyville. If desired, donations can be made in memory of Chester Lis to Holy Trinity High School, 1443 West Division Street, Chicago, IL 60042, Attn: Tim Bopp. Funeral information (847) 362-2626. Please sign the guestbook at libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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Marsilio, Anthony

Anthony Marsilio, Age 21 passed away October 13, 2019 surrounded by his loving family, after he courageously battled Leukemia for many years. Beloved son of Afonso and Maria (nee Calabrese). Cherished grandson of Salvatore and Giuseppa (nee Muscarino) and the late Antonio and Marlene Marsilio. Devoted nephew of Frank (Betty) Calabrese, Josephine (Richard) Buendorf, Daniel (Traci) Calabrese, Marcos (Dora) Marsilio, Joe Marsilio and the late Laodicea Marsilio. Loving cousin of Salvo, Joey, Mariella, Aaron, Daniel, Abby, Gabby, Daley, Kedzie, Bruna, Bianca, Guilermo, Anna, Pedro and Joanna. Visitation Wednesday October 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Thursday October 17 from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 11:00 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Entombment Acacia Park Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

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Meyer, Harold V.

Harold V. Meyer age 88; beloved husband of Mildred nee Palenik; loving father of Susan (William) Waterstraat, Hal (Kathy) and Mark (Ellen) Meyer; dearest grandpa of Jonathan, Bradley, Andrew, Melissa, Madeline, Matthew, Katherine, Meredith and Luke; fond brother of Beverly (the late James) Walsh; brother in law of Ruth (Joseph) Enderle and Helen (the late Steve) Pijacek; close friend of Helen Hruska; also survived by nieces, nephews and many friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dr. Martin Luther appreciated. Funeral Thursday October 17, 2019. Lying in State 9:00 am; Funeral Service 10:30 am at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dr. Martin Luther 5344 S. Francisco, Chicago. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or kosaryfuneralhome.com

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Miller, Jo

Jo Miller, nee Lambrecht, age 94, of Wheaton. Preceded in death by husband, Tom; loving mom of Tom (Kathy), Midge Miller and Katie Loffredo; grandmother of Monica (Ryan) Lewis, Maureen (Rob) Pritchard, Michael and Matthew Loffredo; great grandmother of Rebecca Lewis; sister of Mary (Don) Wehling and the late Bill (Ticki) Lambrecht. Graduate of Mundelein College. Visitation at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home**, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., Thursday, October 17, 2019. Prayers 10:15 A.M., Friday, October 18, 2019 at the funeral home, going to St. Michael Church. Funeral Mass 11:00 A.M. Interment St. Michael Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials to Evans Golf Scholarship Program, 1 Briar Rd., Golf, IL 60029 (make check payable to Evans Scholars Foundation). Funeral info (630)668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com

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Mraz, Daniel Michael

Daniel Michael Mraz, 63, of North Carolina and formerly of Chicago. Devoted husband of Sandy. Much loved and cherished son of the late Michael and the late Virginia. Always "big" brother to Clarissa (Thomas) Henehan and Cary Mraz. Thoughtful uncle to Tiffany, Michael, Robert M., Katie (Jim), Colleen, and Robert H. Great uncle to Gabriel, Caleb, Eli, Avalia, John, Gwen, and Caroline. Cousin, friend, and colleague to many. Dan will be truly missed and will never be forgotten. Private Celebration of Life on October 27.

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Olkiewicz, Sophia

Sophia Olkiewicz nee Gatziolis, age 70, of Vernon Hills, IL. Beloved wife of Edward Dennis Olkiewicz. Loving mother of Stacy (Gregg) Wheeler and Geoffrey (Jackie) Olkiewicz. Proud grandmother of Anna and Andrew Wheeler; Ella and Cole "Bubba" Olkiewicz. Dear sister of Estelle (Jack) Swartz and Dean (Susan) Gatziolis. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, October 20, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with Prayers at 6:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Service Monday, October 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60601. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Polowy, Margaret

Margaret Polowy (nee Connell); of Bartlett, formerly of Glendale Heights and Chicago; wife of the late Dennis; mom of Dan (Robin), Jennifer (Mark) Kaye, Kimberly Grant and Jason (Lisa); grandma of Joshua, Jake, Julianna, Kaitlyn, Blake, Mykenna, Anthony, Madyson, Kendall, Delaney, Andrew and Sara; sister of the late Lauren McGinty, Pat, Tom, Ed, Mary Kate, Colleen and Kelly; daughter of the late Edward and the late Margaret. Margaret enjoyed vacations to St. Pete Beach in Florida and Lake Sara in Effingham, Illinois. Proudly employed with School District 16 for 25+ years as an administrative assistant to the Superintendent. Visitation Thursday 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the **Countryside Funeral Home** and Crematory 950 South Bartlett Rd. (at Stearns Rd.) Bartlett. Funeral Friday beginning with 9:15 am prayers at the funeral home then proceeding to Resurrection Church, mass 10:00 am. Interment Assumption Cemetery in Wheaton. In lieu of flowers donations to the Northern Illinois Food Bank 273 Dearborn Court Geneva, IL. 60134 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org would be appreciated. 630-289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com

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Pomeroy, Patricia

Pomeroy, Patricia, age 86, our beloved mother and friend to many, formerly of Chicago, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home on Thursday, October 13, 2019. Pat was a loving mother, successful businesswoman and a mentor to many. Her arms and heart were always open to those in need. Patricia is survived by her beloved children James (Christine) Boharski, Joseph (Alena) Boharski, and Connie Bowen; dear sister Pamela (Todd) Greenberg; 8 cherished grandchildren Alisa (Ted) Friedley, Steven (Karin) Morse, Steven Richards, Paul Boharski, Thomas Boharski, Amanda Boharski, Lauren (Reilly) McDermott and Mark Bowen; 4 great grandchildren Shilah, Hannah, Christian and Ella; former husband James Boharski Sr. also numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents Paul and Marian Pomeroy; sons Thomas, Daniel and John Boharski; and her second husband David Delfer. Family and friends, when asked to come up with one word when they thought of Pat, the response was "Only one word?" and the following: Love, dedication, classy, sincere, wonderful, beautiful, accepting, unconditional, regal, strong, lovable, patient, stubborn, loving, unconditionally loving (sister), humorous, gracious, amicable, magnificent, Chicago, altruistic, funny, amazing, warmth, mother, amusing, trust, compassionate, formidable, generous, mentor, alluring, elegant, compelling, present, sweet, inclusive, welcoming, Yugen, and Gift from God. Visitation will be Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 2pm – 8pm with a service at 6 pm at **Anderson Memorial Home**, 21131 W Renwick Rd, Plainfield IL 60544. Cremation rites to be accorded. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Pat's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org) would be appreciated. (www.anderson-goodale.com) (815) 577-5250

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Regan, Wayne T.

Wayne T. Regan; beloved husband of Jeannyne for 54 years; loving father of Tracy Prieto; dear grandfather of Ryan & Regan; brother of the late James, Edward, John & Daniel Regan; uncle of many. Visitation Saturday 9:00 a.m. until time of prayers 11:00 a.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Roads, Hillside/Westchester to Divine Infant Church, Westchester, Mass 11:30 a.m. Entombment Christ the King Mausoleum, Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to JourneyCare Hospice or American Heart Association. Funeral info 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com

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Rux, Robert E. 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" Rux, born into eternal life on October 12, 2019. Beloved husband of Margaret "Peggy" (nee O'Neill). Loving father of Matthew and Emily. Dear brother of Diane Crook, Nancy (the late Dave) Thompson and Mary Rux. Adored son of the late Edward and Rose Rux. Treasured son-in-law of Patricia (the late Gerald) O'Neill. Cherished brother-in-law of Jerry O'Neill (Cathleen Barry), Kevin (Judy) O'Neill, John O'Neill and Patty (Bill) Mulchrone. Bob was the greatest uncle to many nieces and nephews. Past-President and former Coach of the Ridge/Beverly Baseball League and St. John Fisher Basketball Team. Visitation Thursday, October 17, 2019 at St. John Fisher Church 10235 S. Fairfield, Chicago from 10:00 a.m. until Mass of the Resurrection at 12 Noon. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home**. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.

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Schwedel, Howard B.

Howard B. Schwedel, age 62, of Huntley, formerly of Arlington Heights, beloved husband and best friend for 40 years of Sandy Schwedel, nee Kahn; loving father of Jeff Schwedel and Melissa (Ricky) Bellows; son of the late Arthur and the late Carol Schwedel; brother of Mark (Julie) and the late Scott Schwedel; brother-in-law of the late Burt (Brenda) Kahn; dear uncle, cousin and friend to many. Memorial Service Friday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, www.jdrf.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Stern, Martin

Martin Stern, 72. Beloved husband of Devi (nee Katz). Loving father of Sarah Stern (Paul La Farge) and Rachel Stern. Cherished son of Michael and the late Pearl Stern. Dear brother of Hedy (Douglas) Gort and brother-in-law of Naomi Katz Mintz (Rabbi Lewis Mintz) and Jonathan Katz (Norah Wylie). Graveside service Wednesday 3:30PM at Beit Olam Cemetery, 60 Old Sudbury Road, Wayland, MA 01778. Memorial service Thursday 4PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Facing History and Ourselves, 16 Hurd Road, Brookline, MA 02445, www.facinghistory.org and Women for Women International, Global Support Center, PO Box 9224, Central Islip, NY 11722-9224, www.womenforwomen.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Strilko, Michael M.

Michael M. Strilko, Navy Medic in WW II; beloved husband of Bertha; loving father of Sharon Halle and the late Michael Andrew Strilko, dear grandfather of Jeff, Jennifer, Chad and Brandi; great grandfather of 13; fond brother of George (Carol) and the late Phillip, Michael, Margaret Babiak, Helen Balasz, Irene Stanley and Frank; favorite uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 9 a.m. until time of service at 12:00 p.m. at Linhart Funeral Home, 6820 W. Cermak Road. Entombment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the USO in his memory preferred. Info at www.linhartfuneralhome.com or (708) 749-2255

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Sujak, Mary

Mary Sujak (nee Baluk) age 90, of Algonquin, formerly of Cicero.

Loving mother of Linda (Gary) Staron, Lawrence (Catherine), Robert (Diana), William (Julie), Philip, Daniel (Laura) Sujak, Laura (Richard) Gipson and the late Edmund III (Mary) Sujak; proud grandmother of 14; great-grandmother of 11; aunt of many. Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 8:30am until 11:30am prayer service at **Willow Funeral Home** 1415 W. Algonquin Rd., Algonquin. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.willowfh.com

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

700 CLUB INVITES YOU
To come to Christ Embassy Schamburg In the Quality Inn. Sunday at 10am. Address is 2075 N Barrington Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL.
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BOATS ***THE BOAT DOCK*** We Buy & Consign Used Boats! Springfield, Illinois www.theboatdock.com **217-771-4054**

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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of **Cook County**
File No.
Y19002189 on the
Date: September 18, 2019
Under the Assumed Name of: **HANDICRAFT UNLIMITED**
with the business located at:
8951 LACROSSE AVE UNIT 1N
SKOKIE, IL, 60077
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **ANJANETTE MILLER**
8951 LACROSSE AVE UNIT 1N
SKOKIE, IL, 60077
10/2, 10/9, 10/16/2019 6460701

LEGAL NOTICES

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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
Alina Caradine AKA Alina Holmes

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Malina Caradine (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00779**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Scott Curtis (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 23, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **11/05/2019**,at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 25, 2019 6469540

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Honest Steed

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Denisha Steed (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01034**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 18, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **11/05/2019**,at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **14** COURTROOM **N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 19, 2019 6455961

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Melondie Knox

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Malina Caradine (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00777**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Dwight Knox (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 23, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **11/05/2019**,at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 25, 2019 6469550

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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
Nadia Marrero

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Monica Marrero (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **15JA00946**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Samuel Bermudez (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 28, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **11/05/2019**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **7** COURTROOM **G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 27, 2019 6469554

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF NAPERVILLE
Bid and Requests for Proposals
Available Online

All City of Naperville solicitations will be advertised on our web site:
http://www.naperville.il.us/bidrfps.aspx

You are invited to review all bid or proposal requests for any upcoming projects. All projects are available for download or pick-up. Please contact the Procurement Services Team office at 630.420.6064 if you have any questions.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CANCELLATION OF CMOM PUBLIC HEARING

Public Notice is hereby given that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (the "District") is CANCELLING the public hearing regarding the Collection System Operation and Maintenance Manual, previously scheduled for 10 AM on the 16th day of October, 2019 at the Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area Visitor's Center, 7601 LaGrange Road, Willow Springs, IL, 60480.
10/11-10/16 6474194

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NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
TO
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 A.M. on the stated bid opening date below for:

CONTRACT 19-484-11
BOARD ROOM AUDIO UPGRADE
Estimated Cost: $49,049.00 Bid Deposit: None
Bid Opening: **October 29, 2019**

CONTRACT 19-707-22
REBUILD GATEHOUSES 1 & 2 AND THE SLUDGE CONCENTRATION BUILDING AT THE O'BRIEN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (RE-BID)
Estimated Cost: $155,000.00 Bid Deposit: $7,700.00
Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Conference: Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 10:00 A.M. CDT
O'Brien WRP, 3500 Howard St., Process Control Bldg., Conference Rm. # 402, Skokie, Illinois
Bid Opening: **November 12, 2019**
Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C, Appendix V and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement is required on this Contract.

CONTRACT 20-021-11
FURNISH AND DELIVER UNLEADED GASOLINE TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD

Estimated Cost:	Group A:	$230,000.00	Bid Deposit:	Group A: None
Estimated Cost:	Group B:	$76,000.00	Bid Deposit:	Group B: None
		$306,000.00		

Bid Opening: November 5, 2019

CONTRACT 20-022-11
FURNISH AND DELIVER DIESEL FUEL TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD
Estimated Cost: $351,500.00 Bid Deposit: None
Bid Opening: **November 5, 2019**

CONTRACT 20-063-11
FURNISH AND DELIVER V-BELTS, CONVEYOR BELTS, AND BEARINGS TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD

Estimated Cost:	Group A:	$6,000.00	Bid Deposit:	Group A: None
Estimated Cost:	Group B:	$40,000.00	Bid Deposit:	Group B: None
Estimated Cost:	Group C:	$10,000.00	Bid Deposit:	Group C: None
		$56,000.00		

Bid Opening: **November 5, 2019**

CONTRACT 20-102-11
BOAT MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND PARTS FOR THE PC100 BOAT
Estimated Cost: $67,000.00 Bid Deposit: None
Bid Opening: **November 5, 2019**

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The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice- Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, www.mwrd.org; the path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements. Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. Documents, unless stated above to the contrary, will be mailed in response to a fax request (312/751-3042). The vendor may also download specifications, proposal forms and/or plans online from the District's website, www.mwrd.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements. No fee is required for the contract documents unless stated above.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-et seq.), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois
October 16, 2019

TAKE NOTICES

TO: CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST, CZESLAW JAWORSKI, KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK, KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT (2017-M2-001907), MATTHEW L MOODHE AS RA FOR ESSEX IN EVANSTON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, NORMAN S ROSEN AS RA FOR ROSEN REALTY & MANAGEMENT, INC. AKA ROSEN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, ROSE SIMON SMITH, STEVEN P BLOOMBERG AS RA FOR ROSEN MANAGEMENT II, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SPOUSES, HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, IF ANY, 910 GREENWOOD ST UNIT 1, EVANSTON, IL 60201-6517 TAX DEED NO.: 2019-COTD-002063 FILED: 07/25/2019TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 03, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0000914 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 910 Greenwood #1, Evanston, IL 60201-6517 Legal Description or Property Index No.11-18-328-018-1014 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on January 22, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 22, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704 Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 on January 31, 2020 09:30:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 22, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Integrity Investment Fund, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee
10/15, 16, 17/2019 6475882

TAKE NOTICE TO: DANIEL A. PLUCINSKI, ESTATE OF DANIEL A PLUCINSKI, KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK, LE ROY E STEVENS, NANCY PEMBERTON, STEVENS & STEVENS, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SPOUSES, HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, IF ANY, 2238 W BELDEN AVE UNIT 1,CHICAGO, IL 60647, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SPOUSES, HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, IF ANY, 2238 W BELDEN AVE UNIT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60647 TAX DEED NO.: 2019-COTD-002072 FILED: 07/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, Date Premises Sold April 06, 2017, Certificate No. 15-0009809, Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015, Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality), and special assessment number, N/A, Warrant No. ,N/A, Inst. No., N/A, THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2238 W Belden AVE, Chicago, IL 60647-3221 Legal Description or Property Index No.14-31-104-025-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on January 22, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 22, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704 Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 on January 31, 2020 09:30:00 AM.You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 22, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street #434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 Integrity Investment Fund, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated 7/26/19
10/15, 16, 17/2019 6475877

TAKE NOTICE To: JASON MARVIN, KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK, PROPERTY MANAGER C/O MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF THE GUILD CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SPOUSES, HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, IF ANY, WESTWARD360 AS RA FOR THE GUILD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION F/K/A 1555 WABASH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, TAKE NOTICETAX DEED NO.: 2019-COTD-002069 FILED: 07/25/2019 County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 06, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0009611 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No.N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 50 E 16th St., P-20, Chicago, IL 60616-2186 Legal Description or Property Index No.17-22-107-070-1198 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on January 22, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 22, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704 Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 on January 31, 2020 09:30:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 22, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street #434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 Integrity Investment Fund, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated 7/26/19
10/15, 16, 17/2019 6475863

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10/15, 16, 17/2019 6475867

TAKE NOTICE TO: BENJAMIN LUIS PINTOR, CARMEN LIND, ELISA G PINTOR, ELISA M PINTOR, LUCIANA (AKA LUCIANE) V PINTOR, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SPOUSES, HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, IF ANY, 3435 S PAULINA ST, CHICAGO, IL 60608-6211 TAX DEED NO.: 2019-COTD-002071 FILED: 07/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 06, 2017 Certificate No.15-0009693 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3435 S Paulina St, Chicago, IL 60608-6211, Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-31-229-013-0000, This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on January 22, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 22, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704 Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 on January 31, 2020 09:30:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 22, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street #434, Chicago, IL 60602, TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 Integrity Investment Fund, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated 7/26/19
10/15, 16, 17/2019 6475875

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK, LINDA JEAN NEUZIL, MICHAEL J KASALLIS, NEUZIL LINDA J (LINDA JEAN NEUZIL), UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SPOUSES, HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, IF ANY, 4003 PRESCOTT AVE, LYONS, IL 60534-1330 TAX DEED NO.: 2019-COTD-002064, FILED: 07/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 03, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0001213 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No.N/A Inst. No.NA. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4003 Prescott AVE, Lyons, IL 60534-1330 Legal Description or Property Index No.18-01-103-010-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on January 22, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 22, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704 Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 on January 31, 2020 09:30:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 22, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street #434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 Purchaser or Assignee.
10/15, 16, 17/2019 6475886

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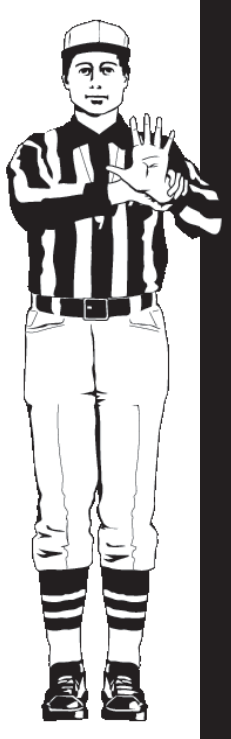
ILLEGAL USE OF STANDINGS

A couple of questionable illegal use of hands penalties pushed the Packers to a 23-22 comeback win over the Lions on Monday night. Why do some of these calls drive fans so crazy? These two sets of standings are why.

ILLEGAL USE OF FANS

'Frankly, it's beginning to seem as though the only way to quiet dissatisfaction about officiating in the NFL is to stop televising games,' writes ***Phil Rosenthal on Page 2***



AFTER *PACKERS* VICTORY

Current NFC North standings

Packers
5-1
First place (.833)

Vikings
4-2
1 game back (.667)

Bears
3-2
1½ games back (.600)

Lions
2-2-1
2 games back (.500)

IF *LIONS* HAD WON

What might have been in the NFC North

Lions
3-1-1
First place (.700)

Packers
4-2
Pct. points behind (.667)

Vikings
4-2
Pct. points behind (.667)

Bears
3-2
Half-game back (.600)

BEARS MAKE THE CALL ON AKIEM HICKS

Star defensive lineman placed on IR, out at least 8 weeks

By Colleen Kane

The Bears will be without defensive lineman Akiem Hicks for at least eight weeks after they placed him on injured reserve Tuesday afternoon.

Hicks, who was selected to his first Pro Bowl last season, would be eligible to return to practice in six weeks. The earliest he could play is the Dec. 15 game against the Packers in Green Bay if he is designated to return.

The eighth-year veteran injured his left elbow early in the Oct. 6 game against the Raiders in London when teammate Khalil Mack's helmet struck Hicks' arm and it bent awkwardly as he fell into a pile of players. Bears coach Matt Nagy wouldn't confirm whether the elbow was dislocated but said Hicks was in a lot of pain.

SUNDAY IN THE NFC NORTH

Raiders at **Packers**	**Vikings** at **Lions**	Saints at **Bears**
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The Bears must try to move on without a player who has 24 sacks, 39 tackles for a loss, 56 quarterback hits and five forced fumbles since he joined the team in 2016. He has a sack, three quarterback hits and six tackles this season.

"In terms of being out on the field, his mentality, his toughness — those are things that he really prides himself on," defensive line coach Jay Rodgers said Tuesday.

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David Haugh
In the Wake of the News

Bowman gets a turn in hot seat

Pressure's on GM to put Hawks back in playoffs

For 60 minutes Monday at the United Center, everything went just as Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman planned.

Patrick Kane fascinated the 500th straight sellout home crowd with a familiar flick of his wrist.

Corey Crawford stopped almost every puck that dared to cross his path.

Andrew Shaw incited opponents and invigorated teammates in the same foul swoop, pummeling Oilers forward Joel Persson with the kind of hard, clean check Shaw has made a good living delivering.

Alex Nylander scored a goal that flashed the potential Bowman used as the impetus to trade young defenseman Henri Jokiharju during a busy offseason.

The Hawks (1-2-1) celebrated for the first time after handing the talented Oilers their first loss in six games, a complete 3-1 victory that a struggling team needed like a cold beer needs a koozie. And perhaps nobody needed it more than Bowman, whose aggressive overhaul of the roster makes him the Hawks employee under the most pressure this season.

If last season began as a referendum on coach Joel Quenneville, fired after 15 games, then this one carries playoffs-or-else implications for Bowman. An organization that still espouses to pursue "One Goal" remains guided by one principle: accountability. So all eyes shift to the GM's office.

The Hawks haven't won a playoff series since they last hoisted the Stanley Cup in 2015. They're 0-for-2 since, having missed the postseason entirely — and some would say inexcusably, given the organizational standard — the last two seasons.

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Teddy Greenstein
On Northwestern

Cats have no chance of winning

Of course that's been said before, with regret

Northwestern will make history when it steps on the field against Ohio State. Never before has the charming but dilapidated Ryan Field hosted a Friday night game.

Now the big question: Can the Wildcats make the kind of history against the fourth-ranked Buckeyes that fans remember? They have not beaten a top-five team since 1961, and they're 1-31 against Ohio State since 1972.

Here are 10 things to know as Northwestern prepares for its "Do you believe in miracles?" game.

1. The last time I thought the Wildcats had zero chance to win, they won.

The date was Nov. 15, 2014. Northwestern was 3-6, having just gotten clobbered by Iowa 48-7 and out-uglied by Michigan 10-9. The offensive line was a mess, Jack Mitchell hadn't made a field goal longer than 29 yards and Trevor Siemian had thrown all of three touchdown passes in six Big Ten games.

Final score in South Bend, Ind.: Northwestern 43, Notre Dame 40 in overtime.

Mitchell nailed kicks of 31, 46, 45 and 41 yards. The Wildcats forced four turnovers, also committing four. Siemian was spectacular, completing 30 of 48 passes for 284 yards despite several drops.

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TOP OF THE SECOND

PHIL ROSENTHAL

Officially, it was inexcusable

Fool an NFL official once, shame on him.

Fool the official twice, shame on the league.

And, make no mistake, that was a shameful performance that precipitated the Packers' 23-22 comeback victory against the Lions as time and comprehension expired on ESPN's "Monday Night Football."

The Lions got hosed, no question, and ESPN's Booger McFarland was all over it.

They might have lost anyway. But if the umpire who flagged Lions defensive end Trey Flowers twice in the fourth quarter for infractions he clearly didn't commit wasn't awarded a game ball by the Packers, he too was robbed.

Each call came on a third-down play, helping prolong what turned out to be Packers scoring drives as they rallied from a 22-13 deficit.

Both times Flowers was accused and convicted of illegal use of hands, specifically hands to the face of Packers offensive lineman David Bakhtiari, who was trying to block him.

Both times, video clearly showed Flowers' hand instead was on Bakhtiari's shoulder pad.

The NFL on Tuesday copped to an error on the second penalty, the one that enabled the Packers to run down the clock rather than give the Lions the ball back with time to mount one last comeback try, but not the first.

Which is better than nothing, but also no help at all.

"After you review it, the (second) foul wasn't there," NFL executive vice president of football operations Troy Vincent told reporters at the league's fall meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., according to Newsday's Bob Glauber.

The first call, which negated a sack with about 10 minutes remaining, was merely wounding.

The second, with 1:36 to play, all but sealed the Lions' fate by giving the Packers a first down at the Lions 11 to set up Mason Crosby's game-winning field goal four plays later.

"Again, that is a terrible call!" said ESPN analyst McFarland, flustered both by the penalty and the fact play-by-play man Joe Tessitore had been talking over him.

"That's twice on Trey Flowers in crucial situations that the refs have blown the call."

John Parry, the former NFL official who is ESPN's rules expert, tried — and failed — to come up with an alibi for referee Clete Blakeman's crew.

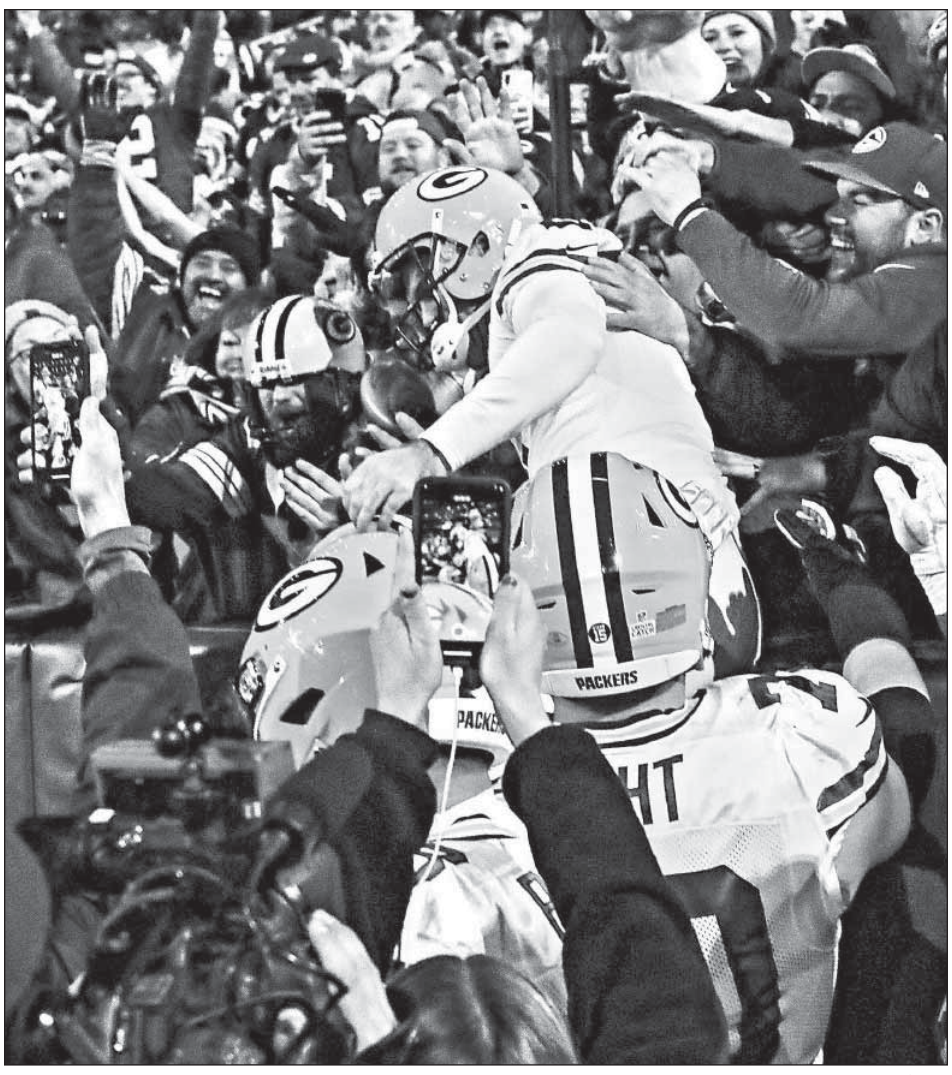
"Let's see if we can find something in the neck because keep in mind (the penalty is for a hand in the) neck or face mask," Parry said. "But Booger, I do agree, based on what we've seen so far, it does look like he's on the shoulder pad rather than the neck."

As if viewers couldn't see that for themselves.

"That's a bad call!" McFarland said. "That can't happen!"

Oh, but it does.

It happens a lot.



JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

Mason Crosby jumps into the stands Monday after kicking a game-winning field goal.

Especially, it seems, this season.

Compounding the travesty, some of the worst calls — like this one — aren't reviewable by replay.

Then again, so many calls this season that seemed as if they should be reversed by replay haven't been. So we should view the absence of an appeal opportunity as merely a time-saver.

Frankly, it's beginning to seem as though the only way to quiet dissatisfaction about officiating in the NFL is to stop televising games. That way blown calls would largely be a matter of speculation rather than an affront to the eyesight and judgment of millions of fans.

Tessitore, still sounding as though there were a shred of legitimacy to the two phantom infractions on Flowers, pointed out Flowers never before in his career had been called for hands to the face.

"And he shouldn't have been called tonight," McFarland shot back. "Let's make sure we let America know that.

"That's twice. The first time it cost (the Lions) a sack. This time it cost them the game."

Blakeman, speaking to a pool reporter after the game, metaphorically put his own hands in the public's face.

"The umpire threw both of them," Blakeman said. "The last one was really the only one I've discussed with him.

"Basically, it's for illegal use of the hands, hands-to-the-face foul. To be a foul, we basically need some forceful contact that's prolonged to the head and neck area of the defender.

"So in his mind he had pinned him back, it was prolonged, and that's what created the foul."

In the umpire's mind, maybe, but not in reality.

Not on the second call, the one Blakeman cited. Not on the first, which turned a sack of Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers into a first down when the Lions led 22-13.

"Boog, you're right, I think we get fooled there based on where the hand is in the upper part of the chest rather than the neck or the mask," Parry said after McFarland pointed out the first screwed-up call.

Said McFarland: "That's inexcusable. That cannot happen on a play like that."

You'd be surprised what the NFL excuses — or maybe not.

"I didn't think hands to the chest was a penalty," Flowers told reporters.

It shouldn't be, but the officials got it backward.

They kept the Packers alive — and buried Flowers.

LET'S PLAY 2

	Sunday Saints 3:25 p.m. FOX-32	**Oct. 27** Chargers Noon FOX-32
	Friday Blue Jackets 7:30 p.m. NBCSCH	**Sunday** Capitals 6 p.m. NBCSCH
	Thursday Hawks 7 p.m. (pre.) NBCSCH	**Oct. 23** @Hornets 6 p.m. NBCSCH

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7 p.m. Hawks at Knicks — ESPN
9:30 p.m. Warriors at Lakers — ESPN

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7 p.m. South Alabama at Troy — ESPN2

GOLF
2 p.m. Senior LPGA Championship — Golf
9 p.m. PGA: CJ Cup — Golf
1 a.m. (Thu.) LPGA: Buick Shanghai — Golf
5 a.m. (Thu.) European: French Open — Golf

NHL
6 p.m. Avalanche at Penguins — NBCSN
8:30 p.m. Flyers at Oilers — NBCSN

TENNIS
5 a.m. Stockholm, Antwerp
(Thu.) and Moscow — Tennis

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
5 p.m. Indiana at Maryland — BTN
6 p.m. Kentucky at Tennessee — ESPNU
7 p.m. Iowa at Ohio State — BTN
8 p.m. Purdue at Nebraska — ESPNU

UIC LIPITZ NAMED NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Michael Lipitz is the new athletic director at UIC, the school announced Tuesday. Lipitz has worked in college athletics for more than 20 years, including leadership positions at North Carolina State and Maryland. He succeeds Garrett Klassy, who left after two years for a position at Nebraska. "Michael possesses the passion and experience to foster the academic success of our student-athletes, improve their overall experience and lead the department in achieving competitive excellence," UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis said. Lipitz was the deputy athletic director at North Carolina State for the last eight years.

— Shannon Ryan

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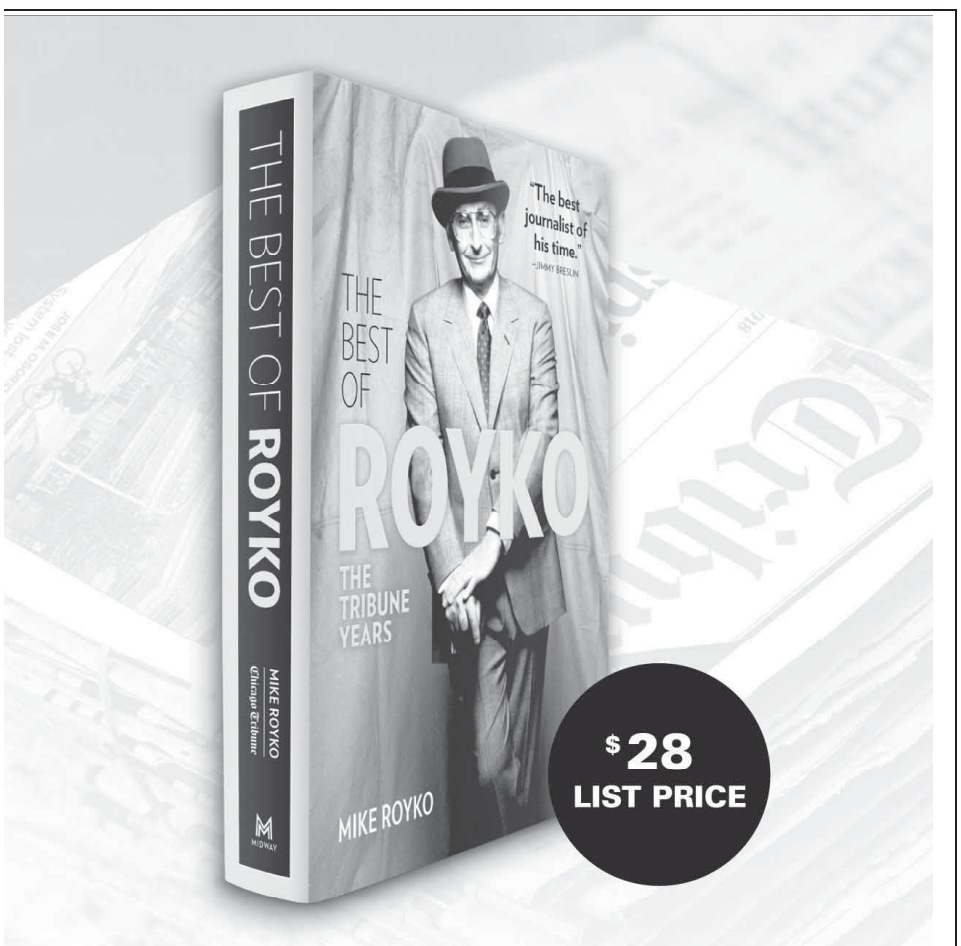

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Hicks

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"He's a nasty player. He loves to play physical, all those kinds of things. We have a good group. We have guys that will step into those roles and play well."

Hicks missed the Sept. 29 game against the Vikings with a knee injury, the first he missed since arriving in Chicago. Led by backups Nick Williams and Roy Robertson-Harris, the Bears shut down the Vikings running game without him.

But the Bears didn't have the same success after Hicks left the Raiders game on the first drive. Rookie Josh Jacobs rushed for 123 yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries.

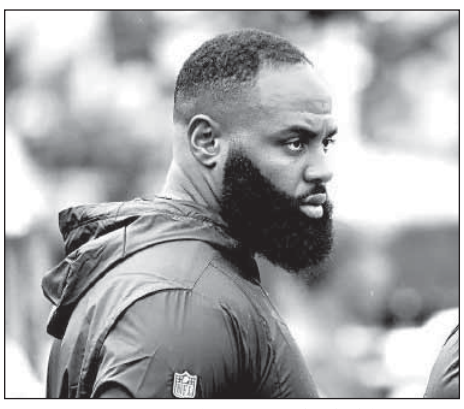
Rodgers said it remains to be seen if there are things the defense won't be able to do without Hicks. But he pointed to past experiences to show the Bears can survive the loss.

"I remember last year when we lost Khalil Mack for a couple of games ... we had some guys who came in and filled those shoes and did pretty well," Rodgers said. "We expect the same thing. The next-guy-up mentality is real. There's a reason we build the roster the way we build it because we feel like we have good football players here. We didn't have Akiem for the Minnesota game (and) I thought we played pretty well.

"It's all about understanding what your job is, what your role is, how to execute, how to execute under pressure and do what we do. We're not asking anybody to go outside the framework of the defense. We're not asking anybody to do something extra special. We're asking you to do your job because you're one of 11 guys on the defense."

Rodgers said Hicks will remain around the team to lend leadership to the less seasoned defensive linemen trying to replace him.

"When you have a player like him, keeping him involved in everything we do, just like he was going to be starting this game, (is important)," Rodgers said. "He'll be a voice on the sideline. He'll be a voice in the classroom. He'll be a voice in everything that we do.



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Akiem Hicks has been placed on injured reserve and will miss at least eight weeks.

"His mentality that he's been able to develop the last few years will still be here. It's not like we're losing this guy for the season and he goes off and is in a different town. He's going to be here."

The Bears could get a reinforcement soon. Defensive lineman Bilal Nichols, their 2018 fifth-round draft pick, returned to practice Monday after breaking his right hand in Week 2.

Rodgers speaks highly of the potential he sees in Nichols, who had three sacks in limited time as a rookie last season. He said Nichols' consistency, football IQ and preparation make him "an ascending player who will continue to get (better) because with all of the God-given ability he has, he's utilizing all of the things that are not physical in order to give him the best opportunity of success."

Nichols will play with a club on his injured hand, something he said Monday was "a little different feeling." Rodgers said they'll work out any issues this week.

"Defensive line is so much about using your hands," Rodgers said. "You still have to protect that in some way, shape or form. ... We're obviously working through that process. He did well with it in practice — hit some pads, got some good movement with players.

"But again, we didn't have the pads on, so you don't know. He's going to work through all those kinks this week and see how he is."

The Bears signed offensive lineman Alex Bars from the practice squad to take Hicks' roster spot.

BEARS

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Quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone, center, isn't ready to come to a conclusion on Mitch Trubisky, right.

WHAT WE LEARNED

No jumping to conclusions on QB

By Rich Campbell, Dan Wiederer and Colleen Kane

The Bears exited their week off with an urgent focus on jump-starting an offense that ranks 30th in the NFL in yards per play and 27th in points per game.

Here are five takeaways from Tuesday's media session with offensive position coaches.

1. Dave Ragone is resistant to drawing conclusions about Mitch Trubisky's season because of the small sample size.

In quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone's assessment, Mitch Trubisky improved from the Week 1 loss to the Packers to the Week 3 win over the Redskins. Unfortunately for Trubisky and the Bears, the left shoulder injury he suffered six snaps into the Sept. 29 game against the Vikings put any momentum on hold.

"We learned from the first one," Ragone said. "I thought he managed the second one (against the Broncos). I thought the third one he went out and executed the game plan at a pretty high level. What we don't know is ... when he's coming back and how he's going to react when he comes back."

Ragone understands the outside scrutiny Trubisky faces on a play-to-play basis, but he doesn't share that mindset on the ground floor of Trubisky's development.

"There are things that don't show up in the stat book that we're like, man, that was really good," Ragone said. "And there are things that don't show up in the stat book that we're like, man, we need to improve on that.

"That is how he's going to be truly judged, especially from his position coach. But it would be very difficult for me to put a grade or stamp on anything after three games."

2. Harry Hiestand wants to see more consistency from the offensive line.

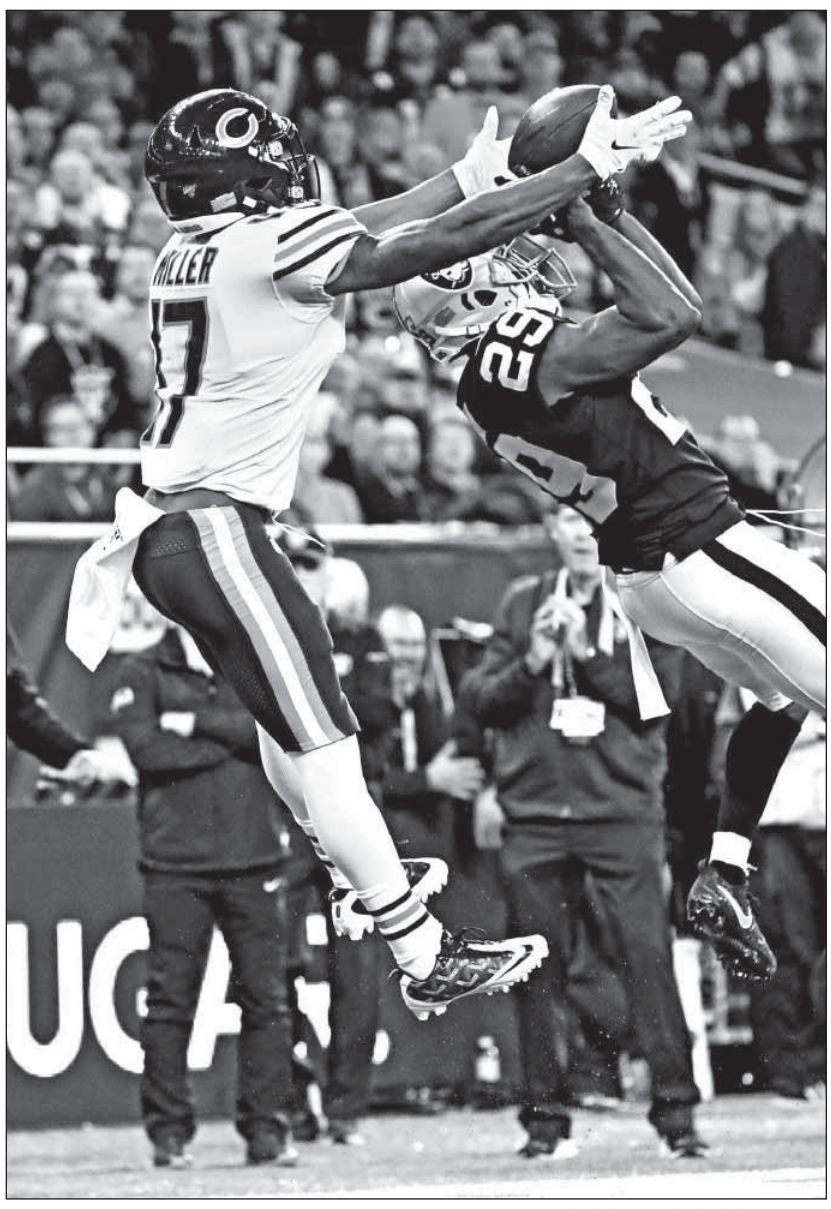
Offensive line coach Harry Hiestand was reminded Tuesday that his group came into 2019 with a goal to be recognized as one of the league's best lines. Instead, the line has struggled and been at the center of the offense's continued ineptitude in both the running and passing games.

"The lack of consistency has really hurt us," Hiestand acknowledged. "And that's something we're zeroed in on and we're going to make sure we eliminate those mistakes that shut us down. Quit taking turns (making mistakes) and let's be 5-for-5 with giving a play a chance."

With Kyle Long placed on injured reserve this week, the Bears will look to solidify the right guard position as quickly as possible. Hiestand will weigh the strengths and weaknesses of 10th-year journeyman Ted Larsen, converted defensive lineman Rashaad Coward and undrafted rookie Alex Bars.

Larsen is working back from a left knee injury, and Bars was just promoted from the practice squad Tuesday. So Coward worked with the first-team offense at practice Monday as the coaches are eager to see how he builds on a solid relief appearance in Week 4 against the Vikings.

"He's a tough guy who plays very, very hard," Hiestand said. "And this is super important to him."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears second-year receiver Anthony Miller, left, has been praised for focusing on details over the last few weeks.

3. Mike Furrey said Anthony Miller has improved on focusing on details the last few weeks.

That was a frequent focus during wide receiver Anthony Miller's rookie season in 2018, and the Bears said it was the area they expected to see the biggest improvement in Year 2. Though Miller has just eight catches for 80 yards, receivers coach Mike Furrey said he has seen some good things in recent weeks.

Now, Furrey said, it's about being consistent.

"The inconsistency is still there at times," Furrey said, "but the consistency of him lining up, being where he's supposed to be, making plays when the ball is thrown his way — that stuff is starting to work and starting to happen. For a year and a half in, where he's at right now compared to where he was, I know he's proud of himself. It has helped him, kind of pushed him to continue. We just have to keep working on his consistency."

Miller had a season-high four catches on seven targets for 52 yards in the Week 5 loss to the Raiders. He also had a pair of penalties and was the target on Chase Daniel's game-sealing interception. Daniel floated the pass well past Miller into three Raiders defenders.

Furrey indicated Miller wasn't at fault on that play.

"He didn't cut (his route) off," Furrey said. "He's done everything we've asked him to do. He's run every route we asked him to do."

4. Harry Hiestand takes exception to Charles Leno being the most penalized player in the NFL.

"Did you guys watch the (Packers-Lions) game last night?" Hiestand said. "I'm not going to be critical of the officials, but some of (the penalties) are phantoms, honest to god."

Left tackle Charles Leno has a league-high eight penalties. He has been flagged four times for holding and twice each for illegal use of the hands and false starts. He was penalized only seven times all of last season.

"He had a couple that were clearly penalties but (not) as many as the number," Hiestand said. "It was a point of emphasis for (the officials) to start out the season doing it. Then they were calling them all over the place, then they backed off. I can't win commenting on that. He'll be fine."

5. Charles London hasn't had to say anything to David Montgomery to keep frustration at bay.

Rookie running back David Montgomery rushed for more than 1,000 yards in each of his last two seasons at Iowa State before the Bears drafted him in the third round. In his first five NFL games, Montgomery has 69 carries for 225 yards — just 3.3 yards per carry — with two touchdowns. In the last two games, he averaged less than 3 yards per carry.

"He understands the process," running backs coach Charles London said. "He understands it's growing as a player, growing as a team."

NFL POWER RANKINGS

49ers off to striking start

By Brad Biggs | Chicago Tribune

1. Patriots 6-0 (Last week: 1): The Patriots have only played one team — the Bills — with a current winning record. The schedule picks up in November.

2. Saints 5-1 (2): The defense is the story, having held two of the last three opponents to 10 points or less. Marshon Lattimore has been playing as good as any corner in the NFL.

3. 49ers 5-0 (5): The 49ers are off to a 5-0 start for the first time since 1990. Defensive coordinator Robert Saleh is being touted as a potential head-coaching candidate.

4. Seahawks 5-1 (4): The Seahawks are 5-1 for only the third time. The last season they started this hot was in 2013, when they went on to win the franchise's only Super Bowl title.

5. Packers 5-1 (6): Mason Crosby's 23-yard field goal as time expired Monday night lifted the Packers to a 23-22 win over the Lions and kept the Packers atop the NFC North.

6. Texans 4-2 (13): Deshaun Watson is squarely in the MVP race. He will have to be good on the road again this week as the Texans face the Colts.

7. Chiefs 4-2 (3): The Chiefs have lost two in a row, scoring a total of 37 points against the Texans and Colts. The defense has allowed a 100-yard rusher in four straight games.

8. Bills 4-1 (7): The Bills emerge from their week off with a three-game homestand vs. the Dolphins, Eagles and Redskins. That's a chance to improve upon a strong start.

9. Colts 3-2 (12): One reason QB Jacoby Brissett has been solid in replacing Andrew Luck is the performance of running back Marlon Mack, who has 470 rushing yards.

10. Ravens 4-2 (17): In a victory over the Bengals, electrifying QB Lamar Jackson became the first player in the Super Bowl era to have 200 passing yards and 150 rushing.

11. Vikings 4-2 (16): The Vikings are a significantly better team at home, especially on offense. Next month they have road games against the Lions, Chiefs and Cowboys.

12. Lions 2-2-1 (11): The Lions probably feel like they got jobbed by officials Monday. But they have their offense to blame for trading TDs for field goals against the Packers.

13. Panthers 4-2 (18): Ron Rivera isn't going to make a decision on his QB until he has to, but Cam Newton reportedly is cleared to return to practice and they have the week off.

14. Raiders 3-2 (14): The Raiders defense has been a little better than expected, and the pass rush will have to be on par this week in a road game against Aaron Rodgers and the Packers.

15. Bears 3-2 (15): After a week off, the Bears likely will get QB Mitch Trubisky and WR Taylor Gabriel and maybe DL Bilal Nichols back from injuries when they host the Saints.

16. Eagles 3-3 (9): The Eagles are scuffling after a bad road loss to the Vikings, but coach Doug Pederson didn't shy from backing his team during a radio appearance Monday.

17. Rams 3-3 (8): The Rams have lost three straight, and one problem has been consistent — the offensive line isn't playing well. The Rams' season could slip away quickly.

18. Cowboys 3-3 (10): The Cowboys had been losing games only to good teams before last week, when the previously-winless Jets stung them at the Meadowlands.

19. Browns 2-4 (20): Frustration is rising in Cleveland, where so much was expected of an overhauled roster. It's worth wondering if the Browns were touted a year too soon.

20. Broncos 2-4 (26): It took a month, but Vic Fangio got his defense rolling. That said, we'll get a better idea of where this unit is Thursday night vs. the high-powered Chiefs.

21. Steelers 2-4 (27): How about undrafted rookie QB Devlin Hodges? He stepped in for Mason Rudolph, out with a concussion, to lead the Steelers past the Chargers in L.A.

22. Jaguars 2-4 (21): The Gardner Minshew magic ended in a home loss to the Saints. The rookie sixth-round pick looked frazzled in the pocket and struggled to put together drives.

23. Cardinals 2-3-1 (25): Kyler Murray continues to show flashes in helping the Cardinals win the last two weeks. But those victories came vs. the Bengals and Falcons.

24. Chargers 2-4 (19): The Chargers lost for the fourth time in five games. Maybe more embarrassing was that their temporary home was packed with Steelers fans Sunday night.

25. Titans 2-4 (23): After the benching of QB Marcus Mariota in a shutout loss to the previously-winless Broncos, it's starting to look like he isn't the future of the franchise.

26. Giants 2-4 (24): With a long week to prepare after a Thursday night beating by the Patriots, the Giants are hopeful RB Saquon Barkley and TE Evan Engram will return.

27. Buccaneers 2-4 (22): Jameis Winston had a disastrous start in London, throwing five picks in a 37-26 loss to the Panthers. He has 10 interceptions this season.

28. Jets 1-4 (31): Sam Darnold is what sets the Jets apart from the others near the bottom of the rankings. They have a young QB who has shown glimpses of being a building block.

29. Falcons 1-5 (28): Matt Ryan had his best game of the season vs. the Cardinals, but the Falcons lost again as the defense was awful and Matt Bryant missed a late extra-point.

30. Redskins 1-5 (30): Adrian Peterson ran for 118 yards on 23 carries last week as interim coach Bill Callahan followed through on his pledge to commit to the ground game.

31. Bengals 0-6 (29): The Bengals are 0-6 for the first time since 2008 after losing to the Ravens 23-17. The Bengals were dominated in the opening quarter of the game.

32. Dolphins 0-5 (32): Ryan Fitzpatrick replaced Josh Rosen and led the Dolphins on two late TD drives, falling a two-point conversion short of beating the Redskins.

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BASEBALL

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The Nationals celebrate after clinching a spot in the World Series with a 7-4 win Tuesday.

NATIONALS 7, CARDINALS 4

Capital gain: Nats to Series

Fall Classic will make return to DC for 1st time since 1933

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was merely the first inning, yet fans kept rising out of their seats to applaud or yell or twirl their red towels, to chant "Let's go, Nats!" and "M-V-P!" and various players' names, enjoying every moment of a seven-run outburst that would, eventually, propel their city to its first World Series appearance in 86 years.

And then, a couple of hours later, as the Nationals were protecting a shrinking lead, those same spectators, 43,976 strong, stood and shouted and reveled some more Tuesday night, giddily counting down the outs needed to finish off an NL Championship Series sweep of the Cardinals.

From 19-31 during a mediocre May to the Fall Classic in an outstanding October.

Extending their stunning turnaround, the wild-card Nationals got RBIs from middle-of-the-order stars Anthony Rendon and Juan Soto in that breakout first inning, and Patrick Corbin's 12-strikeout performance and a trio of relievers helped hold on to beat the Cardinals 7-4 in Game 4 of a lopsided best-of-seven NLCS.

Now the Nationals get plenty of time to rest and set up their rotation before beginning the World Series in a week.

Corbin become the first pitcher to strike out 10 batters in the first four innings of a postseason game and earned the win after allowing four runs in five innings. Then second-year manager Dave Martinez — who so many thought might be fired back in May — turned to his NL-worst bullpen, such a problem for so much of this season.

After Tanner Rainey got three outs, and Sean Doolittle got five, Daniel Hudson came in for his fourth save in four chances this postseason. Hudson finished things with a 1-2-3 ninth, getting Tommy Edman on a fly ball to center field to end it. Players ran out of the dugout to meet in the center of the diamond while red fireworks went off around the stadium.

The last time the World Series came to the nation's capital was 1933, when the Washington Senators lost to the New York Giants in five games. The lone baseball championship for the city was in 1924, when the Senators defeated the Giants.

ASTROS 4, YANKEES 1

Cole, Altuve lift Astros

Starter goes 7 scoreless, slugger homers for 2-1 lead in ALCS

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Far from his best, Gerrit Cole was still unbeatable. Heck, he didn't even give up a run.

A gritty Cole held the Yankees scoreless without his sharpest stuff, Jose Altuve got things going at the plate and the Astros locked down a 4-1 victory Tuesday to take a 2-1 lead in the AL Championship Series.

Altuve and Josh Reddick homered early off Luis Severino, who labored into the fifth while keeping the Yankees close. But they never broke through against Cole, who grinded through seven innings to win his 19th straight decision despite walking five batters for the second time in his career.

"Just boiled down to making some good pitches under pressure," he said.

Cole pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the first and stranded nine runners through five, improving to 3-0 with a 0.40 ERA in three outings this postseason. Poised to become a prized free agent this fall who could command more than $200 million, he's putting together a dominant run that's beginning to rival some of baseball's greatest October pitching performances.

The 29-year-old right-hander, unbeaten in 25 starts since his last loss May 22, allowed four hits and struck out seven. That ended a streak of 11 consecutive games with double-digit strikeouts — the previous big league record was eight. Cole led the majors with 326 Ks this season.

Game 4 in the best-of-seven playoff is scheduled for Wednesday night — but that could change. The gloomy weather forecast calls for a substantial storm with steady-to-heavy rain and wind all night in New York, potentially forcing a postponement that would likely alter pitching plans for both teams.

Gleyber Torres homered in the eighth off Astros reliever Joe Smith, one batter after replay umpires reversed a call and ruled Edwin Encarnacion out at first base. That led to a little trash and a ball being thrown onto the field before public address announcer Paul Olden reminded fans not to toss any objects out of the stands.

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Gerrit Cole celebrates after retiring the side in the sixth inning of the Astros' win Tuesday.

Roberto Osuna got three quick outs in the ninth for a save.

The Astros got a rally going in the seventh against scuffling reliever Adam Ottavino. George Springer walked and went to third when Altuve, who homered on Severino's third pitch, executed a perfect run-and-hit single through the right side.

After some savvy baserunning by Springer to stay in a rundown long enough to get runners to second and third, one run scored on a wild pitch by Zack Britton. Yuli Gurriel then made it 4-0 with a sacrifice fly.

After rolling to a 7-0 victory in the series opener, the Yankees — the highest-scoring team in the majors this season — have totaled three runs in the last 20 innings.

Yankees slugger Giancarlo Stanton sat out for the second consecutive game because of a strained right quadriceps. He was replaced in the lineup by Aaron Hicks, who batted ninth.

CUBS

Baseball whiz

Epstein's dog damaged an Arizona rental home with excessive urinating in 2015, the owners say. Now they're suing the Cubs president.

By Paul Sullivan

As if Theo Epstein didn't have enough on his plate as the Cubs search for a manager, the team president is being sued by an Arizona couple who claim Epstein's dog, Winston, damaged their house by urinating excessively when Epstein rented the house during spring training in 2015.

According to the Phoenix New Times, the lawsuit filed Tuesday in Maricopa County said Epstein's dog at the Paradise Valley, Ariz., home where he and his family stayed left "a terrible odor and urine-stained carpeting."

The owners of the house, John and Mary Valentino, also claimed in the suit that efforts to fix the problem failed because the urine "penetrated through the carpeting and pad to the slab."

Epstein moved out of the house early because of a scorpion infestation and later was shown a repair estimate of $51,405, according to the report.

The couple even alluded to a quote Epstein made in 2017 as proof of the dog's problem. When asked about being named the world's greatest leader by Fortune magazine after the Cubs won the 2016 World Series championship, Epstein replied: "I can't even get my dog to stop peeing in the house."

Asked to comment on the suit Tuesday, Epstein replied: "As I said, we have no untouchables. Winston is definitely available in the right trade."

Julian Green, the Cubs vice president of communications, told the New Times the lawsuit was "baseless" and compared the Valentinos' description of Epstein's dog to the horror movie "Monster Dog."

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Theo Epstein is being sued by an Arizona couple after his dog allegedly damaged a rental property in 2015.

"This frivolous lawsuit would have you believe a 10-pound rescue puppy transformed into a nightmarish Levitan (sic) from the 1984 Alice Cooper horror movie and went on a rampage in a rental property," Green said, referring to the film's Spanish title, "Leviatan."

Green told the New Times that an exterminator discovered 45 scorpions on the property that "put (Epstein's) family at risk every time they put their children to sleep." The Epsteins moved into a different house for the last two weeks of spring training.

The owners kept the $5,000 security deposit, and according to a source the Epsteins did not hear from them again for more than four years until the suit was filed Tuesday.

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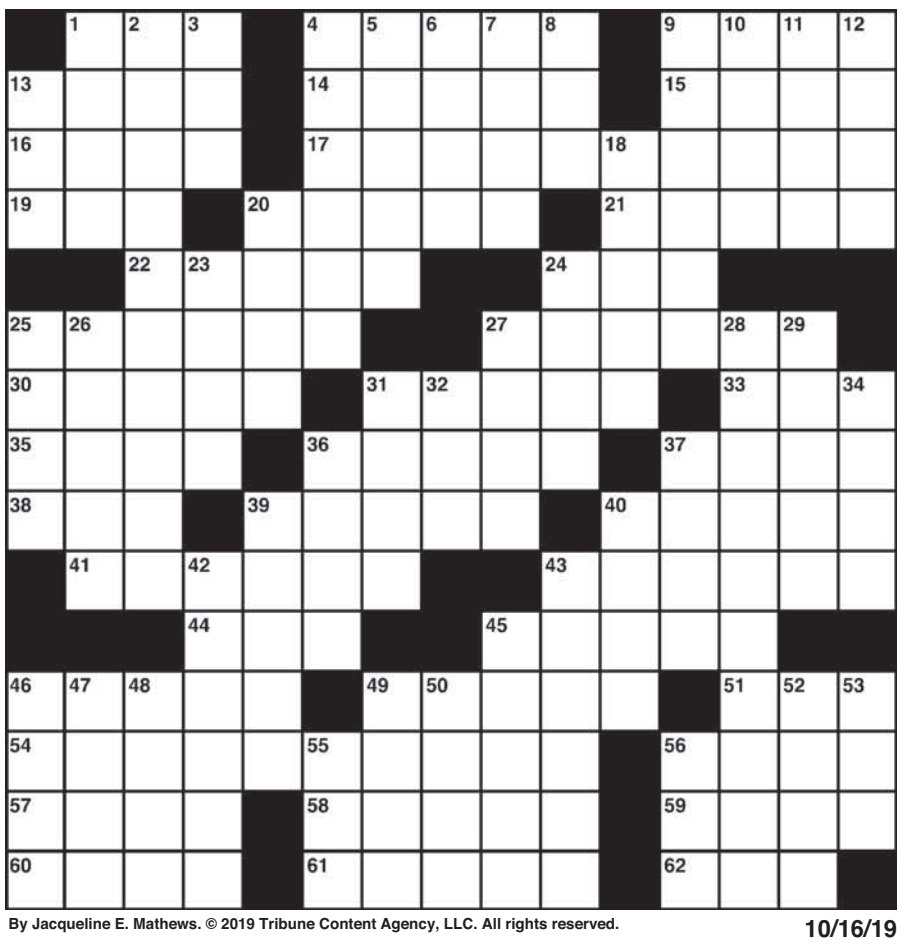

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Greenstein

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"It's funny because we didn't play a perfect game," Siemian recalled by telephone. "We had lots of turnovers. But we came in thinking: Shoot, we've got nothing to lose. You get in trouble when guys try not to make a mistake and play too perfect."

Siemian, who's on injured reserve with the Jets, hopes his alma mater adopts this philosophy Friday night: You must play boldly to win.

2. Northwestern is a massive underdog.

The line opened at 25 ½ points and has inched past 28. It's believed to be the largest spread for a Northwestern game since the Wildcats visited Notre Dame in 1995.

Need we report that the 27-point underdog Wildcats won that game too to open their Rose Bowl season?

3. Northwestern is moving everything up a day.

Except the injury report. That will be released Thursday as usual.

Left tackle Rashawn Slater is listed on the two-deep after missing the last game, which preceded a week off, with an undisclosed injury. Tailback Isaiah Bowser, an Ohio native, appears to remain sidelined by a knee injury.

Quarterback Hunter Johnson (knee) practiced Tuesday and said: "You will get some bumps and bruises along the way. It's part of playing football. But I'm feeling good."

Coach Pat Fitzgerald won't say whether he plans to start Johnson or Aidan Smith. Their statistical profiles are remarkably similar.

- Johnson: 48.3 completion percentage, one touchdown, four interceptions, 77.7 passing efficiency rating, 2.2 yards per carry.
- Smith: 49.2 completion percentage, one touchdown, four interceptions, 78.1 rating, 2.5 yards per carry

Johnson throws a slightly better ball. Smith is a bit more mobile and knows the system better.

4. Ryan Fieldhouse was alive Tuesday.

Fitzgerald hustled off the field after what he called a "great" practice, saying of a potential upset: "We just have to put it all together. And the No. 1 thing, take care of the football."

The highlights of practice came when the defense caused turnovers, prompting the sound engineer to crank "T.N.T." by AC/DC. Those letters stand for "Takeaways 'n' Turnovers" in NU parlance.

Backup linebacker Peter McIntyre earned it for a pick-six, and safety JR Pace made a terrific interception while going to the ground.

"It's always fun," Pace said of the theme song, "when you get to celebrate with your brothers."

Northwestern players celebrate an overtime win against Notre Dame on Nov. 15, 2014, in South Bend, Ind.
JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY

5. The statistical gap between the teams is unreal.

On offense, anyway. The Buckeyes average 49.3 points, fourth in the FBS. The Wildcats are scoring 14.4 per game, third-fewest after Rutgers (11.8) and Akron (14.3).

NU quarterbacks have combined for two touchdown passes and eight interceptions, a 1-to-4 ratio. Justin Fields' ratio for Ohio State is 18-to-1.

The first-year starter, who transferred from Georgia, is sixth nationally in passing efficiency with a 187.5 rating. Northwestern has the lowest-rated passing offense in America, and that's after Smith played decently at Nebraska, completing 59.4% of his throws.

6. NU fans thought they saw the Second Coming in Indianapolis.

Dwayne Haskins carved up the Wildcats last seasonin Ohio State's 45-24 victory in the Big Ten title game, throwing beautifully on the run as he completed 34 of 41 passes for 499 yards with five touchdowns and one pick.

Fields might be even more dangerous because the sophomore is lethal on scrambles and designed runs. He has rushed 45 times for 303 yards, a 6.7 average, and taken 12 sacks that sucked up 66 yards. His 26 combined passing and rushing touchdowns lead the nation.

"I think he's just scratching the upside," offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson told The Athletic.

7. Kevin Wilson developed his offense in Evanston.

Heading into the 2000 season, Northwestern had almost no decent fullbacks or tight ends. So Wilson, the offensive coordinator, went to Clemson to study the up-tempo, no-huddle spread with Rich Rodriguez. Then he persuaded coach Randy Walker to adopt it.

Just like that, Northwestern went from 12.8 points per game and a 3-9 record to 38.6 points per game, an 8-4 mark and a share of the Big Ten title.

Buckeyes coach Ryan Day said Monday that as a quarterback at New Hampshire from 1998 to 2001, he studied the Wilson/Walker spread offense. It influenced his.

Yup, Northwestern's offense was once innovative. Now it's lifeless.

8. Northwestern hasn't faced an opponent this talented since ...

Michigan State in 2013. At least that was the consensus at Tuesday's practice. Those Spartans went 13-1 with a four-point loss at Notre Dame and a Rose Bowl victory over Stanford.

The Spartans clubbed Northwestern 30-6 at Ryan Field, intercepting three passes.

9. The crowd ratio could be brutal.

NU officials have made every effort to fill Ryan Field with purple by tying this game into season ticket packages. But the 1-4 start and limp offense, mixed with Ohio State's 6-0 dominance and dual Heisman Trophy candidates (Fields and defensive end Chase Young) could yield a sea of red in the stands.

The secondary ticket market is decent, with the best seats fetching about $200 plus fees.

10. The Wildcats won't be intimidated.

The last three meetings have been close. The Buckeyes won the Big Ten title game by 21, but it was a seven-point game with 10 minutes to play. Ohio State eked out a 24-20 victory in Columbus in 2016. The 2013 game, featuring ankle-high grass at Ryan Field, came down to the final play, a lateral-fest that deserved a laugh track and gave the Buckeyes a superfluous touchdown in their 40-30 win.

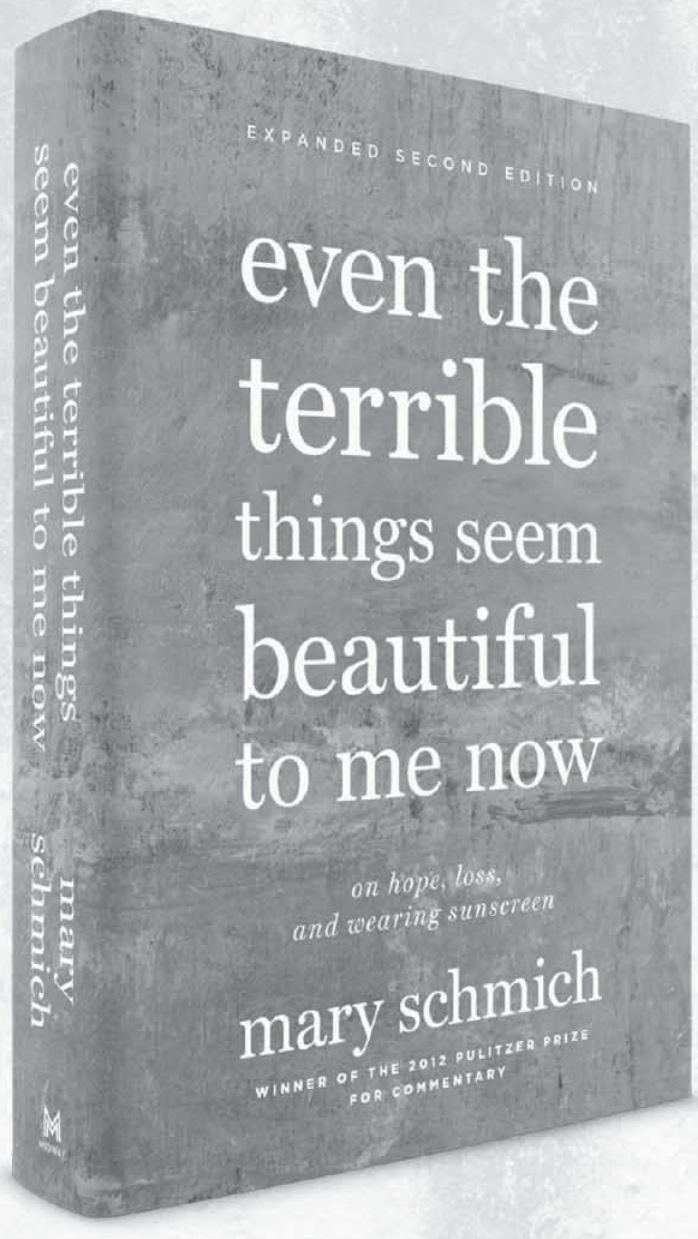
And maybe the 2014 game in South Bend will serve as inspiration.

NU center Jared Thomas was a senior in high school in Indianapolis and recalled "watching it in the living room, screaming and yelling all the way to the end."

"Honestly," Thomas said Tuesday, "things haven't gone the way we want them to go so far. A couple plays go our way, people won't be saying the things they are saying. And we won't be feeling the way we're feeling."

Even the Terrible Things Seem Beautiful to Me Now

An updated collection of columns from Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Mary Schmich.



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WORLD SERIES

Game 1: Tuesday, Oct. 22
Game 2: Wednesday, Oct. 23
Game 3: Friday, Oct. 25
Game 4: Saturday, Oct. 26
Game 5: x-Sunday, Oct. 27
Game 6: x-Tuesday, Oct. 29
Game 7: x-Wednesday, Oct. 30
x-if necessary

HOUSTON 4, N.Y. YANKEES 1

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer cf-rf	4	0	0	0	2	.121
Altuve 2b	5	2	2	1	0	.375
Brantley lf	4	1	2	0	1	.250
Marisnick pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Bregman 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.292
Gurriel 1b	4	0	1	1	0	.233
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	0	1	.207
Correa ss	4	0	0	0	2	.161
Reddick rf-lf	4	1	1	1	1	.143
Maldonado c	4	0	1	0	2	.333
TOTALS	**34**	**4**	**7**	**3**	**10**	

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 1b	5	0	2	0	0	.333
Judge rf	4	0	1	0	2	.318
Gardner lf	4	0	0	0	1	.200
Encarnacion dh	4	0	1	0	0	.200
Torres 2b	2	1	1	1	1	.417
Gregorius ss	4	0	0	0	0	.227
Sanchez c	4	0	0	0	2	.095
Urshela 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.217
Hicks cf	2	0	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**7**	

Houston	110	000	200	— 4	7	0
New York	000	000	010	— 1	5	1

1-ran for Brantley in the 9th. **E:** Severino (1). **LOB:** Houston 10, New York 9. **2B:** Maldonado (1), Encarnacion (3). **HR:** Altuve (4), off Severino; Reddick (1), off Severino; Torres (3), off Smith. **RBIs:** Altuve (6), Reddick (1), Gurriel (5), Torres (10). **SB:** Altuve (1). **SF:** Gurriel. **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 7 (Correa, Brantley, Springer, Alvarez 2, Gurriel); New York 5 (Gregorius 2, Judge, LeMahieu). **RISP:** Houston 0 for 8; New York 0 for 6.

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cole W,3-0	7	4	0	0	5	7	0.40
Smith	⅓	1	1	1	0	0	2.45
Harris H,2	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Osuna S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.69

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Severino L,0-1	4⅓	5	2	2	3	6	2.16
Green	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Kahnle	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.59
Ottavino	0	1	2	2	1	0	11.57
Britton	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.69
Cessa	2	1	0	0	0	3	0.00

Ottavino pitched to 2 batters in the 7th
Inherited runners-scored: Green 2-0, Britton 2-2. **IBB:** off Britton (Bregman). **HBP:** Cessa (Bregman). **WP:** Britton. **Time:** 3:44. **A:** 48,998 (47,309).

SOCCER

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
Eastern Conference
SATURDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. at Toronto, Noon
New England at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
SUNDAY'S MATCH
N.Y. Red Bulls at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Western Conference
SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Dallas at Seattle, 2:30 p.m.
Portland at Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
SUNDAY'S MATCH
LA Galaxy at Minn., 7:30 p.m.
Bye: *Los Angeles FC, New York City FC*

NWSL PLAYOFFS

Semifinals
SUNDAY'S MATCH
#4 Reign FC at #1 N. Carolina, 12:30 p.m.
#3 Portland at #2 Chicago, 2:30 p.m.

NFL

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
New England	6	0	0	1.000	190	48	3-0-0	3-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0
Buffalo	4	1	0	.800	90	70	1-1-0	3-0-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	63	123	1-2-0	0-2-0	0-3-0	1-1-0	0-2-0
Miami	0	5	0	.000	42	180	0-4-0	0-1-0	0-3-0	0-2-0	0-1-0
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**AFC**	**NFC**	**DIV**
Houston	4	2	0	.667	162	134	2-1-0	2-1-0	3-0-0	1-2-0	1-0-0
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	113	115	1-1-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Jacksonville	2	4	0	.333	117	131	1-2-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Tennessee	2	4	0	.333	98	92	0-2-0	2-2-0	1-4-0	1-0-0	0-2-0
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**AFC**	**NFC**	**DIV**
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	184	140	2-1-0	2-1-0	3-2-0	1-0-0	2-1-0
Cleveland	2	4	0	.333	120	154	0-3-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	0-3-0	1-0-0
Pittsburgh	2	4	0	.333	123	131	1-2-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Cincinnati	0	6	0	.000	97	159	0-2-0	0-4-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	0-2-0
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**AFC**	**NFC**	**DIV**
Kansas City	4	2	0	.667	172	144	1-2-0	3-0-0	3-2-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Oakland	3	2	0	.600	103	123	2-1-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Denver	2	4	0	.333	106	106	1-2-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
L.A. Chargers	2	4	0	.333	120	118	1-3-0	1-1-0	2-3-0	0-1-0	0-1-0

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV
Dallas	3	3	0	.500	153	114	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	2-0-0
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	161	149	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
N.Y. Giants	2	4	0	.333	111	160	1-2-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Washington	1	5	0	.167	90	167	0-3-0	1-2-0	0-4-0	1-1-0	0-3-0
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**NFC**	**AFC**	**DIV**
New Orleans	5	1	0	.833	128	122	3-0-0	2-1-0	3-1-0	2-0-0	1-0-0
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	166	133	1-2-0	3-0-0	2-2-0	2-0-0	1-1-0
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	173	185	0-3-0	2-1-0	2-4-0	0-0-0	1-2-0
Atlanta	1	5	0	.167	135	186	1-1-0	0-4-0	1-2-0	0-3-0	0-0-0
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**NFC**	**AFC**	**DIV**
Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	142	115	3-1-0	2-0-0	4-1-0	1-0-0	3-0-0
Minnesota	4	2	0	.667	150	93	3-0-0	1-2-0	3-2-0	1-0-0	0-2-0
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	87	69	1-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Detroit	2	2	1	.500	119	118	1-1-0	1-1-1	1-2-1	1-1-0	0-1-0
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**NFC**	**AFC**	**DIV**
San Francisco	5	0	0	1.000	147	64	2-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0
Seattle	5	1	0	.833	165	146	2-1-0	3-0-0	2-1-0	3-0-0	2-0-0
L.A. Rams	3	3	0	.500	153	154	1-2-0	2-1-0	2-3-0	1-0-0	0-2-0
Arizona	2	3	1	.417	134	171	1-2-1	1-1-0	1-2-1	1-1-0	0-1-0

WEEK 7

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Kansas City at Denver, 7:20 p.m.
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Miami at Buffalo, noon
Houston at Indianapolis, noon
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, noon
Oakland at Green Bay, noon
L.A. Rams at Atlanta, noon
Minnesota at Detroit, noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, noon
San Francisco at Washington, noon
L.A. Chargers at Tennessee, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Open: Tampa Bay, Cleveland, Carolina, Pittsburgh
MONDAY, OCT. 21
New England at N.Y. Jets, 7:15 p.m.

MONDAY: PACKERS 23, LIONS 22

Detroit	10	3	6	3 — 22
Green Bay	0	10	3	10 — 23

First quarter **A:** 76,947.
Det: FG Prater 26, 12:41.
Det: K.Johnson 1 run (Prater kick), 6:35.
Second quarter
Det: FG Prater 22, 13:28.
GB: J.Williams 5 pass from Rodgers (M.Crosby kick), 7:31.
GB: FG M.Crosby 37, :07.
Third quarter
GB: FG M.Crosby 48, 12:35.
Det: FG Prater 41, 9:01.
Det: FG Prater 51, 3:27.
Fourth quarter
Det: FG Prater 54, 12:17.
GB: Lazard 35 pass from Rodgers (M.Crosby kick), 9:03.
GB: FG M.Crosby 23, :00.

TEAM STATS	DET	GB
First downs	13	22
Total net yards	299	447
Rushes-yards	20-56	29-170
Passing	243	277
Punt returns	0-0	1-(minu
Kickoff returns	2-55	6-96
Int. returns	1-55	0-0
Comp-att-int	18-32-0	24-39-1
Sacked-yds lost	3-22	1-6
Punts	4-46.5	3-51.7
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-yards	8-50	6-48
Possession time	26:56	33:04

Rushing: Det, K.Johnson 13-34, Agnew 1-9, Stafford 3-9, McKissic 3-4. **GB,** J.Williams 14-104, A.Jones 11-47, Rodgers 3-10, Valdes-Scantling 1-9.
Passing: Det, Stafford 18-32-0-265. **GB,** Rodgers 24-39-1-283.
Receiving: Det, Golladay 5-121, Hockenson 4-21, K.Johnson 2-27, M.Jones 2-17, McKissic 2-7, Hall 1-58, James 1-8, Amendola 1-6. **GB,** Lazard 4-65, J.Williams 4-32, A.Jones 4-13, Allison 3-40, Lewis 2-50, Valdes-Scantling 2-48, Graham 2-17.

NBA PRESEASON

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 118, Cleveland 95
Philadelphia 106, Detroit 86
Minnesota 119, Indiana 111
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 7 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 8 p.m.
Melbourne United at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Miami at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 8 p.m.
Dallas vs. L.A. Clippers
at Vancouver, BC, 9:30 p.m.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Toronto vs. Brooklyn
at Uniondale, N.Y., 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 7 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR STOCKHOLM

At Kungliga tennishallen; Stockholm, Sweden; hard-indoor
Men's Singles, Round Of 32
#5 Pablo Carreno Busta d.
John Millman, 6-4, 6-3.
Y. Nishioka d. R. Albot, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.
G. Mager d. P. Andujar, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1.
Sam Querrey d. D. Novak, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
C-Marcel Stebe d. B. Schnur, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.
Alexei Popyrin d. O. Otte, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5).
Yuichi Sugita d. Elias Ymer, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Filip Krajinovic d. C. Ruud, 6-3, 7-5.

WTA LUXEMBOURG

At Kockelscheuer Sport Centre; Luxembourg, Luxembourg; hard-indoor
Women's Singles, Round Of 32
#1 Elise Mertens d.
Bibiane Schoofs, 6-0, 6-3.
#3 Elena Rybakina d.
Chloe Paquet, 6-2, 7-6 (2).
Monica Niculescu d.
#4 Alison van Uytvanck, 2-4, ret.
Andrea Petkovic d.
#6 Camila Giorgi, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Monica Puig d.
#7 Fiona Ferro, 6-1, 6-0.
Sorana Cirstea d. P. Parmentier, 6-3, 6-4.
L. Siegemund d. M. Kostyuk, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.
A. Lottner d. T. Korpatsch, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

WTA WORLD TOUR MOSCOW

At Olympic Stadium; Moscow; hard-indoor
Men's Singles, Round Of 32
#6 Andrey Rublev d.
Alexander Bublik, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.
#8 Miomir Kecmanovic d.
Artem Dubrivnyy, 6-1, 7-5.
Roberto Carballes Baena d.
Ricardas Berankis, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
M. Kukushkin d. E. Donskoy, 6-4, 6-3.
P. Kohlschreiber d. P-H Herbert, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Jeremy Chardy d. N. Jarry, 6-4, 6-2.
I. Karlovic d. A. Bedene, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (6).
Women's Singles, Round Of 32
#5 Dayana Yastremska d.
Daria Kasatkina, 6-1, 6-4.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d.
#7 Maria Sakkari, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.
#8 Ekaterina Alexandrova d.
Jana Cepelova, 6-1, 6-4.
Kaia Kanepi d. Timea Babos, 6-1, 6-3.
K. Flipkens d. N. Vikhlyantseva, 6-3, 6-2.
Polona Hercog d. K. Siniakova, 6-4, 6-2.
V. Gracheva d. A. Tomljanovic, 6-3, 6-2.
V. Kudermetova d. O. Jabeur, 6-3, 6-3.
K. Mladenovic d. Y. Putintseva, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

ATP WORLD TOUR EUROPEAN OPEN

At Lotto Arena; Antwerp, Belgium; hard-indoor
Men's Singles, Round Of 32
#7 Jan-Lennard Struff d.
Gregoire Barrere, 6-2, 6-1.
Feliciano Lopez d. C. Norrie, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Marius Copil d. F. Delbonis, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
K. Soon Woo d. R. Gasquet, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Jannik Sinner d. K. Majchrzak, 6-4, 6-2.
Gilles Simon d. Steve Darcis, 6-1, 6-2.
Ugo Humbert d. Jozef Kovalik, 6-4, 7-5.
Andy Murray d. K. Coppejans, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

ODDS

NHL

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at Washington	Off	Toronto	Off
at Pittsburgh	-115	Colorado	+105
at Columbus	-115	Dallas	+105
at Edmonton	-128	Philadelphia	+118
at Anaheim	-126	Buffalo	+116
at San Jose	-124	Carolina	+114

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

	SP	OU	WEDNESDAY
at Troy	15	55	S. Alabama
	SP	**OU**	**THURSDAY**
LA-Laf.	6	67	at Arkansas St
at Stanford	7	52½	UCLA
	SP	**OU**	**FRIDAY**
at FAU	5½	57	Marshall
Pittsburgh	3½	52	at Syracuse
Ohio State	28	49½	at Northwestern
at Fresno St	15	53	UNLV
	SP	**OU**	**SATURDAY**
at Virginia	3½	46½	Duke
at Miami	18	47	Georgia Tech
Clemson	24	60½	at Louisville
Army	6½	56½	at Georgia St
Buffalo	17½	48	at Akron
Indiana	5½	58½	at Maryland
Houston	21½	58½	at UConn
at Wake Forest	2	69	Florida St
at Ga. Southern	6½	49½	Coast. Carol.
Cent. Mich.	11½	54	at Bowl. Green
at UCF	33	62½	East Carolina
at Cincinnati	17½	49½	Tulsa
NC State	3½	52½	at Boston Coll.
at Iowa	18	49	Purdue
at Ohio	7½	59½	Kent St
W Michigan	8½	61½	at E. Michigan
at Texas	22	61	Kansas
Wisconsin	31	49½	at Illinois
at Utah St	21	62	Nevada
Boise St	6½	50	at BYU
at Wyoming	20	49	New Mexico
at Utah	13½	48½	Arizona St
Toledo	1½	59½	at Ball St
N Illinois	2½	48½	at Miami Ohio
at California	11	51½	Oregon St
Oregon	2½	51	at Washington
at USC	9½	67	Arizona
at Wash. St	12½	72	Colorado
Florida	6	48½	at S. Carolina
at Georgia	24½	48	Kentucky
TCU	3½	46	at Kansas St
LSU	18	61	at Miss. St
at Alabama	34½	62	Tennessee
Southern Miss	1	55½	at Louisiana Tech
at UAB	15½	44	Old Dominion
at Oklahoma	33½	65	W. Virginia
at Okla. St	3	66	Baylor
Auburn	18½	55	at Arkansas
Texas A&M	6½	56½	at Mississippi
at Memphis	4	59½	Tulane
N. Carolina	3½	56½	at VA Tech
Minnesota	28½	48	at Rutgers
Iowa St	7	55½	at Texas Tech
at Navy	14	53½	South Florida
at Appalach. St	14½	65	LA-Monroe
Missouri	21½	56½	at Vanderbilt
San Diego St	8	47	at San Jose St
at W Kentucky	9	50	Charlotte
at North Texas	8½	59½	Mid. Tenn.
Rice	4	44½	at UTSA
at SMU	7½	59	Temple
at FIU	24	54	UTEP
at Penn St	9	45½	Michigan
Air Force	3	62½	at Hawaii

NFL

WEEK 7	SP	OU	THURSDAY
Kansas City	3	49	at Denver
	SP	**OU**	**SUNDAY**
at NY Giants	3	49½	Arizona
at Indianapolis	Pk	47½	Houston
at Buffalo	16½	40	Miami
Minnesota	1	45	at Detroit
at Green Bay	6	46½	Oakland
Jacksonville	3	43½	at Cincinnati
LA Rams	3	54	at Atlanta
San Fran.	10	42	at Washington
at Tennessee	2	40	LA Chargers
at Seattle	3½	50	Baltimore
at Chicago	3	38½	New Orleans
at Dallas	3	49½	Philadelphia
	SP	**OU**	**MONDAY**
New England	10	42½	at NY Jets

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	5	0	1	11	25	13
Boston	5	1	0	10	16	10
Toronto	4	2	1	9	28	24
Tampa Bay	3	2	1	7	23	18
Detroit	3	2	0	6	16	16
Montreal	2	2	2	6	22	24
Florida	2	2	2	6	19	24
Ottawa	1	4	0	2	12	19
METRO	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	5	1	0	10	24	16
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	8	25	16
Washington	3	2	2	8	22	23
N.Y. Islanders	3	3	0	6	15	17
Philadelphia	2	0	1	5	10	6
N.Y. Rangers	2	1	0	4	11	9
Columbus	2	3	0	4	11	18
New Jersey	0	4	2	2	13	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	5	0	0	10	22	12
St. Louis	3	1	2	8	19	20
Winnipeg	4	4	0	8	26	30
Nashville	3	2	0	6	23	21
Chicago	1	2	1	3	12	13
Dallas	1	5	1	3	13	23
Minnesota	1	5	0	2	14	25
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Edmonton	5	1	0	10	23	16
Anaheim	4	2	0	8	13	10
Vegas	4	2	0	8	24	14
Arizona	2	2	1	5	11	9
Calgary	2	3	1	5	15	20
Vancouver	2	2	0	4	13	10
Los Angeles	2	3	0	4	20	26
San Jose	2	4	0	4	13	22

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 1
Toronto 4, Minnesota 2
Arizona 4, Winnipeg 2
Philadelphia at Calgary, late
Detroit at Vancouver, late
Nashville at Vegas, late
Carolina at Los Angeles, late
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Dallas at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Carolina at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

LIGHTNING 3, CANADIENS 1

Tampa Bay	1	2	0 —	3
Montreal	1	0	0 —	1

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Montreal, Petry 2 (Domi), 15:46 (pp). **2,** Tampa Bay, Coburn 1 (Kucherov, Stamkos), 19:53. **Penalties:** Gourde, TB, (slashing), 14:22. **SECOND PERIOD: 3,** Tampa Bay, Stamkos 4 (Hedman, Kucherov), 1:04 (pp). **4,** Tampa Bay, Johnson 2 (Gourde, Palat), 2:01. **Penalties:** Kulak, MTL, (holding), 0:31; Hedman, TB, (roughing), 9:16; Sergachev, TB, (holding stick), 13:27. **THIRD PERIOD:** None. **Penalties:** Kucherov, TB, (slashing), 4:35; Shattenkirk, TB, (delay of game), 13:10. **SHOTS ON GOAL:** Tampa Bay 7-9-6—22. Montreal 9-11-14—34. **POWER PLAYS:** Tampa Bay 1 of 1; Montreal 1 of 5. **GOALIES:** Tampa Bay, Vasilevskiy 3-1-0 (34 shots-33 saves). Montreal, Price 2-2-1 (22-19). **A:** 20,406 (21,288). **T:** 2:29. **Referees:** Pierre Lambert, Garrett Rank. **Linesmen:** Scott Cherrey, Julien Fournier.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WEDNESDAY'S GAME
SOUTH
S. Alabama at Troy, 7 p.m.
THURSDAY'S GAME
SOUTH
ETSU at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
La.-Lafayette at Arkansas St., 6:30 p.m.
WEST
UCLA at Stanford, 8 p.m.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Pittsburgh at Syracuse, 6 p.m.
SOUTH
Marshall at FAU, 5:30 p.m.
MIDWEST
#4 Ohio St. at Northwestern, 7:30 p.m.
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UNLV at Fresno St., 9 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
TOP 25
Tennessee at #1 Alabama, 8p.m.
#2 LSU at Mississippi St., 2:30 p.m.
#3 Clemson at Louisville, 11 a.m.
W. Virginia at #5 Oklahoma, 11 a.m.
#6 Wisconsin at Illinois, 11 a.m.
#16 Michigan at #7 Penn St., 6:30 p.m.
#9 Florida at S. Carolina, 11 a.m.
Kentucky at #10 Georgia, 5 p.m.
#11 Auburn at Arkansas, 11 a.m.
#12 Oregon at #25 Washington, 2:30 p.m.
#14 Boise St. at BYU, 9:15 p.m.
Kansas at #15 Texas, 6 p.m.
#17 Arizona St. at Utah, 5 p.m.
#18 Baylor at Oklahoma St., 3 p.m.
Temple at #19 SMU, 2:30 p.m.
#20 Minnesota at Rutgers, 2:30 p.m.
Tulsa at #21 Cincinnati, 2:30 p.m.
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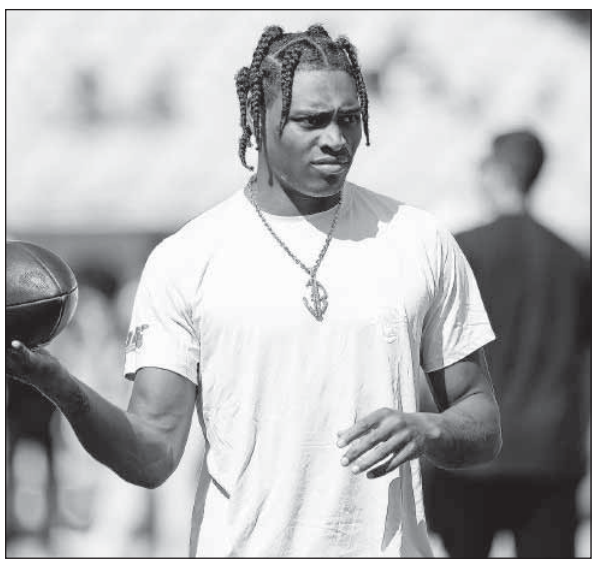

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The Rams acquired Pro Bowl cornerback Jalen Ramsey in trade with the Jaguars for two first-round draft picks.

NFL

Ramsey's wish finally granted

Jags trade corner to Rams for pair of 1st-round picks

News services

The Rams acquired star cornerback Jalen Ramsey from the Jaguars on Tuesday night in exchange for two first-round picks and a fourth-rounder.

The Jaguars gets first-round picks from the Rams in 2020 and 2021, and a fourth-round pick in 2021.

Ramsey is one of the NFL's elite defensive backs, earning two Pro Bowl selections in three seasons with Jaguars. The fifth overall pick in the 2016 draft has nine career interceptions, but his tumultuous tenure with the Jaguars is over one month after he requested a trade.

The Jaguars made the move five days after owner Shad Khan said he had a "heart to heart" with Ramsey and expected him to play against the Saints last weekend. Ramsey didn't, prompting Khan's decision to move on from the disgruntled defender.

Ramsey has missed the Jaguars' last three games with an apparent back injury, but he returned to practice last week.

The defending NFC champs traded corner Marcus Peters to the Ravens earlier in the day, getting linebacker Kenny Young for a two-time Pro Bowl selection who will be a free agent next year. The Rams also put corner Aqib Talib on IR on Monday after he missed last weekend's loss to the 49ers with a rib injury.

Ramsey's relationship with the Jaguars frayed in recent months. He had a public spat on the sideline with coach Doug Marrone in Week 2 against the Texans, and he clashed with personnel chief Tom Coughlin after the game.

The Rams are on their first three-game losing streak of coach Sean McVay's tenure.

Concussions data: The NFL announced that the number of concussions in exhibition games this year rose to 49 from 34 in 2018, an increase of 44% and a setback in efforts to reduce brain trauma.

"We have more work to do," said Dr. Allen Sills, the league's chief medical officer, at the owners' meetings in Florida.

Concussions in preseason practices fell to 30 from 45 in 2018, perhaps a reflection of the NFL's decision to eliminate drills that involve especially violent one-on-one contact.

More study regarding preseason concussions is planned to assess who's being injured and how.

Extra points: Ryan Tannehill will start at QB instead of Marcus Mariota for the Titans' home game against the Chargers on Sunday, NFL Network reported. ... The league suspended P.J. Williams, the Saints' top nickel corner, two weeks for violating the policy and program on substances of abuse, stemming from a January arrest. ... The league announced that officials erred when they called a second hands-to-the-face penalty against Lions DE Trey Flowers that set up the Packers' game-winning FG on Monday night. ... The Patriots suspended DE Michael Bennett for conduct detrimental to the team. The suspension is a result of a disagreement between Bennett and DL coach Bret Bielema on Friday that was witnessed by some players. Also, the Patriots released reserve QB Cody Kessler and re-signed veteran TE Ben Watson.

NHL

Varlamov, Greiss get job done for Isles

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Ryan Pulock pondered and paused. What do players look for, the Islanders defenseman had been asked, that establishes trust in goalies?

"It's a good question," Pulock said after Tuesday's practice. "I don't know if it's anything you look for. I think it's just something that comes. You gain that trust in a player just from them doing the right things, over and over. They just consistently do their job."

Coach Barry Trotz has started the season allowing both Thomas Greiss and free-agent signee Semyon Varlamov to establish that trust, alternating them through the Islanders' first six games. If that pattern holds, Varlamov will start Thursday night when the Islanders open a two-game road trip against the Jets.

Greiss, in the last season of a three-year, $10 million contract, is 2-1-0 with a 2.27 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage after making 21 saves in Monday's 3-2 overtime home win over the defending Stanley Cup champion Blues. Varlamov, who signed a four-year, $20 million deal, is 1-2-0 with a 3.16 GAA and .905 save percentage after stopping 35 shots in Saturday's 3-2 shootout win over the visiting Panthers.

Trotz said he's a "big believer" in giving both his goalies work early, figuring the team will need to rely on both throughout the long season.

"We've been able to keep both of them engaged and allowing Varly to come to a new team and assimilate," Trotz said.

"Not only with his teammates but with the way we play."

Coyotes break through: Christian Dvorak scored a pair of goals and the Coyotes beat the Jets 4-2 on Tuesday night.

The Coyotes had lost 10 straight games in Winnipeg, since the Jets franchise moved from Atlanta in 2011.

Darcy Kuemper made 38 saves for the Coyotes. He has allowed two goals or less in 11 straight games, tying the franchise record set by Nikolai Khabibulin.

Mark Scheifele had a goal and an assist and extended his point streak to five games with his team-leading fourth goal of the season for the Jets.

IN BRIEF

Protesters burn LeBron jerseys

When the ball smashed into a photo of LeBron James' face stuck above the hoop and dropped into the basket, the Hong Kong

BLACKHAWKS

Statistics telling the story

Some numbers are good indicators of how Hawks' early season has unfolded

By Jimmy Greenfield

When Jonathan Toews was credited with an assist on Brandon Saad's empty-net goal to seal the Blackhawks' 3-1 victory over the Oilers on Monday, it was Toews' first point of the season and many breathed a sigh of relief.

That's not how this works. You don't breathe a sigh of relief that Toews finally got a point. You breathe a sigh of relief Toews is on your team and don't worry about him.

Likewise, you don't worry about Patrick Kane getting off only eight shots on goal or Alex DeBrincat having just one goal in the Hawks' first four games.

There are much bigger things to worry about — and a few things to be happy about.

Here are five statistics that tell the story of the Hawks' first four games.

Ice time for Erik Gustafsson

Gustafsson's ice time dropped from 25 minutes, 43 seconds in the season opener to 23:40 in the second game and 16:43 and 16:19 in the last two.

And though he's probably not ecstatic about it, he should be. Because it's putting him and the team in a better position to succeed.

Everyone would love it if he could couple his elite offensive skills with the kind of shutdown defense that would translate into a Norris Trophy or two, but at 27, that's not happening. Gustafsson is a defensive liability, and the Hawks can't pretend he isn't.

The Hawks signaled they're done trying to fit a square peg into a round hole when they stopped playing Gustafsson with Duncan Keith — who can't support Gustafsson's offensive risks anymore — and paired him with Calvin de Haan.

In their first two games together, Gustafsson and de Haan were on the ice for 26 Hawks shots and 21 shots against. During Gustafsson's two games with Keith, they were on the ice for 15 Hawks shots and 36 shots against. Even with less ice time, the Gustafsson-de Haan pairing helped create more offense and allowed fewer scoring chances.

Since the start of last season, Gustafsson has played 25 minutes or more 16 times. The Hawks are 1-11-4 in those games. They're 8-3 when Gustafsson plays 20 minutes or fewer, including Monday's win.

Gustafsson was on the ice for just over 12 minutes at even strength against the Oilers, easily the lowest among the defensemen, and that translated into a strong game. Letting him quarterback the power play and limiting his chances to mess up defensively at even strength is a recipe for success.

Fewer on-ice minutes have made Erik Gustafsson, above, more effective for the Blackhawks, and goalie Corey Crawford, left, should also see his workload eased.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY CHRIS SWEDA (GUSTAFSSON) AND ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ (CRAWFORD)

Goals allowed for the Dominik Kubalik-David Kampf-Brandon Saad line

This has been the Hawks' best line this season, and it hasn't been close. It has strong possession numbers (34 shots and 23 shots against) while often playing against the opponent's top lines.

The line has allowed only three high-danger scoring chances in four games, and most importantly, no goals.

It's no surprise that when coach Jeremy Colliton broke up that line in the second game to try to jump-start the top two lines, the entire team stalled. He won't make that mistake again.

"They've all just got real big motors, big engines," Colliton said. "They work and compete and they all bring a little bit different ingredient. Obviously Saad is an accomplished, proven performer. He takes the puck to the net. He's a horse there. He's really hard to get the puck off. He transports it from (defensive) zone to the offensive zone. He can make those plays.

"Kampy is a workhorse. He takes a lot of responsibility defensively and can transport the puck from one end to another. Then you've got Kubi, he's got a bomb. I've been very impressed with his play away from the puck. That's been a surprise for me."

Possession stats for Brent Seabrook and Olli Maatta

When the Hawks traded for Maatta in the offseason, pairing him with Seabrook didn't appear to be in the plans. It's well-documented that Seabrook and Maatta are extremely slow, which you don't want from one defenseman, let alone two on the ice together.

Despite their lack of speed, Seabrook and Maatta are very skilled and smart, and Colliton has only so many ways to pair his six defensemen. So when training camp began, the Seabrook-Maatta pairing was presented to the world.

How has it gone? The Seabrook-Maatta pairing has been on the ice for 25 Hawks shots and 57 opponents shots. That 30.49 percentage is the second-worst of any pairing in the league with 20 minutes or more of ice time.

Opponents have scored only one goal while the Seabrook-Maatta pairing has been on the ice. Whether that's sustainable remains to be seen.

Games played for Corey Crawford

It seemed as though Robin Lehner would earn a second straight start in goal after playing well in Saturday's 3-2 overtime loss to the Jets. Colliton had other plans.

After sitting out the Jets game following two starts to open the season, Corey Crawford was back in net Monday and stopped 27 of 28 shots against the Oilers. The only goal came in a six-on-four situation in the third period when the Oilers were on a power play and also pulled their goalie for an extra attacker.

Crawford isn't going to start 60 games this season, but until something changes, it does appear Colliton views Crawford as the starting goalie and Lehner as the backup.

"(Crawford) looked sharp as ever," Colliton said. "He was really good. He did make some saves for us. That team has some weapons, so they had some opportunities and he was there and under control. It's something I've said about him before, he really gives the team confidence."

Goals for Alex Nylander

Despite having a terrible game against the Sharks, being a healthy scratch against the Jets and getting dropped to the fourth line against the Oilers, Nylander is tied for the team lead in goals.

OK, he has two along with Kane, Saad and Andrew Shaw, so nobody's jumping for joy over an offensive explosion. But if Nylander can maintain his ability to find the net while playing on the fourth line, it would be a huge payoff for the Hawks.

To be clear, Nylander was not very good against the Oilers. His turnover in the neutral zone during the second period nearly led to a tying goal, and Colliton gave him just nine shifts and 8:20 of ice time, not unusual for a fourth-line winger.

But the Hawks spent all of training camp and the start of the season grooming Nylander to be a top-six forward. When Colliton put him back in the lineup after missing the Jets game, it seemed like a terrible fit to have him on the fourth line.

Yet Nylander kept his head up despite sitting most of the game. When he found a loose puck in the slot during the second period, he pounced on it and beat Oilers goalie Mike Smith through the five-hole to give the Hawks a 2-0 lead.

"He had some good shifts early on," Colliton said. "He had the one shift in the second period where he made a couple mistakes, but that's part of what he's got to go through to learn how to be consistent at this level.

"He gave us some good shifts in the third, and (Connor) McDavid and (Leon) Draisaitl were playing the whole period, so you need guys to take a matchup every once in a while. And that line ended up scoring. Happy for him."

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That compelled Bowman to devote his summer to finding solutions that started with fixing the defense.

Of the six trades he made, two were for veteran defensemen Olli Maatta and Calvin de Haan. Bowman's biggest free-agent signing was goalie Robin Lehner, a Vezina Trophy finalist added as insurance for Crawford. Scoring goals didn't concern the GM of a team with Kane, Alex DeBrincat and other dynamic playmakers.

Stopping them did. The emphasis on defense and determination was evident in every Bowman move, and then the puck dropped on the regular season.

Through three games before Monday's win, the Hawks resembled square pegs trying to fit into round holes on the blue line. They poked and plodded. They looked new but hardly improved. Nobody needed advanced metrics to see a defense failing the eye test.

Coach Jeremy Colliton's defensive system relies heavily on man-to-man principles and requires quickness the Hawks seem to lack. It's too early to overreact, but the style hardly plays to the strengths of Maatta and de Haan — or holdovers Connor Murphy and Brent Seabrook, for that matter. It more ideally suits defensemen such as Duncan Keith and Erik Gustafsson, who can skate the Hawks out of trouble if necessary.

As one former NHL executive wondered, will the players have to adapt to Colliton's system or will Colliton have to adjust his system to the skills of the players? Were these good fits or just good character guys?

The conundrum makes the Hawks dealing Jokiharju to the Sabres all the more curious. Jokiharju, the Hawks' first-round pick in 2017, turned 20 in June. He split time between Chicago and Rockford last season, a promising prospect perhaps caught in the developmental web of a coaching change.

In July, Jokiharju became the sixth first-round pick Bowman has traded. He was dealt for Nylander, a dynamic but inconsistent playmaker. Earlier this week, Sabres general manager Jason Botterill reportedly told Jokiharju to "go get a house" in the Buffalo area because he should expect to stick around a while. It's hard to figure why the team that drafted Jokiharju didn't see what the Sabres saw in the up-and-coming defenseman. Meanwhile, Nylander has two goals in four games but already has been a healthy scratch.

Bowman's other moves project more sensibly. Lehner gives the Hawks as potent a goalie combination as there is in the league. He played solidly in his Hawks debut — a 3-2 overtime loss to the Jets — and raised a few eyebrows with pointed postgame comments seldom heard from goaltenders about "tightening up" the defense. But nobody will mind a little outspokenness if Lehner's presence on the roster brings out the best in Crawford.

The return of Shaw, along with the addition of forwards Zack Smith and Ryan Carpenter, gives the Hawks an element of toughness too often missing last season. By design, the Hawks have outhit their first four opponents — with Shaw's body blows setting a tone even louder than his incessant trash-talking.

One of Bowman's most underrated acquisitions, Dominik Kubalik, fits nicely on the third line with Brandon Saad and David Kampf. That line helped shut down Connor McDavid on Monday night in front of Oilers great Wayne Gretzky. It will be the defense that defines the Hawks even if the offense looks explosive enough to carry them.

The Hawks can be fun to watch when they play as soundly as they did against the Oilers. The next five games — against the Blue Jackets, Capitals, Golden Knights, Flyers and Hurricanes — should provide a clearer indication of what type of team Bowman put together to compete in the rugged Central Division.

Before the Hawks realistically can see a championship window again, they have to reopen the door to the playoffs. Both have been shut in Chicago for too long.

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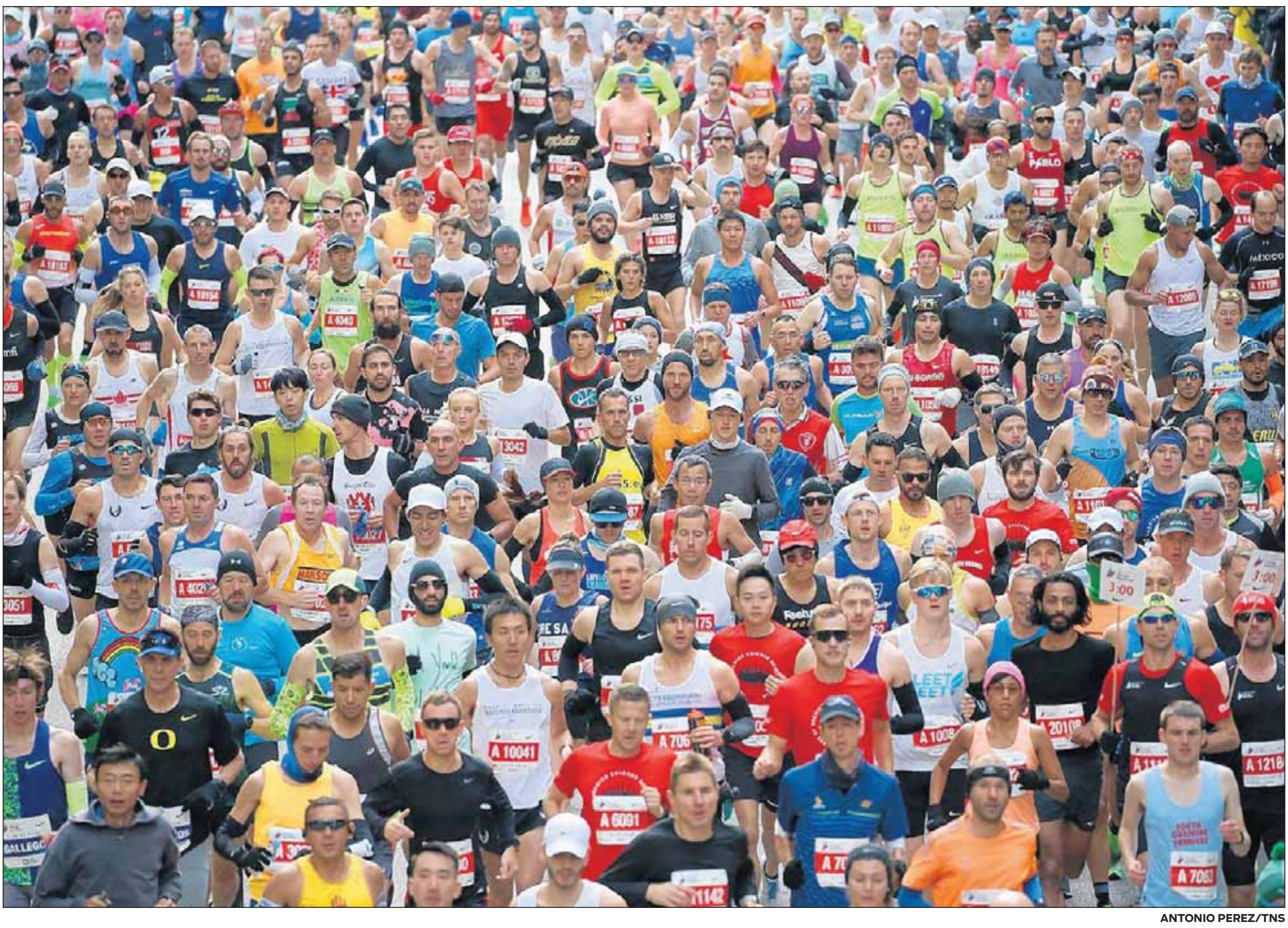

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Marathoners make their way down Grand Avenue near Michigan Avenue during the Chicago Marathon on Sunday.

120 minutes

Lasers, rabbits, new Nikes: How the 2-hour marathon barrier was finally broken

By Kim Bellware
The Washington Post

After a stunning weekend of history-making marathons, runners around the world laced up their shoes this week with a new sense of just how fast a human can go.

In winning the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, Brigid Kosgei of Kenya shattered the women's marathon world record by more than a minute, clocking an unofficial time of 2:14:04. One day earlier, her fellow countryman Eliud Kipchoge broke the two-hour marathon mark during a special event in Vienna when he finished the 26.2-mile course in 1:59:40. That effort did not come in an open race and will not count as a world record.

Kipchoge's run, in particular, touched off a wave of excitement since the two-hour marathon barrier was long seen as unbreakable.

"Kipchoge's dominance at the marathon is as if the New England Patriots won seven out of the last eight Super Bowls — that's how good he is," said Steve Magness, a performance coach for professional runners who also heads the University of Houston's cross-country team.

The 34-year-old Kipchoge, the 2016 Olympic gold medalist, already holds the official marathon world record of 2:01:39, which he set last year at the Berlin Marathon.

But his feat has also sparked debate: Unlike Kosgei's record, which was set during a race in which she lacked control of most variables, Kipchoge achieved his historic time under meticulously engineered conditions, including a laser-beaming pace car, a wind-breaking phalanx of pace-setting runners known as "rabbits" and a pair of controversial, performance-enhancing Nike racing shoes. (Kosgei was also wearing a prototype of the shoes during her Chicago Marathon win.)

The sub-two-hour marathon time was part of the INEOS 1:59, a special speed challenge put on by the British chemical company of the same name.

To be a records-eligible course the race must adhere to stricter rules around pace-setting, its design and even drinks. (Runners can be disqualified for sipping anything but drinks picked up at a designated aid station.)

"It was singularly designed for [Kipchoge], so it was built around him. They basically throw the rules out," said Carey Pinkowski, who has served as race director for the Chicago Marathon for 30 years. The Chicago Marathon is known worldwide as one of the fastest courses because of its flatness, wind-neutralizing design and the relative mild weather. Pinkowski said similar factors were at work in the course set out in Vienna: flat, near sea level and shielded from wind and harsh sun thanks to a canopy of trees.

To break the wind, a group of elite pacesetters ran around Kipchoge in a reverse-V formation. Forty "rabbits," as pace setters are known, rotated in and out so that each rabbit who rotated in was on fresh enough legs to keep Kipchoge's sub-4:34 minute pace.

As Magness, the performance coach, noted, these weren't just any runners, either.

"It's like if you played a pickup football game and everyone is an NFL star. You had Olympic medalist athletes pacing him," Magess said. "If you took the best NCAA runner, they could maybe make it 20 to 25 percent of the way. To even be able to pace this, you have to be the best in the world."

BRIAN CASSELLA/TNS

Brigid Kosgei wins the Chicago Marathon in world-record time.

Keeping up is only half the battle, Magness added. Pacing requires precision, with even elite pacers fluctuating by five seconds faster or slower than the target pace. Magness said while that may not sound like a big deal, at the elite level, a five-second variance over 26.2 miles can be the difference between a world record and finding yourself completely out of gas — what's known in marathon running as "hitting a wall" or "bonking."

The pacers themselves were guided by a pace car that projected a green laser that strategically indicated where on the road they should run for the shortest possible distance. Magness said a course is measured in the shortest distance a runner could travel and that a runner moving from side to side or the outer edge of turns will inevitably add distance.

Then there were the shoes. Like aerobars in competitive cycling, clap skates in speed skating or Speedo's LZR Racer suits in Olympic swimming, Kipchoge's gear, the Nike ZoomX Vaporfly Next%, were a legal, if not controversial, performance enhancement.

"Normally I don't like to fall for marketing stuff, but if you look at the research and data, the shoes seem to have a big effect," Magness said.

Mike Joyner, a Mayo Clinic faculty member who for years has studied human performance in relation to breaking a two-hour marathon barrier, agreed that the shoe criticism shouldn't detract from Kipchoge's achievement.

"There's a lot criticism over the shoes, but the shoes are hiding in plain sight. Back in the late '70s, people at Harvard designed an optimized track and runners ran 2 to 3 percent faster. The same principles are in this shoes, which maximize recoil properties in the human leg." Joyner said.

Some reactions to Kipchoge's feat - or rather, the conditions that facilitated it - have been less rosy. On Sunday, The Atlantic characterized sub-two-hour marathon time as the "Greatest, Fakest World Record." The piece quoted British sports scientist Yannis Pitsiladis, known in the racing community for his effort to design a training program that would help an athlete break the two-hour marathon barrier, as dismissing the INEOS 1:59 Challenge as a marketing gimmick. "I can't get excited about this," Pitsiladis told the Times of London. "It's meaningless."

Joyner called such criticisms as "sour grapes."

"All large sporting events are manufactured. People can be purist about it, but I think it's kind of whiny," Joyner said. "Yes, [Kipchoge] had the course and the support, and the weather and the gear. Nevertheless, you go out and run 26 miles at four minutes and see how it feels."

As much as Kipchoge had the benefit of ideal conditions, Joyner said the number-one-ranked marathon runner is considered a once-in-a-generation talent. And despite gradually falling marathon times, crossing the two-hour barrier wasn't always a given.

Men's marathon times dropped by minutes each decade until about the 1960s, according to Joyner.

"What happened is people went from running 30 to 40 minutes to more like 100 miles per week, and training year round," he said.

The talent pool and competition improved, and races were more professional, but times weren't sinking as sharply, cementing the mythical status of the two-hour marathon time. From Australian Derek Clayton's sub-2:09 marathon time in Antwerp in 1969 to Kenyan Abel Kirui's 2:05:04 in Rotterdam in 2009, "it took 30 years to take off three minutes," Joyner said.

(Joyner notes that for women marathoners, who were barred from most major races until the mid-1970s, the experience was compressed, and times grew more competitive at a faster rate. "It didn't take them 50 years like the men did to figure out how to train.")

Now that the barrier to something long thought impossible has fallen, Joyner said the human race may have to wait another lifetime before the next big milestone.

"I think it's going to be a long time till people ever run a 1:50:00 marathon," he said.

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The weight of the world ...

JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

"It's definitely hard for offensive linemen," said Landon Tengwall, a junior at Good Counsel in Olney, Md. "You know, all the skill guys will show up and make fun of them, and they just think it's joking, but a lot of guys do get hurt from that, especially if they've gotten teased before by someone else."

For high school offensive linemen, fat-shaming, health risks come with territory

By Roman Stubbs
The Washington Post

He usually let his teammates make jokes about his weight, but when a fellow offensive lineman from another state mocked the position on Twitter last year — commenting on a video of a walrus doing situps with "Lineman getting ready for spring break" — Landon Tengwall felt the need to say something.

"Unpopular opinion: not all linemen are fat," Tengwall replied. "Everyone loves that narrative. Shouldn't really be something you really embrace."

"Sorry I didn't mean to make u insecure," the teen wrote back, and all Tengwall could do was laugh it off. The exchange was a classic example of the stereotypes many high school offensive linemen face on practice fields, in school hallways and on social media. Fat-shaming has long been associated with the position, and it can be especially cruel in the formative years of teenagers who are aggressively adding body mass in pursuit of college scholarships.

Some researchers have warned that adding too much weight at such a young age could lead to health problems later in life, yet most high school offensive linemen aim to become as big and strong as possible — and also athletic and nimble enough to accommodate the growing demands of an evolving game.

Tengwall added more than 100 pounds between his eighth-grade year and sophomore year at Good Counsel in Olney, Maryland, where he grew into one of the country's best tackle prospects. But being 6-foot-6 and 300 pounds has also invited ribbing from teammates about his weight, and as harmless and sophomoric as it might appear, it has fueled a stigma that Tengwall is passionate about breaking.

"I feel like the misconception is that (offensive linemen) are fat, and that's something I didn't want to be at all," said Tengwall, a junior who is considering Penn State, Michigan and Notre Dame. "It's definitely hard for offensive linemen. You know, all the skill guys will show up and make fun of them, and they just think it's joking, but a lot of guys do get hurt from that, especially if they've gotten teased before by someone else."

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He's not alone. For some of the top offensive linemen in the area, there is a long list of challenges that come with playing a thankless position, but learning how to live with their growing bodies might be the most daunting.

According to Trent Petrie, director of the Center for Sport Psychology at the University of North Texas, nearly three quarters of college athletes face pressure to change their weight, and those same pressures can start as early as high school — especially for offensive linemen hoping to earn college scholarships.

"For a lot of these young men, there's more desire to become big and lean, as opposed to just become big," Petrie said. "So there's a double pressure."

It took R.J. Adams, an offensive lineman at Woodbridge High in northern Virginia, a while to adjust to his weight gain. He entered his freshman season at 220 pounds and gained nearly 80 pounds over the following year; he currently measures 6-3 and 309 pounds. The Penn State commit said it took him a while before he felt comfortable at that size, but he usually pushes back against anyone who jokes about his weight.

"I'm a playful person, so I'm going to retaliate," he said. "I don't get sad or anything. ... I like the way my body is."

Another top prospect, Oklahoma-bound Anton Harrison, started playing football in eighth grade as a tight end. He came to Archbishop Carroll in Washington for his freshman year at 6-3 and 270 pounds, and he was moved to left tackle. He was hesitant to grow even bigger, but his father and coaches taught him the "difference between good weight and bad weight," he said. He was put on a nutrition plan — at one point he was guzzling four protein shakes per day - and a weightlifting regimen that eventually shot him up to 315 pounds. He has not experienced fat-shaming, he said, but he has seen it with other players. He said that learning to love his own body was a process.

"Tenth-grade year, when I was gaining the weight and I really wasn't turning it into muscle, I was like pulling my shirt a lot walking around," Harrison said. "You know, things big men do walking around, hiding their stomach and chest and stuff. But now I walk around in tank tops, muscle shirts. It's a different confidence now, that you have to build."

There are other risks to assess. The average weight of offensive and defensive linemen increased by more than 60 pounds between 1942 and 2011, according to Jeffrey Potteiger, a professor of exercise science at Grand Valley State. In 2016, Potteiger released a report that suggested college offensive linemen were becoming too large and were at risk for health issues, including high blood pressure, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and metabolic syndrome.

For high school offensive linemen, Potteiger said, "there's a little bit of a trade-off. They're physically active. They train a lot. They work out a lot. But they carry this excess weight. If it's too much body fat, it could be very problematic later on."

Tengwall weighed 185 pounds and was a wide receiver as an eighth grader, but he knew he would play offensive line in high school. He began to constantly drink protein shakes and scarf peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches a few times a day. He ate meat as much as he could and lifted weights twice a day. The work led to added pounds, and he weighed around 275 by the start of his freshman season.

He accepted the fact that weighing that much meant he would have to carry some fat, but he wasn't worried about the potential dangers of gaining that much weight so quickly, because he didn't use any supplements.

"It was put on pretty crazy and pretty fast, but it was still natural," he said. "The quicker I got to that weight, the longer my body had to adjust to being that weight."

Many young offensive linemen are racing to add as much weight as possible, which has led some teams to emphasize nutrition and education. At St. John's in Washington, where the offensive line averages between 280 and 310 pounds, the players' diets are monitored, and they are encouraged to compose food journals. No target weights are set, according to St. John's director of performance training Matt Smith, who also said that the team has installed preventive measures to avoid fat shaming.

"We like to say, 'laugh with, not laugh at,' " Smith said.

At Gonzaga, the offensive line has established itself as perhaps the most athletically gifted group on the team. It has four players going to major college programs — Penn State, N.C. State, Wake Forest and Virginia — and one of the group's proudest accomplishments was taking second in an intramural basketball tournament, which showed the entire school how athletic the linemen are.

"People don't understand how hard it is to do what we do, being as big as we are," said Patrick Matan, a 6-4, 296-pound tackle for Gonzaga. "People just see big guys and we eat a lot of food, and they think that maybe that's all it takes to be an offensive lineman. But it's more than being big. You have to be athletic, you have to be able to move, you have to be smart."

The position has changed in recent years, given the proliferation of pass-heavy spread offenses, and there has been an increase in specialized training options, including Functional Athletic Training in Maryland's Montgomery County. Owner and trainer Mike Dillon aims to help aspiring linemen by improving their skills while also developing confidence in their size.

"We say confidence comes through repetition and an understanding of what you're doing," said Dillon, whose company's Twitter handle is @FATboysOLine.

Tengwall said he used to be the kid in his middle school locker room who was afraid to take off his shirt around other boys. Now he's proud of the 300 pounds he carries, which he maintains by eating as many as six meals per day while trying to become as lean as possible before college. That's the best example he can set right now, he said, but he dreams of having a bigger platform and possibly a slogan to help other linemen with how they view their bodies.

"Just to drive home the fact," Tengwall said, "that offensive linemen are not supposed to be fat."

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Kevin Smith, left, and Jason Mewes are back as the stoner icons in "Jay and Silent Bob Reboot."

MY WORST MOMENT

'I refused to fly anywhere'

Kevin Smith and the humiliating experience on an airplane that led to 'Jay and Silent Bob Reboot'

By Nina Metz

Writer-director Kevin Smith first introduced Jay and Silent Bob to audiences in his debut indie feature "Clerks" in 1994. Played by real life friends Jason Mewes and Smith respectively, the characters became a regular feature in many of Smith's films. Twenty-five years since their debut, the duo are back in "Jay and Silent Bob Reboot."

The movie was partly inspired by Mewes becoming a father in real life. "He's the last person in the world you'd hand a Fabergé egg to, let alone a child," said Smith. "But Jay is the best father I've seen in my life. This guy is a super dad and it was so ironic because he's Captain Irresponsibility. So I said, 'Man, that's a funny movie: What if Jay wound up being a dad?' So it started like that.

"And then I had a heart attack and almost died." That was in February 2018. "And then the movie took on this completely different dimension.

"I sat there thinking, it was a great life. I have no complaints. But then I thought, wait a second, if I do die tonight, the last movie I will have made is 'Yoga Hosers,' oh no! Like, I can't go out like that. So I was struggling to live through the heart attack and I told the doctor, 'Save me bro, I gotta make one more movie.'

"So 'Jay and Silent Bob Reboot' is meant to be the movie that not just encapsulates my entire career, but my entire life; the movie's got my wife in it, my mom's in it, my brother, my sister, my kid, Jay's wife, Jay's kid. It talks about all the movies we made. It talks about all the podcasts we do. Kevin Smith is all over it when he's not playing Silent Bob, he's playing himself in the movie — they're two different human beings in the film, but they cross paths."

Smith, along with Mewes, will be at screenings of the movie at the Music Box on Monday. When asked to share a

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Preparing to open for business of comedy

Lincoln Lodge hoping its new venue will be ready by late October

By Zach Freeman

Self-described as "the nation's longest-running independent comedy showcase," the Lincoln Lodge is this fall reaching a huge milestone: its 20th anniversary season.

And while co-founder and producer Mark Geary hopes to schedule a homecoming season with famous alumni such as Kyle Kinane, Kumail Nanjiani and Cameron Esposito, he's got an even bigger plan to celebrate two decades of comedy: a new 5,500-square-foot space on Milwaukee Avenue.

Remarkably, the opening of the new Lincoln Lodge complex, which sits across from Concord Music Hall near the intersection of Armitage and Milwaukee and boasts three theaters (a large one that can hold around 130 people and two small ones that hold 25 to 30 each), two classrooms/green rooms, a podcast studio and a lobby with seats and a bar, will mark the first time in two decades that the Lincoln Lodge has had its own autonomous space.

And the space — which Geary and Lincoln Lodge parent company Tight Five Productions co-runner John Leadley started construction on in June and hope to have open by the end of the month — might never have come to be without a series of events involving T.J. Miller, a generous and eccentric retiree, and a meeting in a shop used for fitting snowplows.

But first some history.

For the first 15 years of its life, the alt-comedy variety show was famously housed in the back of the Lincoln Restaurant in Lincoln Square. When the restaurant shuttered at the end of 2013, the Lincoln Lodge almost did as well.

"At that point I was kind of disillusioned," says Geary. "That was our spiritual home. It was kind of hard for me to envision the Lodge being anywhere else."

The company spent two years at Subterranean in Wicker Park and two more at Under the Gun (recently rebranded as the Newport Theater) in Wrigleyville, but neither space ever truly felt like home.

But that didn't matter to the audiences.

"What we found when the show moved out of the Lincoln Restaurant and over to Subter-

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Timeless 'Jane Eyre' opens Joffrey's last season at Auditorium

Revolutionary Jane isn't the usual heroine in this new story ballet

By Lauren Warnecke

For Joffrey Ballet artistic director Ashley Wheater, booking Cathy Marston's "Jane Eyre" was a no-brainer. The theatrical ballet opens the company's 2019-20 season Wednesday at the Auditorium Theatre, its last season performing at the venue Joffrey has called home since the '90s.

"The DNA of Chicago is in theater and music," said Wheater in an interview. "I know from our audience there is a gravitational pull for narratives."

Originally created for the U.K.-based Northern Ballet, Wheater courted "Jane Eyre" three or four years ago, before New York's American Ballet Theatre picked it up for the North American premiere last June. "It was a complete coincidence," the British choreographer Marston said between rehearsals at the Joffrey Tower. "I didn't know Joffrey before, but they've got this great mix of technique and versatility. It seems they're also very interested in character and storytelling."

"Fairy tales and folk tales always have an appeal, but there are so many great literary novels," said Wheater. "Unlike fairy tales, we find relativity in those stories. I think as human beings, it helps us to relate. In 'Jane Eyre,' that thought of losing your parents, being an orphan, going to work in a very scary place, and then finding an attraction, and all the complexities that go with that — we know these stories."

However, literary ballets like "Jane Eyre," as with last year's world premiere ballet "Anna Karenina" by Yuri Possokhov, pose a particular challenge. Great works of literature are great for a reason, and "Jane Eyre," is packed with context and linguistic nuance. "Jane is a complex character," said Marston. "She was quite revolutionary in terms of the way women were portrayed. She's not your traditional heroine, by any means, and that's exciting."

The libretto of a typical story ballet tends to be simple and rather trite — boy meets girl, boy and girl fall in love, girl finds out boy is betrothed to another woman, girl goes mad and/or makes a few irrational decisions, and they somehow live happily ever after.

Come to think of it, that's the basic plot of "Jane Eyre," but in taking it on, Marston is also tasked with layering in all the richness of Charlotte Brontë's 1847 masterpiece.

"It was one of the first novels written in the first person, and that was really important to me, that it's Jane's voice," said Marston. "It may be — it was certainly the case for me — that the first image that comes to mind is of Jane and Rochester," she said, referring to Jane's love interest and the master of Thornfield Hall, where Jane is employed as governess. "But, nevertheless, you have to go through a good third of the book before you even meet Rochester. It's Jane's story."

Jane poses a challenge for dancer Amanda Assucena, too, who will dance the role in the opening night cast (alternating with Victoria Jaiani and Anais Bueno). Greig Matthews will dance Rochester in the first cast, and Yumi Kanazawa plays Young Jane, who provides critical backstory about Jane's life prior to Thornfield Hall.

A native of Brazil, "Jane Eyre"

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Dancers Dylan Gutierrez, Anais Bueno, Greig Matthews and Amanda Assucena rehearse for the Joffrey Ballet's new theatrical ballet version of "Jane Eyre."

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Cuba Gooding Jr. leaves court Tuesday in New York.

Gooding pleads not guilty, 'dumbfounded' by charges in NY

Up to a dozen accusers could testify at the sexual misconduct trial of Cuba Gooding Jr., a Manhattan prosecutor said.

Prosecutor Jenna Long made the comment as the actor pleaded not guilty to an indictment alleging two instances of sexual misconduct.

Gooding appeared Tuesday before a judge in New York City and was released on his own recognizance.

The allegations from the 12 other women range from 2001 to 2018 and all involve allegations he touched or grabbed women at bars, hotels or restaurants. Prosecutors said several of the alleged incidents happened in New York or the Los Angeles area. Others are said to have occurred in Las Vegas, Dallas and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The 51-year-old "Jerry Maguire" co-star was previously accused of groping a woman's breast at a bar on June 9. The woman told police she believed Gooding was intoxicated.

The defense has said there are two witnesses who say it never happened and a bar video that backs up that claim.

Gooding's lawyer said outside court that he is "absolutely dumbfounded."

— Associated Press

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Nominated: The late musical icons Whitney Houston and the Notorious B.I.G. (above) are among those nominated for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's 2020 class. The rest of the nominees include: Dave Matthews Band, Motorhead, Pat Benatar, Soundgarden, The Doobie Brothers, T.Rex, Thin Lizzy, Nine Inch Nails, Judas Priest, Rufus featuring Chaka Khan, Depeche Mode, Kraftwerk, MC5 and Todd Rundgren. The 35th induction ceremony will take place May 2 in Cleveland.

Grand marshals: Actresses Rita Moreno and Gina Torres and Olympic gymnast Laurie Hernandez have been named grand marshals of the 2020 Rose Parade. Tournament of Roses President Laura Farber said each exemplifies the theme of the 131st parade, "The Power of Hope." The parade will be broadcast on New Year's Day before the 106th Rose Bowl football game.

Booker beat: Booker Prize winner Bernardine Evaristo said she hopes her win is a huge step for British women writers of color. This week the London-based author of "Girl, Woman, Other," shared the prestigious prize for English-language fiction with Margaret Atwood. Evaristo is the first woman of African heritage to win the Booker in its 50-year history. She said that "hopefully this will mark a new direction."

Oct. 16 birthdays: Actress Angela Lansbury is 94. Actress Suzanne Somers is 73. Guitarist Bob Weir is 72. Actor Tim Robbins is 61. Singer Bob Mould is 59. Actor Randy Vasquez is 58. Bassist Flea is 57. Musician John Mayer is 42.

ASK AMY

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Dad again opts for a younger model

Dear Amy: My father just turned 70. He and my mom divorced when he turned 50, because he was having an affair with a younger woman, "Cherie." My siblings and I eventually accepted Cherie and grew quite fond of her.

About 18 months ago, my dad started to complain about how Cherie was too dependent on him. He suddenly decided to move out and dissolved this relationship after almost 20 years together. We were supportive but concerned.

Within a week, my dad mentioned a new "friend" he'd been spending time with. They met when she sent him a random friend request on social media. She was married. Within a couple of months, he mentioned that she had left her husband and that they were seeing each other.

She is about 20 years younger than he (two or three years older than my oldest sibling). He has paid for and taken her on trips, had her car repaired, and spends time hanging out at her job (he's retired, she works retail) to keep her company. For his recent birthday, she didn't get him anything. He dismissed it.

My siblings and I have never met this woman but have mentioned to our dad that it seems like a one-sided relationship. We're worried that she's taking advantage of him. He is bored in his retirement and insists taking care of her gives him something to do.

We've suggested that he find some volunteer roles or a part-time job to keep busy, but he doesn't seem interested. Last week he canceled plans with us at the last minute because she was having a "crisis" and needed his help. He says he'd like to invite her to family events. We do not want to bring this woman into our family. Should we try to accept her, for better or worse?

— Suspicious Daughter

Dear Suspicious: You worry that this woman is taking advantage of your father, and yet here he is, dating someone the same age as his kids, who left her marriage (presumably) to be with him.

My point is that the advantage-taking goes both ways. Your father doesn't like to be alone. He doesn't want to do volunteer work. He wants to be with a woman. Based on his behavior, this seems like a core value for him. Furthermore, his pattern is to "take care" of a woman, and then perhaps to see this as a burden.

Your father is living his life. You portray him as a fairly shallow, bored man. But this is his life. You are not required to see his current partner as a family member, but you would be wise to get to know her.

Dear Amy: My daughter has my husband's extremely pale, Nordic appearance. In high school she had some darker-skinned friends of other races. Sometimes they would poke gentle fun at her for her whiteness, such as telling her she looked like a ghost in her bathing suit.

Although they didn't mean any harm (and she understood this), sometimes it bothered her. However, she felt like because she was white and they were darker, she had to take it with grace.

It isn't OK/PC to poke even good-natured fun at darker-skinned people these days, even if they are close friends, but doesn't that work both ways?

How should she respond if this happens again? I have another daughter coming up behind her with the same coloring, and she may face the same experience with her friends.

— Bothered in CO

Dear Bothered: The heightened sensitivities surrounding — well, everything — has officially become exhausting.

Does this light-hearted and good-natured banter from friends really bother your daughter? Have you encouraged her to not let it bother her?

She could be honest with her friends: "I don't make fun of your skin tone, and I wish you wouldn't make fun of mine."

I'm also going to give your daughter a comeback, but she can only use it if she delivers it with gusto and humor: "Hey, I'm here. I'm clear. Get used to it."

Dear Amy: "Short and Fed Up" was sick of people making fun of her stature! Me, too, although these comments most often come from friends, not strangers, and I choose to view them as endearments.

I also have a new comeback: "I am not short. I am fun size." It works.

— Fun Size

Dear Fun Size: Perfect.

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ranean for a couple of years is that people followed," says Leadley. "And when it moved from Subterranean to Under the Gun, people came."

In November 2016, in the midst of the transitional years, Geary launched an online fundraiser with a video featuring T.J. Miller and a modest goal.

"We said if we can raise $30,000 we can get ourselves into a black box," he says with a note of resignation in his voice. "Maybe that will be our future."

But they got a lot more than the initial $30,000 they sought.

"We got a guy who came to us and said, 'I'll give you the 30 grand, but I think your value to the Chicago comedy community is so big that I would like you to entertain grander plans, which I would also be willing to bankroll,' " says Geary.

The comedy philanthropist was retired truck equipment business owner and comedy aficionado Ed Toolis.

"I had seen T.J. Miller and I knew that he came through the Lincoln Lodge," says Toolis. "I had never been to the Lincoln Lodge. but I knew something about it and that was what caught my attention."

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A look inside the Lincoln Lodge comedy club space, near the intersection of Armitage and Milwaukee avenues in Chicago. The facility could be open before the end of October.

Toolis had been looking for a way to help support the comedic arts, and when he saw the campaign he thought he'd found the ideal recipient.

"In a couple of weeks I'm going to be 78 years old and I have a fair amount of money from the business I owned," says Toolis now. "And what I was looking to do is come up with a heritage type project so the money could be used to help other people, especially in humor, develop their careers. So that was why I ended up responding to it."

In December 2016, Geary met Toolis in his former truck and body shop in Alsip. ("My girlfriend said, 'This is how an episode of "CSI" starts: a man meets another guy in a garage,' " Geary jokes now).

The two talked about comedy and what Geary would do with the money.

"He's a retired guy who is obsessed with comedy and wants more people to be involved in it and get into comedy writing and get involved in doing and creating comedy," says Geary. " He looked at our history and what our mission is and said, 'These are the guys I want to give my money to.' "

Geary pauses before adding wryly, "The ironic thing is he doesn't even like stand-up comedy."

What Toolis loves is comedy writing.

"I've always thought creativity was our most admirable quality that kind of explained all of history, and it was something that I wanted to be good at," says Toolis. "And humor writing I consider to be the most creative form of writing."

But Toolis never felt he was very good at it, so "I ended up owning my own business," he says. "But then I went back to that. There came a point where I said, 'Screw it, I got enough money.' "

After Toolis and Geary spoke in 2016, Geary left with the money that day.

"He literally wrote me a check for 30 grand on the spot," Geary says. "I drove home with it and me and my girlfriend put it on the table and looked at it and said, 'Wow, miracles really happen.' "

Part of that miracle will be getting the space ready in time to give walk-throughs as part of Open House Chicago on Oct. 19 and 20.

"We're hustling to get open and at least get a show under our belt by the end of October," says Geary.

To that end they've launched a second GoFundMe to raise money to cover the growing budget.

"I talk to Ed every week and every week I say, 'Are you still with us?' " says Geary. "If it wasn't for Ed sticking with us we'd be dead in the water."

"It's always one more thing," says Leadley. "If you work in bars and restaurants long enough, you're prepared for that. It's never done the first time. That's just not how it works."

Aside from having a designated home base and large performing space for the Lincoln Lodge showcase and headliner shows, when they complete the final "one more thing" on the new complex they'll also be able to expand their training programs (the most notable being the all-female Feminine Comique course) and provide spaces for comedians to develop.

"We built two smaller theaters ... because we're about nurturing new talent," says Geary. "We'll be able to get new comedians coming along who want to build their audience and give them a really nice little theater that holds about 25-30 people."

They also plan to mic up the bar area and make it a nightly open mic space.

"Having our own space that we control is going to be huge in allowing us to do what we want to do," says Geary.

"Certain kinds of people need creativity for their mental health," says Toolis. "And I seem to be one of them."

The Lincoln Lodge also aims to be a place to learn.

"Our goal is to teach people to create and curate their own shows and be able to do it successfully," says Leadley. "We're trying to teach people how to get paid doing this."

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wasn't required reading for Assucena growing up. "I didn't really know much about the story," she said. "I read the book and really enjoyed the story. Cathy has such a clear idea of who Jane is, and she's been able to translate that to us in movement."

Assucena has danced lead roles since joining the Joffrey in 2013, aptly praised for her tremendous facility and flexibility. Now, as one of the company's leading dancers, diving deep into her characters is something she values over tricks. "Being able to carry a ballet is what's most important to me. I always like to take something with me from each character. Now, I'm able to embody the character of Jane, who is so complicated. I feel like she has so many thoughts in her mind, but on the outside, she's composed. I'm really grateful for the opportunity."

Supported by a luscious original score by composer Philip Feeney, sets and costumes by Patrick Kinmonth and lighting by Brad Fields, Marston took some liberties in the story's chronology, and in creating a visual representation of Jane's many soliloquies and inner demons. But she says lovers of Brontë's novel will find it's all there.

"The movement is definitely underpinned by the text," said Marston, but one needn't be an expert on British literature to "get" this "Jane Eyre." That said, it's not a bad idea, time willing, to skim the novel before attending, or watch a cinematic version — Marston recommends the 2011 film directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga. "It's possible to watch the ballet and understand what's going on, but not if you just sit back," she said. "The more work you put in, the more you'll get out, as with everything in life."

The Joffrey Ballet in "Jane Eyre" runs Oct. 16-27 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; tickets are $35-$199 at 312-386-8901 and www.joffreyballet.org.

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Fabrice Calmels, Victoria Jaiani, Greig Matthews and Amanda Assucena rehearse for the Joffrey Ballet's "Jane Eyre" at the Auditorium Theatre from Oct. 16-27.

HAROLD BLOOM 1930-2019

Professor, critic and author wrote 'Anxiety of Influence'

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Harold Bloom, the eminent critic and Yale professor whose seminal "The Anxiety of Influence" and melancholy regard for literature's old masters made him a popular author and standard-bearer of Western civilization amid modern trends, died Monday at age 89.

Bloom's wife, Jeanne, said that he had been failing health, although he continued to write books and was teaching as recently as last week. Yale says Bloom died at a New Haven, Connecticut, hospital.

Bloom wrote more than 20 books and prided himself on making scholarly topics accessible to the general reader. Although he frequently bemoaned the decline of literary standards, he was as well placed as a contemporary critic could hope to be. He appeared on best-seller lists with such works as "The Western Canon" and "The Book of J," was a guest on "Good Morning America" and other programs and was a National Book Award finalist and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. A readers' poll commissioned by the Modern Library ranked "The Western Canon" at No. 58 on a list of the 20th century's best nonfiction English-language books.

His greatest legacy could well outlive his own name: the title of his breakthrough book, "The Anxiety of Influence." Bloom argued that creativity was not a grateful bow to the past, but a Freudian wrestle in which artists denied and distorted their literary ancestors while producing work that revealed an unmistakable debt.

He was referring to poetry in his 1973 publication, but "anxiety of influence" has come to mean how artists of any kind respond to their inspirations. Bloom's theory has been endlessly debated, parodied and challenged, including by Bloom. The book's title has entered the culture in ways Bloom likely never imagined or desired, such as The New York Times headline that read "Jay-Z Confronts the Anxiety of Being Influential" or the Canadian rock band that named itself "Anxiety of Influence."

Bloom openly acknowledged his own heroes, among them Shakespeare, Samuel Johnson and the 19th century critic Walter Pater. He honored no boundaries between the life of the mind and life itself and absorbed the printed word to the point of fashioning himself after a favorite literary character, Shakespeare's betrayed, but life-affirming Falstaff. Bloom's affinity began at age 12, when Falstaff rescued him from "debilitating self-consciousness," and he more than lived up to his hero's oversized aura in person. For decades he ranged about the Yale campus, with untamed hair and an anguished, theatrical voice, given to soliloquies over the present's plight.

The youngest of five children, he was born in 1930 in New York's East Bronx to Orthodox Jewish immigrants from Russia, neither of whom ever learned to read English. Bloom's literary journey began with Yiddish poetry, but he soon discovered the works of Hart Crane, T.S. Eliot, William Blake and other poets. He would allege that as a young man he could absorb 1,000 pages at a time.

"The sense of freedom they conferred," he wrote of his favorite books, "liberated me into a primal exuberance."

He graduated in 1951 from Cornell University, where he studied under the celebrated critic M.H. Abrams, and lived abroad as a Fulbright Scholar at Pembroke College, Cambridge. After earning his doctorate degree from Yale in 1955, he joined the school's English faculty. Bloom married Jeanne Gould in 1958 and had two sons.

In the '50s, he opposed the rigid classicism of Eliot. But over the following decades, Bloom condemned Afrocentrism, feminism, Marxism and other movements he placed in the "School of Resentment." A proud elitist, he disliked the "Harry Potter" books and slam poetry and was angered by Stephen King's receiving an honorary National Book Award. He dismissed as "pure political correctness" the awarding of the Nobel Prize for literature to Doris Lessing, author of the feminist classic "The Golden Notebook."

"I am your true Marxist critic," he once wrote, "following Groucho rather than Karl, and take as my motto Groucho's grand admonition, 'Whatever it is, I'm against it.' "

In "The Western Canon," published in 1994, Bloom named the 26 crucial writers in Western literature, from Dante to Samuel Beckett, and declared Philip Roth, Thomas Pynchon and Don DeLillo among the contemporary greats. Shakespeare reigned at the canon's center, the inventor of our modern, self-conscious selves, a patriarch so mighty that Freud, Tolstoy and other latter-day masters nearly drove themselves mad rejecting him.

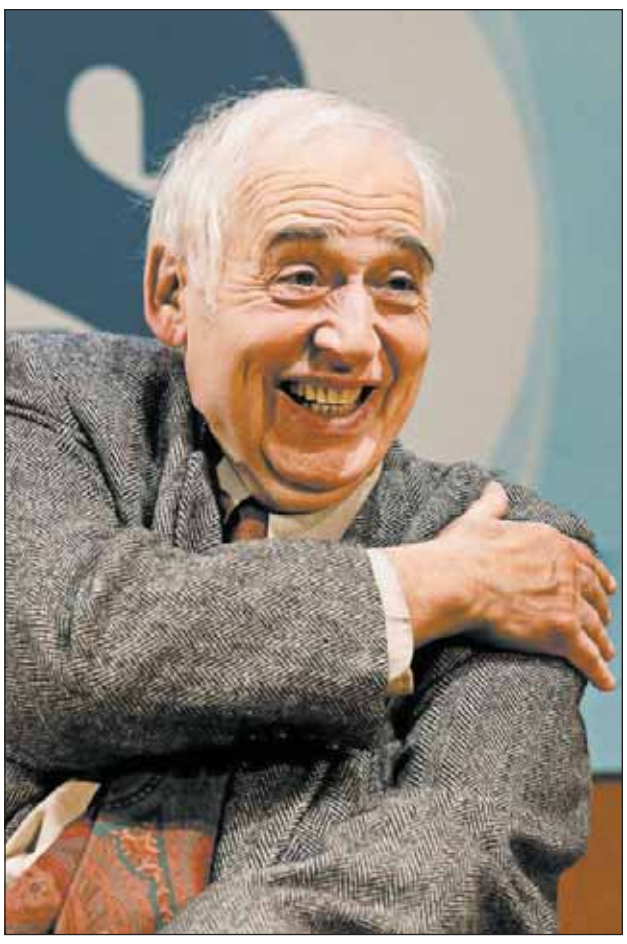
"Freud is essentially prosified Shakespeare," Bloom observed.

The "lemmings", as Bloom called them, had their own harsh criticism of Bloom. Observers noted that "The Western Canon" featured a good number of Yale-affiliated poets on its list of important living American authors. He was mocked as out of touch and accused of recycling a number of themes. "Bloom had an idea; now the idea has him," British critic Christopher Ricks once observed.

Bloom's praises were not reserved for white men. In "The Book of J," released in 1990, Bloom stated that some parts of the Bible were written by a woman. (He often praised the God of the Old Testament as one of the greatest fictional characters.) He also admired Virginia Woolf, Jane Austen, George Eliot and Emily Dickinson and the hundreds of critical editions he edited include works on Toni Morrison, Maya Angelou and Amy Tan.

Bloom did write a novel, "The Flight to Lucifer," but was no more effective than most critics attempting fiction and later disowned the book. In "The Anatomy of Influence," a summation released in 2011, Bloom called himself an Epicurean who acknowledged no higher power other than art, living for "moments raised in quality by aesthetic appreciation."

His resistance to popular culture was emphatic, but not absolute. He was fond of the rock group The Band and fascinated by the Rev. Jimmy Swaggart and other televangelists. He even confessed to watching MTV, telling The Paris Review in 1990 that "what is going on there, not just in the lyrics but in its whole ambience, is the real vision of what the country needs and desires. It's the image of reality that it sees, and it's quite weird and wonderful."



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Literary critic and author Harold Bloom talks to an audience at the CUNY campus March 9, 2003, in New York City.

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worst moment from his career, Smith talked about the time he was kicked off a flight.

The story made news at the time because Smith tweeted about it as it was happening, but most people don't know about the aftermath. Ironically enough, the experience led to the making of 'Jay and Silent Bob Reboot.'

My worst moment ...

"Once upon a time many years ago, I got thrown off an airplane for being too large. And it was hands down the most embarrassing-slash-worst moment of my life. I tweeted about it because when something bad happens to me — good or bad — I broadcast it to the high heavens.

"Years ago, I was in the Bay Area (for a couple of professional events) ... and when I got to the airport to fly home to LA, there was a flight leaving earlier. So I went to the counter and said, 'Can I get on this flight?' And they said, 'Yeah, it's pretty packed but there's one seat left.'

"This is Southwest, so there's no first class, it's all the same. And there were two women sitting in the front row with an empty seat between them. The armrests between the seats are up and I don't put them down. Now, are we comfy in these seats? We're all touching each other, but not in an overly gross way.

"So we're in our seats. And a person comes up the jetway — the lady who had given me my ticket — and she's looking right at me. And for some reason the first thought I had was, 'Oh my God, my mother has died and somebody is coming to tell me.' So the lady comes right up to me and kneels down and she goes, 'You have to get off the plane, sir.' And I said, 'Why? What happened? Is everything OK?'

"And she said, 'Yeah. You're just going to have to come with me.' And I was like, 'But why?' And she goes, 'Um, it's a weight thing.'

"And I'm heavy at this point — maybe 280, 290? And my eyes go wide and I look at her. And I said, 'There's no weight problem. Look, I can put the armrests down, they were just up when I got here.' And she goes, 'Yeah, I'm sorry, you're just going to have to come with me.' And I'm like, 'Honestly, I don't see a problem here.'

"And the flight attendant is like, 'I'm sorry, you've gotta come.' And I said, 'Ma'am, when I sat down, I made eye contact with people who know who I am and know what I do for a living. If you make me get off this plane, it's going to be really embarrassing for me.' And she was like, 'I'm sorry, you have to come with me.'

"Now, if that's all that had happened, very few people would have known about it. But I was worried in that moment that a bunch of cats would be like, 'I saw Kevin Smith pulled off of this flight because he's too heavy.' So what do I do? I start tweeting about it. This is the early days of Twitter, in 2010, and I start putting up tweet after tweet about the incident, about me being thrown off for being too fat to fly.

"I'm waiting for my regular flight at this point — I'm incredibly hurt and embarrassed, so of course I'm lashing out on Twitter — and somebody from Southwest Airlines comes booking through the terminal, races past me, then doubles back when they see me and they go, 'Oh Mr. Smith, please stop tweeting!' *(Laughs)* And I was like, 'I will. But we have an issue.' And they're like, 'We know. And we're going to make it right and make sure you get on the next flight.'

"Because I engaged on social media to be like, 'Can you believe that happened?' a lot of people were commiserating — but I also learned bias pretty quickly. And I learned I've been above bias for quite some time because of my job. When I was young, people would call me fat all the time. That's where my sense of humor came from, because you get taunted constantly. But once 'Clerks' happened to me, nobody ever called me fat again. It was always big guy: 'Hey, big guy!' But because of my job, that insulated me. Oh, you're famous, you made a movie — and suddenly they don't go at you.

"But after this, a bunch of people started fat-shaming me. They came out of the woodwork to be like, 'I hate flying with fat people. I'm glad they threw you off. I hate it when somebody's flab is touching me.'

What was it like in the days afterward?

"It was pretty bad. And I remember sitting in my house for three days and I couldn't do anything. I was crippled with fear, panic and anxiety because it was at the top of Google news for three days straight. Every day I'd wake up and there it was, more stories about me and the airline. I was so scared because I had never been at the epicenter of the Eye of Sauron like that. It was pretty horrendous. I didn't think my life would ever be the same. It was as if for years I had been hiding as a fat person and then suddenly the truth was out, everybody knew. So it was three days of hell, sitting in my house.

"And then, Tiger Woods cheated on his wife and that became the top news story and suddenly everyone forgot that I was fat and everybody was talking about Tiger Woods and his wife instead. Now, I'm not a sports guy and I don't watch golf, but Tiger Woods is one of my favorite athletes on the planet because he changed the conversation, and people stopped talking about how fat I was and whether or not I should be allowed on a plane.

"And then suddenly it was over and life slowly went back to normal.

And then I didn't get on a commercial airliner for close to a year after that. I refused to fly anywhere. I didn't want to go near an airport.

"I spend a lot of time on the road — over half of my year is spent doing gigs on the road — so I called this bus rental company and was like, 'Hey man, I'm looking to rent a bus to go out on tour.' And the guy asked, 'How many people in your band?' And I said, 'It's just me, one person.' And he's like, 'There's only gonna be one person on the bus?' And there's a long pause and then the guy goes, 'Are you Kevin Smith?' And I go, 'Yeah! How'd you know?' And he goes, 'I heard you got thrown off a plane. We expected you to call.' *(Laughs)*

"So I rented the bus and loved it, so then I bought a bus and for the next two years anyplace I went outside of Los Angeles was on a bus. And because I had the bus I was like, hey man, it *should* be more than me on the bus. So I started bringing my friends on the bus. I used to do shows just by myself on stage, but then I started bringing Jason Mewes and we started doing (the podcast) 'Jay & Silent Bob Get Old.'

"So because of Southwest, I bought a bus. And because of the bus, we built this touring business and we do Jay and Silent Bob tours across the country. We've been doing it the better part of 10 years. We know that we can sell out the Music Box because people will sit there and watch us talk about the old movies. So I was like, 'Hey, let's make a new movie and bring it out on the road.'

"So this new movie, 'Jay and Silent Bob Reboot' — and how we're touring it — I can draw a direct line back to the worst day of my life and Southwest Airlines.

"Ultimately when you talk about the worst thing that ever happened to you, it's all a matter of perspective. Because in the moment, nothing was worse than that. But as I stand here years later I can tell you, oh, because of that all my dreams came true. Go figure."

When Smith and Mewes come to Chicago, will it be by bus?

"*(Laughs)* No! Oh, no. Years ago I stopped taking the bus and went back to airlines. And I have since flown Southwest Airlines."

The takeaway ...

"Keep your mouth shut, Kev.

"Nobody would have known about that incident if it were not for me — I was the inciting party. Even if one person had tweeted, 'I think I saw Kevin Smith got thrown off an airplane,' they wouldn't have said it was for being too fat because they didn't announce that. Nobody knew that. And then I told the world: They threw me off the plane for being fat.

"Growing up a fat kid, you always try to make fun of yourself first. You gotta steal their thunder. And I've been stealing thunder my whole life, always being the first to say, 'I'm a fat guy.' And I did it in this instance and it was absolutely wrong. If I hadn't done it, nobody would have heard about it.

"That being said, if it didn't happen, would I be touring right now?"

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Kevin Smith didn't get on a commercial airliner for almost a year after the incident.

Plenty of spooky holiday viewing

Halloween shows, movies easy to find over next 2 weeks

By Luaine Lee

Loooook out, it's that time of year when you think there just possibly may be a monster rusticating under your bed, a zombie scratching at your back door or a sinister stranger with overgrown canines loitering in your supermarket.

Television huddles in the shadows right along with you by sporting a panoply of spooky programming for the season.

TCM is filling the bill with dozens of classic horror movies penetrating the airwaves every Thursday night at 7 p.m. Central. Robert Wise's chilling "The Haunting" is one of the films scheduled for Thursday, along with the 1922 Swedish horror flick, "The Phantom Carriage."

On Oct. 24, the network plans two archetypal screamers: George Romero's "Night of the Living Dead" and "Nosferatu," the unorthodox version of Bram Stoker's novel shot in Germany in 1921. It proved so superbly scary it brought its director, F.W. Murnau, to America.

Hang in there till Oct. 31, when TCM offers full-time double features including "Dracula, Prince of Darkness," "Bride of Frankenstein" and the ever-so-controversial "Freaks."

Of course, Charlie Brown and his "Peanuts" pals will be back in ABC's abiding "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" on Oct. 22. The animated special was created in 1966 when "Peanuts" creator Charles M. Schulz was still alive, and it has become an evergreen for the network.

IMAGE GROUP LA

Freeform will air "31 Nights of Halloween Fan Fest," an all-star party in celebration of Halloween classics such as "Hocus Pocus" and "The Addams Family," plus a 35th anniversary tribute to "Ghostbusters."

Freeform will feature its "31 Nights of Halloween Fan Fest" on Friday at 10 a.m. The gala will be hosted by Vanessa Hudgens and Jordan Fisher. Christina Aguilera serves as a special guest as well as Kristin Chenoweth, JD McCreary, and Ray Parker Jr. The great "Scream" movies — the first three — will begin airing there on Friday at 2 p.m.

On Saturday "Hocus Pocus" slithers in at 8:05 a.m. and again at 5:45 p.m. And who you gonna call at 7:55 p.m. on Freeform? "Ghostbusters," no doubt, with No. 1 airing then and No. 2 at 10:25 p.m. They'll appear several times on the network until Halloween hits.

To pump up the mystic spirit, PopTV will air the entire "Twilight" saga in a binging marathon beginning at 2 p.m. on Oct. 25 and running all the way through to "Breaking Dawn - Part 2" logging in at 2 a.m.

Jamie Luner is back starring in LMN's "Designed to Kill" airing on Oct. 25. Luner ("Murder in the First") plays a psychotic fashion photographer who manipulates a nerdy high school student into a high stylin' male model. Like Pygmalion, she becomes so obsessed by her creation, she's moved to deadly means to keep him.

The streaming sites are conjuring lots of diabolical dealings for their viewers.

Hulu finds a bunch of college students caught up in a deadly board game in "Into the Dark: Uncanny Annie." And it will bring the chilling "Castle Rock" back for Season 2 on Oct. 23. Based on characters, places and themes of Stephen King, the psychological horror series stars Lizzy Caplan, Tim Robbins and a bunch of weirdo townspeople.

Shudder (an aptly named streamer for this time of year) will continue with its spooktacular "Creepshow." The anthology series that promises everything from werewolves to goblins with bad intentions will feature two new tales on Thursday, "The Companion" and "Lydia Layne's Better Half" starring Tricia Hefler. These can be seen via streaming or on demand.

For folk who like a little humor with their horror there's "Agatha Raisin & the Haunted House," premiering on Acorn.TV Oct. 28. It stars Ashley Jensen as the amateur detective who investigates the murder of a contemptible woman who inhabited the haunted mansion.

Skip on over to Sundance/Now and you'll find "A Discovery of Witches," the tale of modern love in a world populated by witches, demons and vampires who hide in plain sight among the unsuspecting humans.

Aussie Teresa Palmer plays a historian who denies her warlock roots but is confronted by her lineage when she calls up an ancient manuscript. Co-starring is Matthew Goode as a vampire.

Aim your telly on Britbox Oct. 29 and you'll find Michael Caine in an uncharacteristic role. He's starring in "Jekyll and Hyde," a 1990 TV movie based on the Robert Louis Stevenson classic about a researcher extrapolating the evil in himself.

HDNet Movies is cobbling up "13 Nights of Halloween" from Saturday through Oct. 31.

The menu will include that most heinous insult of all, "I Spit on Your Grave," Oct. 26, and three Edgar Allan Poe interpretations starring the chilling Vincent Price: "The Fall of the House of Usher," "Tales of Terror," and "The Raven" on Oct. 29.

The grand finale will be a 17-film marathon starting Oct. 31 at 11:30 p.m.

But enough of fiction — how about a real ghost hunt? A&E is proclaiming the "most ambitious televised paranormal investigation ever" with its two-hour special "World's Biggest Ghost Hunt: Pennhurst Asylum," premiering Oct. 30.

In its day, the Pennsylvania asylum accommodated more than 10,000 patients, many of them children. Five brave souls will incarcerate themselves among the walls of the fabled sanatorium for two weeks to document reports of hyper-paranormal activity.

On Oct. 26 the Travel Channel finds filmmaker-adventurer Dakota Laden, his sister and his best friend trekking to abandoned (and haunted?) locations where they must spend the night on the new series, "Designation Fear."

The premiere episode finds them camping out at Brushy State Penitentiary in Petros, Tenn., known as the "Alcatraz of the South." Will they emerge unscathed?

Seeing Madonna? You may want to grab coffee

Chicago concerts begin at 10:30 p.m. for a 2-hour show

By Kevin Williams

Madame X doesn't care about your bedtime.

Madame X also wants parents to attend her shows with their children.

How else to explain the 10:30 p.m. start time for Madonna's Chicago shows, a time that is raising some eyebrows now that the tour arrival here is a reality. When the "Madame X" tour kicked off in New York, the concerts started at 10:30 p.m., something that has continued throughout the tour. As the New York Post review of the singer's first night noted, "You wait until Madonna is ready."

The seven-show residency, at the Chicago Theatre from Wednesday until Oct. 28, lists the same 10:30 p.m. start time for all dates. The tour website has a note to fans, that "doors will open at 7:30 p.m., three hours prior to the show's 10:30 p.m. star. However, due to anticipated admission processing time please arrive no later than 9:30 p.m." The concert itself is expected to last about 2 hours and 20 minutes, which will put bleary-eyed Madonna devotees back on the streets at about 1 a.m.

There is some confusion among ticketholders because of the Ticketmaster confirmation email, which lists a time of 8:30 p.m., but that isn't the specified show time.

Fans who are under 17 years of age, because of curfew laws (Sunday-Thursday 10 p.m., 11 p.m. on weekends), will only be able to attend the Madonna shows with a parent or guardian who is 18 or older. And nobody will be able to capture anything from the events, since in addition to the late night, you have to put your mobile phone in a bag for the duration of the concert. If you need to make or receive a call, you and your bag phone can do so in a designated area outside the performance space.

One ticketholder, Susan Swaringen, notes in an email to the Tribune that "several of the original purchasers (in my group) are now reconsidering attending, given their schedules the morning following the evening we planned to attend the concert.

KEVIN MAZUR/GETTY

Madonna, at the 2019 Billboard Music Awards on May 1 in Las Vegas, is performing a seven-show residency at the Chicago Theatre this month with a 10:30 p.m. start time.

"Who starts a show at 10:30 pm, especially on a weekday?"

Good question. An email and telephone call to the singer's representatives has not been returned, but this report will be updated with the response.

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Barrel of Monkeys to become PlayMakers Laboratory Theatre

By Hannah Herrera Greenspan

On Tuesday, Barrel of Monkeys announced it will officially change its name to PlayMakers Laboratory Theatre.

This change is due to racial concerns and sensitivity over the word "monkey."

PlayMakers Laboratory Theatre's executive director Kemper Florin artistic director Brandon Cloyd and program director Sha Norman said, "Use of monkey imagery and racial slurs is a well-documented tendency throughout American history, and as our organization has evolved to become a more diverse organization at all levels, consciousness of this issue has increased, resulting in a consensus that the time has come to change the name."

The company was founded in 1997 and has spent the last 22 years providing arts education to Chicago elementary schools. PlayMakers' ensemble of teaching artists and performers conducts six-week creative writing workshops with third- through seventh-grade students, then brings the young authors' stories to life as raucous sketches, songs and movement pieces, performing first for students in their schools and then for the public.

SHA NORMAN PHOTO

PlayMakers Laboratory Theatre's teaching artists conduct a creative writing residency at Chicago's Dixon Elementary School.

In 2001, PlayMakers launched "That's Weird, Grandma," a variety show for the public at the Neo-Futurist Theater in Andersonville featuring student-written stories, songs and sketches performed by Barrel of Monkeys company members. Now in its 18th year, "That's Weird, Grandma" showcases more than 175 stories annually, with new sketches at every performance.

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Maria Dizzia will star in 'What the Constitution Means to Me'

By Chris Jones

The touring version of Heidi Schreck's one-woman Broadway hit, "What the Constitution Means to Me," has its new touring star: the actress Maria Dizzia.

A Tony nominee for her work in Sarah Ruhl's "In the Next Room (or The Vibrator Play)," Dizzia also played Polly for three seasons on the TV show "Orange is the New Black." Dizzia will appear as Heidi (the character) in both Los Angeles, where the tour begins and in Chicago. Thereafter, another actress will take over the role.

"I feel so lucky to have Maria doing this," Schreck said in an interview with the Tribune Monday. "She is one of my favorite actors and human beings." Dizzia, Schreck also said, was her acting coach for the project, a very personal show that charts Schreck's relationship with many different aspects of the Constitution of the United States.

TESS MAYER

Actress Maria Dizzia will star in the Chicago engagement on the national tour of Heidi Schreck's "What the Constitution Means to Me."

Asked about the challenges of playing the author, Dizzia said that the play "is not a hat-trick but a play with a character."

Both women said they planned to explore ways for Dizzia's own personal history to be included in the show, which is going to have additional workshops before going out on the road.

"What the Constitution Means to Me" will play March 4 to April 12, 2020, at the Broadway Playhouse, 175 E. Chestnut St. Single tickets are not yet on sale; www.BroadwayInChicago.com.

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY

Nick Gehlfuss

"Chicago Med" (8 p.m., NBC): Part of a crossover event that also plays out across "Chicago Fire" and "Chicago P.D.," this medical drama's two primetime sister shows, a three-part story called "Infection" opens as an entire apartment complex is placed under quarantine when individual cases of a virus explode into a full-blown epidemic. Dr. Will Halstead (Nick Gehlfuss) gets dangerously close to a suspect.

"Riverdale" (7 p.m., CW): As his senior year begins, Archie (KJ Apa) urges Mad Dog (Eli Goree) to attend Riverdale High and join the football team in the new episode "Chapter Fifty-Nine: Fast Times at Riverdale High." Meanwhile, Mr. Chipping (guest star Sam Witwer) offers Jughead (Cole Sprouse) a scholarship at Stonewall Prep, an exclusive school. Information about Veronica's (Camila Mendes) involvement in Hiram's (Mark Consuelos) arrest is leaked to the public.

"CMT Artists of the Year 2019" (7 p.m., 8:40 p.m., 10:20 p.m., CMT): Reba McEntire will be honored with the Artist of a Lifetime award and Carrie Underwood, Dan & Shay, Kane Brown, Luke Combs and Thomas Rhett are other honorees at the 10th annual ceremonies from Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Nashville, Tenn. The 90-minute special honors the five artists who collectively have ruled the last 12 months in country music, leading across all CMT's platforms. The program also features a live-streamed remote performance by Underwood from her tour stop in Cleveland, Ohio.

"Schooled" (7:30 p.m., ABC): Seeking to improve the football team's chances of winning a title, Coach Mellor and Principal Glascott (Bryan Callen, Tim Meadows) recruit Felicia (guest star Rachel Crow) , a soccer star, to kick their field goals. Soon, however, Felicia's being treated like one of the guys, which upsets her relationship with Reza (Kavan Brar), a fellow player, in the new episode "Kick Like a Girl." Elsewhere, CB (Brett Dier) hopes to get quality time with Lainey (AJ Michalka) while they're chaperoning an overnight ski trip.

"David Makes Man" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OWN): This affecting drama wraps up its freshman season with a finale called "3 Sons' Sky," which reveals how Sky (Isaiah Johnson) died. That moment is preceded by a visit from Shinobi (Jordan Bolger), a fight with Raynan (Adéchiké Torbert) and a tender moment with David (Akili McDowell). David begs Mx. Elijah (Travis Coles) to help him get out of the drug operation. Elsewhere, Dr. Woods-Trap (Phylicia Rashad) makes a recommendation to Hurston.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): A collection of never-before-seen show segments from the series.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Lupita Nyong'o; comic Dane Cook; video game players Jay "Sinatraa" Won and Matthew "Super" DeLisi; The Avett Brothers perform.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Talk show host Whoopi Goldberg; author Ta-Nehisi Coates.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Jennifer Aniston; singer-songwriter Dave Matthews; Blanco Brown performs.*

* Subject to change

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MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor: "Plan Z." (N) © HD		(8:01) SEAL Team: "Adapt and Overcome." (N)		S.W.A.T.: "Funny Money." (N) © HD		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Chicago Fire: "Infection, Part I." (N) © HD		Chicago Med: "Infection, Part II." (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: "Infection, Part III." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Stumptown: "Family Ties." (N) © HD		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish © HD	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	This TV 9.3	♦ (6:30) Hang 'Em High (PG-13,'68) ★★ Clint Eastwood.				A Fistful of Dynamite (PG,'71) ★★★ ♦		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "Undercover in the Jungle." (N) ©		NOVA: "Why Bridges Collapse." (N) © HD		Wild Metropolis (Series Finale) (N) © ♦
	CW 26.1	Riverdale (N) © HD		Nancy Drew (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil © HD		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Family Time	Last Call	Exit Wounds (R,'01) ★ Steven Seagal. ♦		
	FOX 32	The Masked Singer: "Once Upon a Mask." (N)		(8:01) Almost Family: "Notorious AF." (N) HD		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: "Blackout."		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ♦
	TeleM 44	♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		El final del paraíso (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)
	MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline © HD		Dateline: "Reckless." ©		Chicago ♦
	UniMas 60	♦ (6) Enamorándonos		Resistiré HD		Noticiero Uni	Apocalipsis HD	
	WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Monument
	Univ 66	La Rosa de Guadalupe		La usurpadora (N)		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE	Ghost Hunters (N)		Ghost Hunters (N) ©		(9:01) Ghost Hunters (N)		Ghost ♦
	AMC	Trick 'r Treat (R,'07) ★★ Anna Paquin. © (SAP)				The Purge (R,'13) ★★ Ethan Hawke. ♦		
	ANIM	Extinct or Alive ©		Extinct or Alive (N)		Little (Series	Little (N)	Extinct or ♦
	BBCA	Footloose (PG,'84) ★★ Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer. ©					The Outsiders ('83) ★★ ♦	
	BET	Breast Cancer (N)		BET Keyshia Cole My New Life: Post Kickoff Call (N)				Br. Cancer ♦
	BIGTEN	Women's College Volleyball: Iowa at Ohio State. (N)				Volleyball (N)	The B1G Show ©	
	BRAVO	Real Housewives-Dallas		Real House. (N)		Housewives/OC		Watch (N)
	CLTV	Larry Potash	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Pk (N)	Yankers (N)	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Expedition Unknown (N)		Expedition Unknown (N)		Building Off the Grid (N)		Off Grid ♦
	DISN	Raven	Roll With It	Jessie ©	Jessie ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	Raven
	E!	The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13,'06) ★★★ Meryl Streep. ©					The Devil Wears Prada ♦	
	ESPN	NBA Preseason Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at New York Knicks. (N)					Basketball (N) ♦	
	ESPN2	College Football: South Alabama at Troy. (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Halloween Wars ©		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ♦
	FREE	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	700 Club ♦
	FX	♦ (6:30) Atomic Blonde (R,'17) ★★★ Charlize Theron.				American Horror Story (N)		1984 ♦
	HALL	Good Witch: Secrets of Grey House (NR,'16) ©				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property ♦
	HIST	Forged in Fire ©		Forged in Fire: "General Patton's Sabre." (N) ©				Forged ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Gladiator (R,'00) ★★★ Russell Crowe. A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome. ©						
	LIFE	When the Bough Breaks (PG-13,'16) ★ Morris Chestnut. ©					(9:33) Unwanted Guest ♦	
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge (N) ©			Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	Beer Money	Beyond	All Access	NHL Hockey: Flyers at Oilers (N) ♦			
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Smurfs (PG,'11) ★ Hank Azaria. ©				Friends ♦
	OVATION	♦ (6) The Outlaw Josey Wales (PG,'76) ★★★				Song	Pale Rider (R,'85) ★★★ ♦	
	OWN	David Makes Man		David Makes Man (Season Finale) (N)		David Makes Man ©		David ♦
	OXY	NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ♦
	PARMT	London Has Fallen (R,'16) ★★ Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart. ©					London Has Fallen ★★ ♦	
	SYFY	♦ HG: Mckingjay		The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2 (NR,'15) ★★★ © ♦				
	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan ©
	TCM	Detour (NR,'45) ★★ Tom Neal. ©			The Set-Up (NR,'49) ★★★ Robert Ryan.			Big Steal ♦
	TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Holly's Story." ©				Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding ♦
	TLN	Baptist	King	Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♦
	TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				I Am Legend (PG-13,'07) ★★★ ♦		
	TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy
	TRAV	Beyond the Unknown ©		Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) ©				Mystery (N)
	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King
	USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				Treadstone ©		Mod Fam ♦
	VH1	Basketball Wives (N) ©		Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Black Ink Crew (N)		Black Ink ♦
	WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♦
	WGN America	Dog's Most Wanted ©		Dog's Most Wanted (N)		Dog's Most Wanted ©		Dog
PREMIUM	HBO	(7:15) Happy Death Day 2U (PG-13,'19) ★★				24/7 College Football (N)		Ballers ©
	HBO2	Ballers ©	Room 104	Succession ©		(9:10) Brüno (R,'09) ★★ © ♦		
	MAX	Mr. Brooks (R,'07) ★★ Kevin Costner. ©				(9:05) Unknown (PG-13,'11) ★★ ♦		
	SHO	Tombstone (R,'93) ★★★ Kurt Russell. ©				(9:15) Wild Bill (R,'95) ★ Jeff Bridges. ♦		
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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Oct. 16): Communication is your golden ticket this year. Home and family benefit from disciplined action. Love beautifies everything this winter before your work takes a different turn. Change direction with a creative project next summer, leading to a professional flowering. Benefit from connecting, listening and sharing.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Study and investigate. Conduct research and put your story together. Outline what you want to say to build your piece on strong bones.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Compute expenses and allocate resources. You can make extra cash over the next few days. Your productivity can get lucrative. Don't get sidetracked.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Articulate a personal dream. Imagine what it might look like. Once you know what you want, the pieces line up with remarkable ease.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 6. Slow down to reconsider things. Finish projects privately. Small changes can reap big rewards. Dream up an exciting future and plot your course.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Friends pull for each other, especially today and tomorrow. Strengthen bonds by spending time together. Share a heavy load and grow closer in the process.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Consider an interesting professional opportunity over the next few days. Advance toward a goal. Avoid scams and cons. You can make great things happen.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Studies and adventures appeal to you. Monitor conditions before traveling. Move quickly when you get the perfect opening. Discover new terrain through your own eyes or the eyes of another.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Consider investments, insurance and legal matters that could provide future benefits. Review and file applications and papers. Do the research and then choose.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Stay receptive to a partner's views. Compromise may be required for a happy medium. Prioritize practicalities and basic foundational elements.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Quicken the pace as demand picks up. Expand physical limitations through regular healthy practices. Put love into your work and it will energize you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Romance flowers. Integrate someone new into your networks. There's room in your circle for one more. Love and compassion connect and bind hearts together.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Home comforts nurture your family. Domestic arts and crafts bring satisfaction. Make something delicious, beautiful or harmonious. Dig in the garden.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn

Bliss By Harry Bliss

Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North
♠ Q 10 5
♥ 9 6 4 3
♦ K 9 3
♣ K Q 5

West
♠ 3
♥ A K 8 2
♦ Q 10 2
♣ 9 7 4 3 2

East
♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ J 6
♣ A J 10

South
♠ A K J 8 6
♥ 5
♦ A 8 7 5 4
♣ 8 6

The Forcing One No Trump response to a major-suit opening has become standard with today's tournament players. One of the advantages is that responder can tell opener whether his invitational raise is based on three-card or four-card support. In today's auction, North's delayed raise showed specifically three-card spade support.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

East played the queen of hearts under his partner's ace at trick one, promising that he held the jack. West continued with a low heart to East's 10, ruffed by South. The contract would be easy if both spades and diamonds split 3-2, but that was against the odds. South took a line of play that only needed for diamonds to split 3-2. He led a club to dummy's king and East's ace. East continued with another heart, ruffed by South.

Declarer cashed the ace and king of diamonds, followed by the queen of clubs, before exiting dummy with a third diamond. West won with his queen and shifted to a low trump. South played low in dummy and won with the jack in his hand. Declarer now had a high crossruff for the last four tricks. This was an elegant line of play that would be missed by many declarers.

Note that had the defenders not kept forcing South to ruff, declarer could have played on similar lines and eventually drawn the trumps before cashing his long diamonds.

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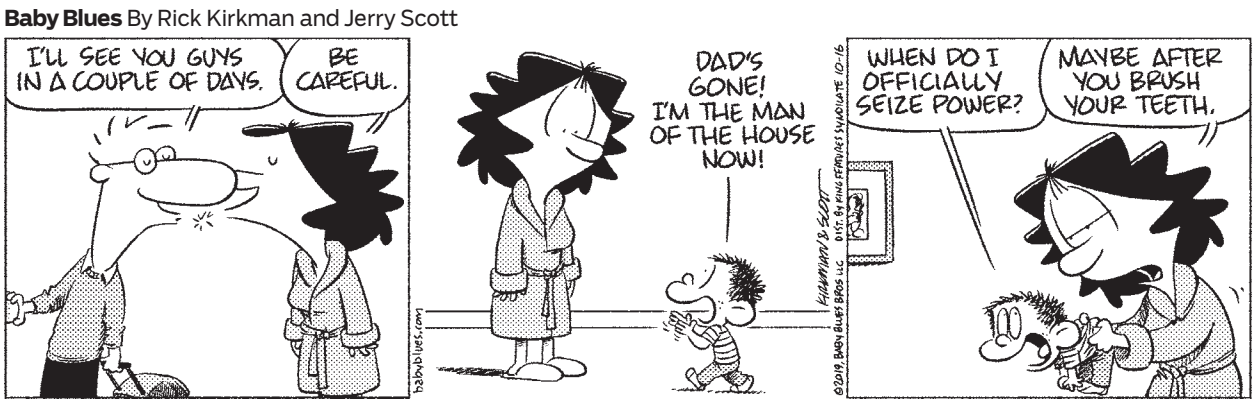
Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



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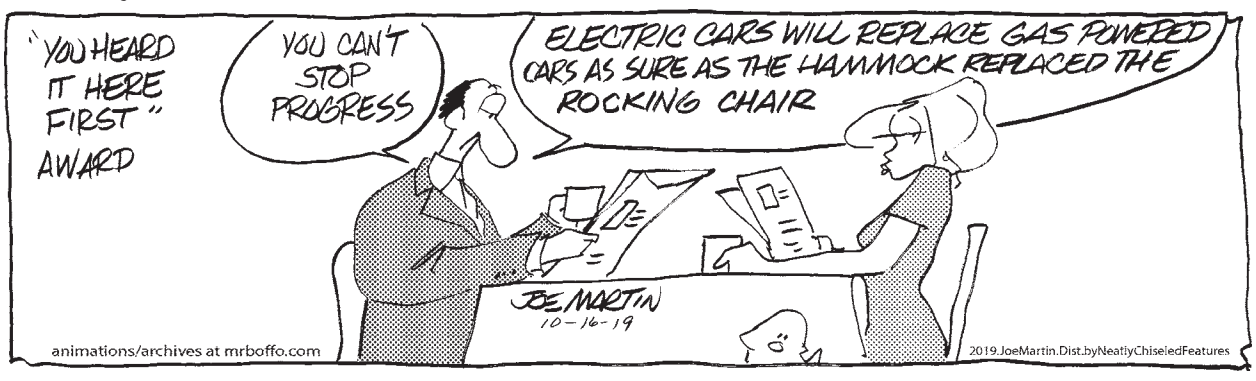

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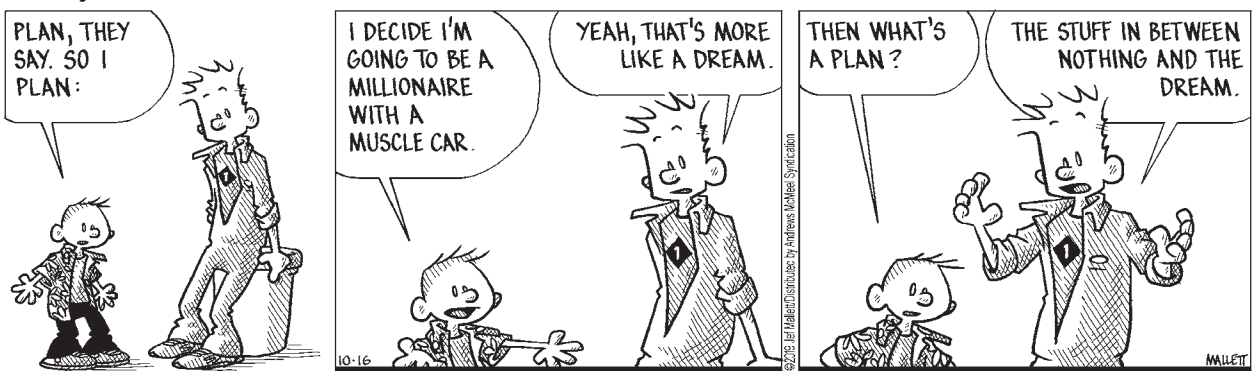

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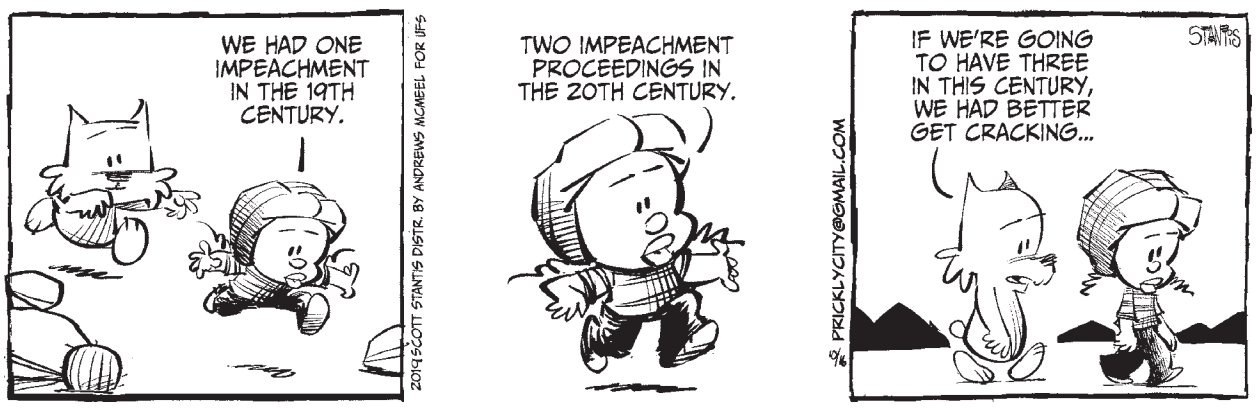

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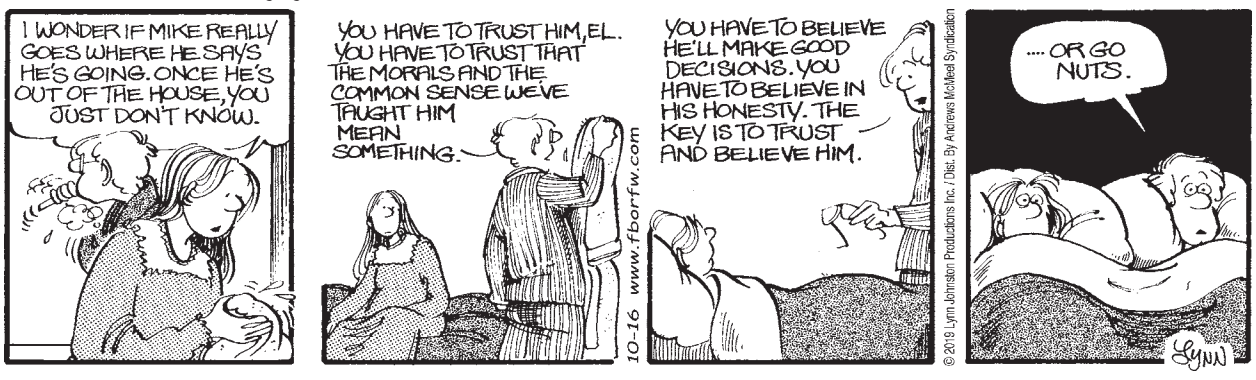

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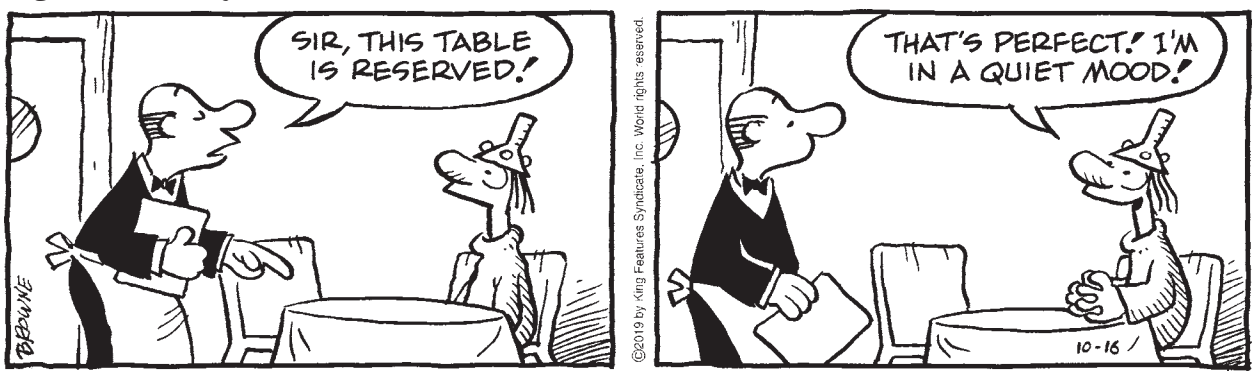

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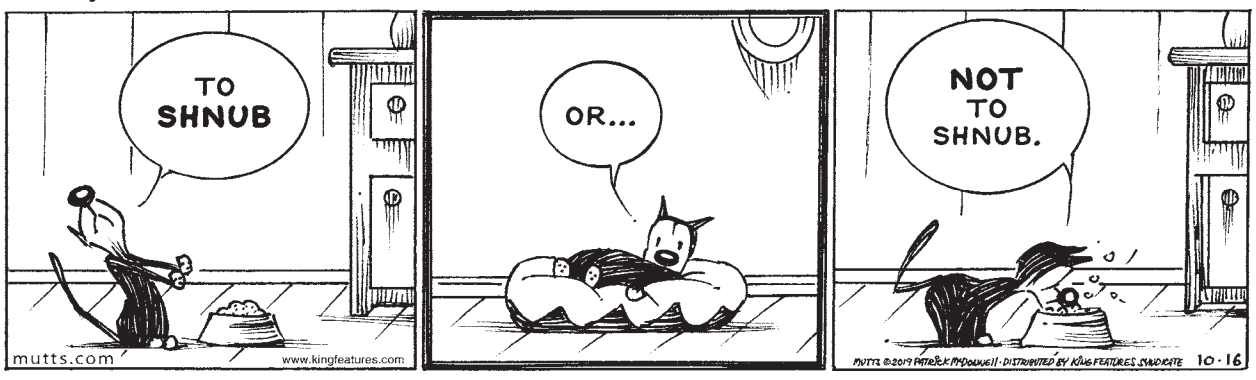

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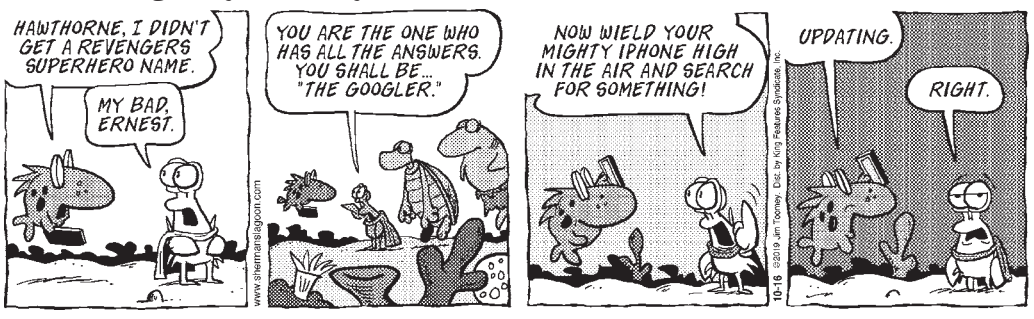

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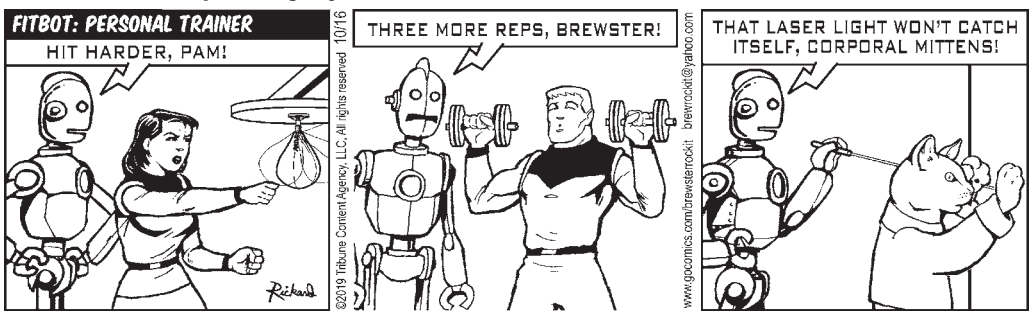

Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers

Trivia Bits

The Saturn V rocket was the launch vehicle for Skylab and which other NASA space program?

A) Apollo
B) Gemini
C) Mercury
D) Voyager

Tuesday's answer: Mjolnir is Thor's hammer.

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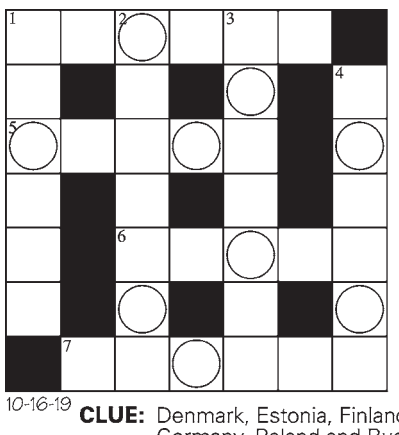
Jumble Crossword



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Getaway	PAEECS
5. Tropical tree	AABLS
6. Beef ___	RSTAO
7. Resolve	LSETET

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Commence, launch	ARMEBK
2. Low-___	IEAOCLR
3. Medieval farm worker	EATNAPS
4. Disconcert	ATLRTE

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BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Escape 5A-Balsa 6A-Roast 7A-Settle 1D-Embark 2D-Calorie 3D-Pheasant 4D-Rattle B-Baltic Sea

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

10/16

6				4				
		9		3				4
	7				2		6	
2			4					9
		8				7		
4					9			5
	9	2	7				1	
8				5		2		7
				1				8

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

2	4	9	7	3	1	8	5	6
3	7	6	9	5	8	1	4	2
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9	2	5	1	7	4	3	6	8
4	6	7	2	8	3	5	9	1

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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SERUSD

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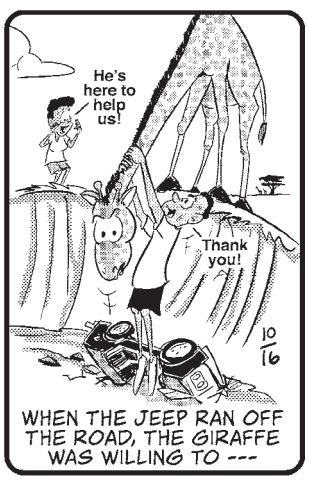

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Answer here

Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: GROUP WHIRL EXPOSE NEGATE
Answer: When the dog moved his tail back and forth while walking, they commented on his — SWAGGER

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Crossword

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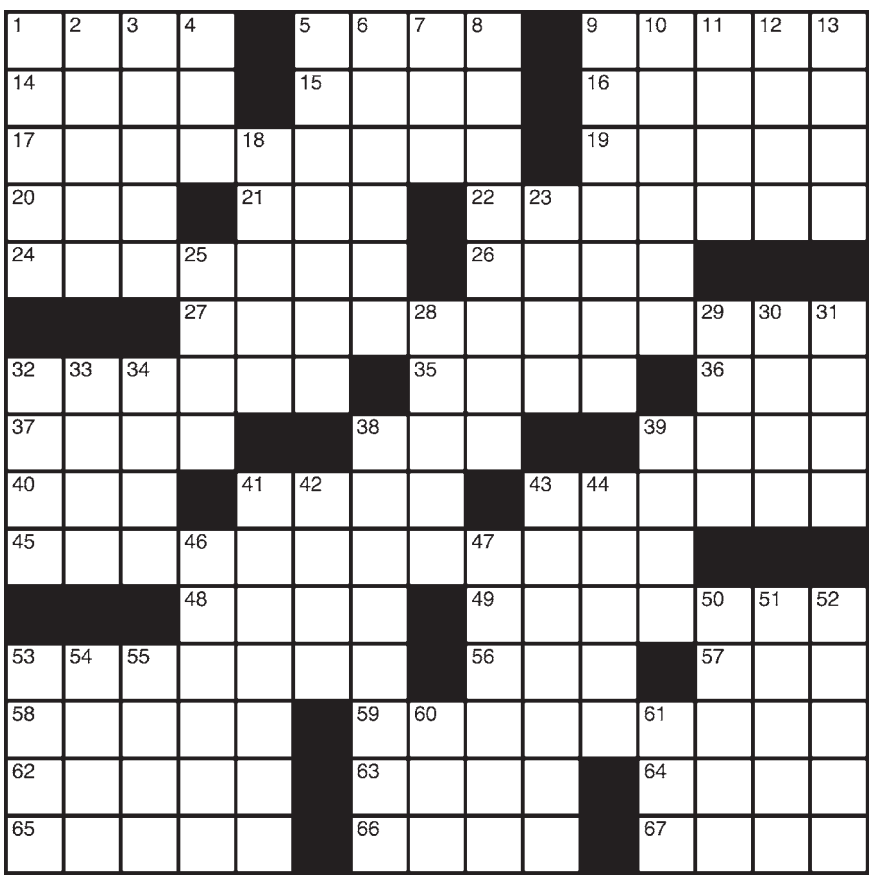

Across

1 Give a little
5 Under-the-sink cleaners
9 Spherical
14 On the protected side
15 Ward of "FBI"
16 Author Zora __ Hurston
17 Ellington-Strayhorn hit to which Johnny Mercer later added lyrics
19 Mistreat
20 "The Addams Family" cousin
21 Device for scratch removal?
22 Something found under a chest
24 Viagra competitor
26 Letter starter
27 Storied Alpine rescuer
32 Useful
35 Drop off
36 Motes may be seen in one
37 Two-time Indy winner Luyendyk
38 Two-__-one
39 Air Jordan company
40 Thing on a ring
41 Bodily fluids
43 Filled with wonder
45 Spot treatment
48 Senate helper
49 "I must be seeing things"
53 Reliable income source
56 Coll. aides
57 Feel poorly
58 Tablet download
59 Social networking service ... or an apt portmanteau for the starts of 17-, 27- and 45-Across
62 Nary a soul
63 Snap, in ads
64 Radiation units
65 In good shape
66 Movie lab helper
67 Skip over

Down

1 Pesto herb
2 Really excite
3 Hulu service
4 Opus __: "The Da Vinci Code" sect
5 '60s "journey"
6 Coast Guard rank
7 Angled piece
8 Self-service food station
9 How some silly things are done
10 Spiritually awakened
11 Gale family creator
12 Otherwise
13 Cook Paula
18 Birth-related
23 "I've __ busy"
25 "It's clear now"
28 Clock change hr. (though most do it sooner)
29 Nev. neighbor
30 Golf bunker tool
31 Like green hair
32 Symbols of strength
33 Fingerboard bar
34 Casual greeting
38 Coffee shop amenity
39 DEA operative
41 Ate at the theater, say
42 Proof word
43 One who takes off a lot
44 High-scoring club?
46 Selfie stick attachment
47 Decides one will
50 Sultan's group
51 Marlins' home
52 Title loc. in six horror films
53 Coin often left in a dish
54 Peek-__
55 "Are we there yet?" reply
60 Yule quaff
61 Miracle-__

Tuesday's solution

C	H	A	P	■	D	R	A	W	■	V	O	G	U	E
R	A	J	A	■	A	U	R	A	■	E	B	O	N	Y
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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16 NORMAL HIGH: **62°** NORMAL LOW: **43°** RECORD HIGH: **87° (1963)** RECORD LOW: **28° (1991)**

High winds, waves to strafe Ind., Mich. shores

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH	LOW
49	38

■ **Lake Michigan gale warning remains in effect through 1 p.m. this afternoon for the Illinois shoreline.**

■ WNW winds will gust to 40 mph following the cold front that passed Tuesday.

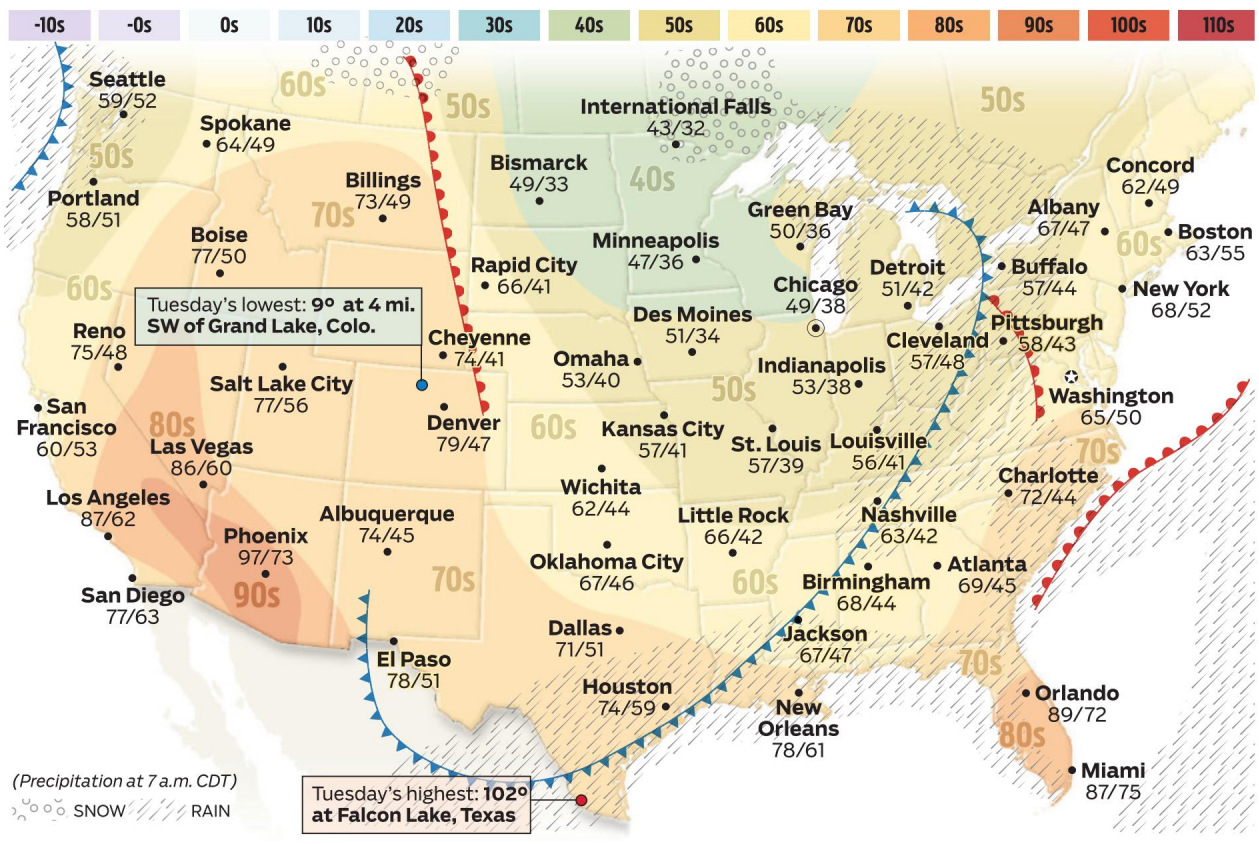
■ Indiana and Michigan shorelines have lakeshore flood advisories/warnings until 10 p.m. tonight.

■ Mostly cloudy and much cooler with a high near 50, more than 10 degrees below normal for mid October.

■ Mostly cloudy, breezy and colder overnight.

■ Nighttime NW winds remain breezy at 12-18 mph gusting to 25 mph.

NATIONAL FORECAST



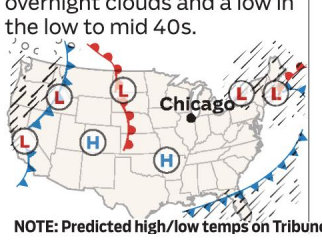
Porter and LaPorte counties in Indiana and Berrien County in Michigan are under a lakeshore flood advisory through 9 p.m. CDT this evening. Waves of 8 to 14 feet can be expected and beach erosion is likely. North of Berrien County, along Michigan's Lake Michigan shoreline, a lakeshore flood warning will be in effect until 9 p.m. CDT. Northwest wind gusts of 40 to 50 mph can be expected along the eastern Lake Michigan shoreline. Michigan shorelines will see waves of 10 to 15 feet, likely producing significant dune and bluff erosion.

High winds and colder temperatures will be in place after the passage of a cold front on Monday. High temperatures will be more than 10 degrees lower than yesterday. A slow warmup will begin on Thursday with temperatures reaching the mid 60s by the weekend.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

HIGH	LOW
55	44

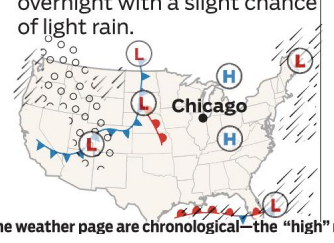
Mostly sunny, warmer, but cool for mid October. Light NW morning winds become stronger by late morning or early afternoon before diminishing by evening. A few overnight clouds and a low in the low to mid 40s.



FRIDAY, OCT. 18

HIGH	LOW
61	49

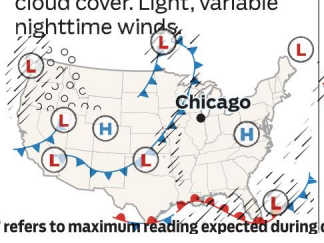
Clouds increase by late morning. Partly cloudy and warmer. Light south winds early increase to 8-12 mph with gusts to 20 mph by the afternoon. Clouds increase overnight with a slight chance of light rain.



SATURDAY, OCT. 19

HIGH	LOW
63	53

Mostly cloudy with a chance for scattered showers. A seasonable high in the low 60s. SSW winds 10-18 mph. Rain chances diminish overnight with decreasing cloud cover. Light, variable nighttime winds.



SUNDAY, OCT. 20

HIGH	LOW
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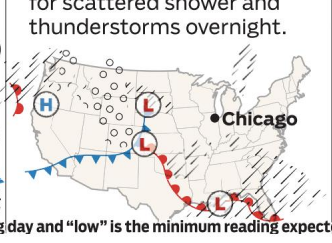
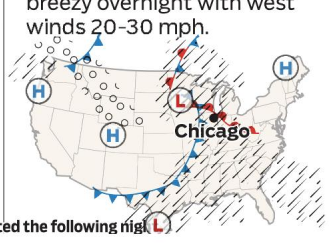
The day starts mostly sunny. Clouds begin to increase in the afternoon. A mild high in the mid 60s. S winds turn E by afternoon keeping it cooler near the lake. Chance for scattered shower and thunderstorms overnight.



MONDAY, OCT. 21

HIGH	LOW
65	40

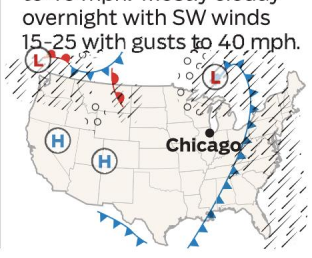
Showers/t-storms likely, becoming more scattered later in the day. South winds gust to 25 mph helping temperatures reach the mid 60s. Mostly cloudy and breezy overnight with west winds 20-30 mph.



TUESDAY, OCT. 22

HIGH	LOW
54	40

Very windy and much cooler. Mostly cloudy with scattered light rain or sprinkles. High in the low to mid 50s. WSW winds gust to 40 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight with SW winds 15-25 with gusts to 40 mph.



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ASK TOM

Dear Tom,

I recently was amazed at how large the moon appeared when it was rising over the eastern horizon. Why the large appearance?

Jane Alles

Dear Jane,

The sun and moon always appear larger whenever they are positioned near the horizon. It's such a compelling illusion that it has a name: the "moon illusion." The visual diameter of both the sun and moon is always 0.5 degrees of arc, no matter where they are in the sky. Were you to photograph the "large" rising moon, the result will be disappointing because the camera sees the moon's size as it actually is. The illusion probably results from how our minds relate size and distance. The sky at the horizon seems more distant than the overhead sky. When viewed against the "more distant" horizon sky, the moon and sun seem larger than when seen against the "closer" overhead sky.

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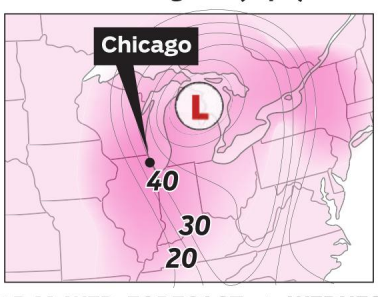
A gusty Wednesday; winds to churn Lake Michigan

TUESDAY'S WINDS
Peak wind gusts
Through 4 p.m. CDT

Valparaiso	31 mph
Midway	30 mph
Monee	29 mph
O'Hare	26 mph
Waukegan	26 mph
Wheeling	26 mph
Rockford	25 mph
West Chicago	24 mph
Aurora	23 mph

■ The average wind speed from Friday Oct. 11-13 (FRI-SUN) was 12.3 mph. That was the highest 3 day average since June 12-14 when the average speed was 12.9 mph.

WEDNESDAY'S WINDS
Forecast 9 a.m. gusts (mph)

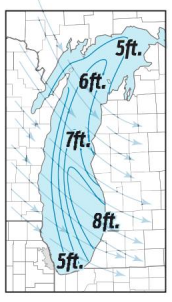


WEDNESDAY/ WED. EVENING
Indiana and Michigan shorelines to take a pounding

Lakeshore Flood Advisory

Lakeshore Flood Warning

5 A.M. WAVE FORECAST



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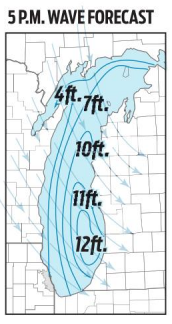

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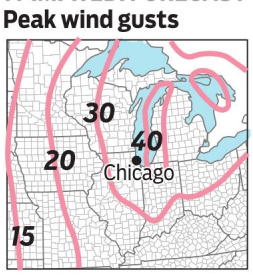
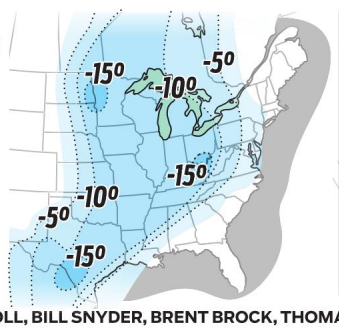


WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES
Forecast departures from normal
HOW MUCH BELOW NORMAL?



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CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	66	37	Midway	66	42
Gary	68	41	O'Hare	62	41
Kankakee	70	37	Romeoville	66	40
Lakefront	65	46	Valparaiso	69	36
Lansing	66	38	Waukegan	62	37

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.10"
October to date	3.38"	1.50"
Year to date	42.74"	29.84"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	0.0"	0.0"
Normal to date	0.1"	0.1"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind	NW 20-35 kts.	N 10-15 kts.
Waves	5-7 feet	2-4 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps		58°/56°

U.S. SNOW COVER

OCT. 15	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	4.3%	16.7%
Average snow depth	0.2"	0.4"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	0 days	0 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading	Good
Wednesday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

TUESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:04 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
Moon	7:59 p.m.	9:36 a.m.

3RD Q	NEW	1ST Q	FULL
Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 12

TUESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	9:17 a.m.	6:56 p.m.
Venus	8:31 a.m.	6:51 p.m.
Mars	5:48 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
Jupiter	11:55 a.m.	9:03 p.m.
Saturn	1:37 p.m.	10:49 p.m.

BEST VIEWING	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	Not visible	
Mars	Not visible	
Jupiter	7:15 p.m.	15° SW
Saturn	7:15 p.m.	24° SSW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	su	61	37	su	63	38
Champaign	pc	55	36	su	59	35
Decatur	pc	55	36	su	59	37
Moline	pc	54	36	su	58	40
Peoria	pc	54	37	pc	57	39
Quincy	pc	56	37	su	63	44
Rockford	pc	50	36	pc	54	37
Springfield	pc	56	36	su	60	39
Sterling	pc	51	35	pc	55	37
Indiana						
Bloomington	pc	54	37	pc	58	35
Evansville	pc	59	38	su	60	37
Fort Wayne	pc	50	42	cl	53	34
Indianapolis	cl	53	38	pc	58	34
Lafayette	pc	52	37	su	57	34
South Bend	sh	49	44	pc	51	37
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	pc	50	36	pc	52	34
Kenosha	pc	50	37	pc	53	38
La Crosse	cl	52	39	pc	55	41
Madison	pc	49	35	pc	53	37
Milwaukee	pc	51	37	pc	53	37
Wausau	cl	45	33	pc	50	34
Michigan						
Detroit	sh	51	42	pc	53	37
Grand Rapids	sh	50	42	cl	50	36
Marquette	sh	46	40	sh	45	35
St. Ste. Marie	rn	45	36	pc	48	32
Traverse City	rn	49	42	sh	49	37
Iowa						
Ames	pc	50	32	su	62	44
Cedar Rapids	pc	51	34	su	56	41
Des Moines	pc	51	34	su	63	47
Dubuque	pc	51	35	pc	54	38

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	su	73	47	pc	80	55
Albany	sh	67	47	rn	52	46
Albuquerque	su	74	45	pc	74	50
Amarillo	su	72	46	pc	80	53
Anchorage	sh	38	34	sh	44	34
Asheville	rn	61	40	su	58	37
Aspen	pc	67	33	pc	68	37
Atlanta	sh	69	45	su	66	45
Atlantic City	rn	70	49	pc	61	48
Austin	sh	73	55	pc	76	57
Baltimore	rn	67	50	pc	60	51
Billings	pc	73	49	sh	69	42
Birmingham	sh	68	44	pc	68	45
Bismarck	pc	49	33	pc	62	43
Boise	pc	77	50	sh	56	43
Boston	pc	63	55	sh	57	48
Brownsville	pc	88	67	rn	79	70
Buffalo	rn	57	44	sh	50	43
Burlington	cl	65	48	rn	50	44
Charlotte	rn	72	44	su	67	41
Charlstn SC	ts	79	53	su	69	52
Charlstn WV	rn	57	41	cl	56	39
Chattanooga	rn	67	43	su	67	42
Cheyenne	pc	74	41	pc	76	43
Cincinnati	sh	52	39	pc	59	34
Cleveland	rn	57	48	pc	52	48
Colo. Spgs	pc	75	44	pc	79	45
Columbia MO	pc	56	37	su	66	45
Columbia SC	rn	78	48	su	71	45
Columbus	rn	53	42	pc	56	37
Concord	pc	62	49	rn	53	43
Crps Christi	ts	78	64	pc	80	67
Dallas	pc	71	51	pc	74	53
Daytona Bch.	ts	87	69	pc	80	62
Denver	su	79	47	pc	80	48
Duluth	cl	47	36	pc	48	40
El Paso	su	78	51	su	81	61
Fairbanks	pc	33	20	pc	33	21
Fargo	sh	43	34	pc	59	46
Flagstaff	pc	71	38	pc	66	38
Fort Myers	pc	89	76	pc	89	72
Fort Smith	su	66	42	su	71	46
Fresno	pc	84	57	pc	74	50
Grand Junc.	pc	73	40	pc	75	46
Great Falls	pc	70	46	cl	62	43
Harrisburg	rn	66	47	pc	58	48
Hartford	rn	65	49	sh	54	46
Helena	pc	70	44	sh	59	40
Honolulu	sh	85	77	sh	87	76
Houston	sh	74	59	pc	74	60
Int'l Falls	sh	43	32	pc	50	39
Jackson	pc	67	47	pc	70	49
Jacksonville	ts	85	61	pc	76	58
Juneau	rn	46	38	sh	46	38
Kansas City	pc	57	41	su	70	54
Las Vegas	pc	86	60	pc	85	61
Lexington	cl	56	39	pc	60	37
Lincoln	pc	57	39	pc	71	53
Little Rock	su	66	42	su	68	43
Los Angeles	pc	87	62	su	76	59
Louisville	pc	56	41	su	61	38
Macon	sh	78	46	pc	71	45
Memphis	su	64	42	su	66	44
Miami	pc	87	75	ts	88	75
Minneapolis	cl	47	36	su	54	44
Mobile	rn	79	54	pc	74	57
Montgomery	sh	74	47	pc	70	47
Nashville	pc	63	42	su	64	41
New Orleans	ts	78	61	sh	73	65
New York	rn	68	52	pc	61	52
Norfolk	rn	71	46	su	63	46
Okla. City	su	67	46	su	77	52
Omaha	pc	53	40	pc	67	52
Orlando	ts	89	72	pc	84	65
Palm Beach	pc	91	75	ts	88	74
Palm Springs	pc	97	67	su	92	63
Philadelphia	rn	70	48	pc	59	48
Phoenix	pc	97	73	su	95	66
Pittsburgh	rn	58	43	sh	50	43
Portland, ME	pc	61	52	rn	57	45
Portland, OR	rn	58	51	rn	58	48
Providence	pc	63	50	sh	55	45
Raleigh	ts	70	45	su	64	42
Rapid City	pc	66	41	pc	77	48
Reno	cl	75	48	pc	60	35
Richmond	rn	65	46	pc	64	42
Rochester	rn	59	45	rn	50	43
Sacramento	pc	76	54	pc	73	47
Salem, Ore.	rn	56	50	rn	58	46
Salt Lake City	pc	77	56	cl	74	41
San Antonio	sh	72	57	pc	78	59
San Diego	pc	77	63	pc	71	61
San Francisco	cl	60	53	pc	63	51
San Juan	pc	88	77	pc	88	78
Santa Fe	su	70	39	pc	68	41
Savannah	ts	80	51	pc	72	51
Seattle	rn	59	52	rn	57	49
Shreveport	pc	67	48	pc	71	50
Sioux Falls	pc	48	36	pc	64	50
Spokane	cl	64	49	pc	57	43
St. Louis	pc	57	39	su	63	41
Syracuse	rn	63	45	rn	49	43
Tallahassee	ts	83	54	pc	76	52
Tampa	ts	87	74	pc	85	68
Topeka	su	58	39	su	71	52
Tucson	su	92	65	su	93	60
Tulsa	su	64	41	su	73	50
Washington	rn	65	50	pc	61	50
Wichita	su	62	44	su	73	52
Wilkes Barre	rn	58	40	sh	49	40
Yuma	pc	98	67	su	95	62

WORLD CITIES

WEDNESDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	ts	82	75
Algiers	su	80	58
Amsterdam	sh	59	51
Ankara	pc	82	54
Athens	su	81	61
Auckland	pc	63	55
Baghdad	pc	99	71
Bangkok	ts	93	78
Barbados	sh	86	79
Barcelona	pc	74	58
Beijing	cl	62	43
Beirut	su	88	76
Berlin	rn	59	53
Bermuda	pc	78	73
Bogota	cl	64	48
Brussels	rn	59	52
Bucharest	pc	71	46
Budapest	pc	71	45
Buenos Aires	sh	62	57
Cairo	pc	92	68
Cancun	pc	89	78
Caracas	ts	78	64
Casablanca	su	72	55
Copenhagen	rn	56	50
Dublin	pc	57	48
Edmonton	su	59	41
Frankfurt	sh	59	51
Geneva	pc	66	48
Guadalajara	pc	86	62
Havana	pc	91	71
Helsinki	sh	47	40
Hong Kong	su	85	73
Istanbul	pc	73	62
Jerusalem	pc	84	64
Johannesburg	su	87	59
Kabul	pc	76	50
Kiev	su	71	45
Kingston	pc	88	78
Lima	pc	68	61
Lisbon	pc	70	63
London	sh	59	45
Madrid	pc	67	46
Manila	pc	92	78
Mexico City	ts	73	59
Monterrey	rn	77	62
Montreal	cl	63	46
Moscow	cl	48	44
Munich	pc	63	44
Nairobi	pc	80	61
Nassau	pc	85	78
New Delhi	su	94	72
Oslo	rn	45	40
Ottawa	rn	59	45
Panama City	ts	85	74
Paris	rn	61	54
Prague	sh	60	44
Rio de Janeiro	pc	82	71
Riyadh	pc	96	71
Rome	pc	73	53
Santiago	pc	68	46
Seoul	pc	70	51
Singapore	ts	88	77
Sofia	su	78	46
Stockholm	sh	51	45
Sydney	pc	79	55
Taipei	rn	78	73
Tehran	su	80	59
Tokyo	sh	66	58
Toronto	rn	56	45
Trinidad	pc	88	74
Vancouver	rn	55	49
Vienna	sh	62	44
Warsaw	pc	70	48
Winnipeg	sh	40	34

FORECAST (FC) ABBREVIATIONS: su-sunny pc-partly cloudy cl-cloudy rn-rain ts-thunderstorm sn-snow fl -flurries fr-freezing rain sl-sleet sh-showers rs-rain/snow ss-snow showers w-windy na-unavailable

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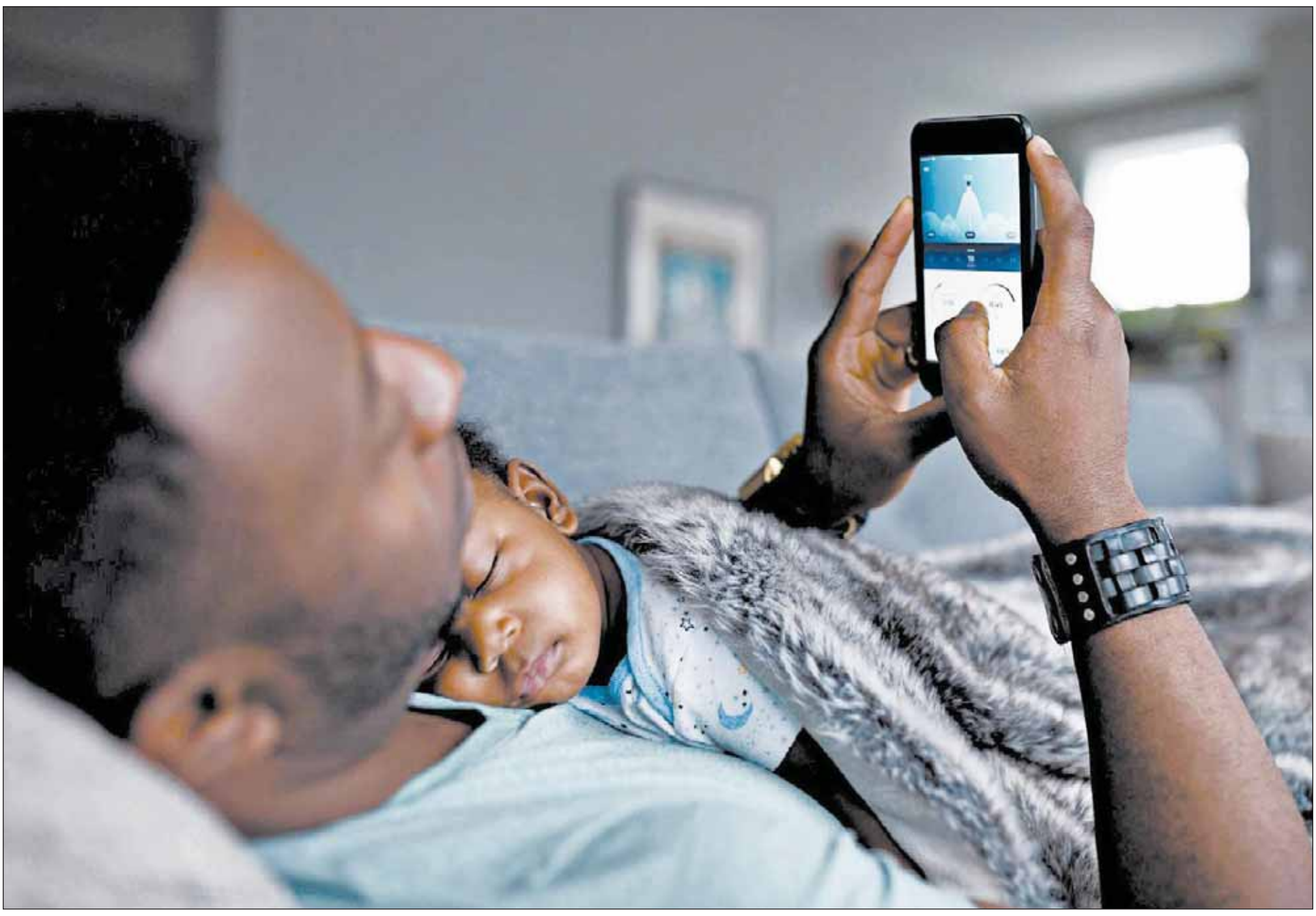

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The rise of 'digital detox'

Coaches, podcasts, wellness programs and retreats have sprung up to guide us in putting down our phones

By Jessica Roy
Los Angeles Times

How often do you look at your phone each day, checking Twitter, Instagram, Slack or whatever emails might have come in over the past five minutes?

More than you might realize. A 2018 Deloitte survey showed Americans look at their phone 52 times a day on average. Tech insurance and support company Asurion's 2018 survey pegged it at 80 times a day. "Tech neck" is approaching public health crisis levels. If you've ever ignored your partner to look at your phone, you've taken part in a behavior known as "phubbing," a term coined in 2012.

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Wendy Wood has an entire chapter of her forthcoming book "Good Habits, Bad Habits" titled "How to Stop Looking at Your Phone So Often." Wood, a provost professor of psychology and business at University of Southern California who studies habits, says phone usage — while pervasive — doesn't rise to the level of being an addiction for most people.

"Addiction is characterized by an inability to stop using a drug, in this case a phone; failure to meet work, social or familial obligations; and sometimes, depending on the drug, tolerance and withdrawal," Wood said. "For most people, phone use is more of a habit that we haven't quite figured out how to control."

But some think phone usage does qualify as an addiction, particularly among younger people. Digital sociologist and USC lecturer Julie Albright is the author of the book "Left to Their Own Devices: How Digital Natives Are Reshaping the American Dream," which explores the impact devices have had on young people's real-life connections.

"I didn't used to use the word 'addiction.' I didn't like the word 'addiction,' " she said. But at this point, she feels it fits, particularly for Gen Z, the oldest of whom are finishing college now. A sorority house mother on campus mentioned to her that the girls seemed to have lost the art of conversation, that they speak briefly to one another at group dinners but all quickly gravitate back to their phones.

In some ways, phones broke us. As we've used the language of addiction to describe how we use them, so too has that vocabulary extended to fixing the problem: Worldwide Google searches for "digital detox" have been rising steadily over the last five years. At the same time, rates of depression, anxiety and other mental health issues among teens and young adults — the group that collectively spends the most time on their phones — have spiked. But in any case, a world of coaches, books, podcasts, wellness programs, camps and retreats have sprung up to help those of us who need a little external assistance to guide our "digital detox."

As with so many problems in our lives, the cause can also facilitate the solution. Andy Petranek is co-founder of the Whole Life Challenge, a six-week online game in which you compete against your friends, family and other players to try to develop better habits in areas like nutrition, exercise, sleep and well-being. Twenty-eight thousand people participated in the January challenge this year. Enrollment costs between $29 and $59, depending on how far in advance you sign up.

Petranek opened a CrossFit gym in Los Angeles in 2004; he started the Whole Life Challenge as a way to incorporate overall wellness into his clients' lives. For the nutrition aspect, there's a list of permitted foods; to get your points in exercise, be active for 10 minutes a day. The well-being piece is a little more ambiguous. Every week, a new well-being practice is announced. Sometimes, Petranek said, it's decluttering or meditation. Other times, it's related to digital detox: No phones during meals for a week. Turn off phone notifications for a week. Move social media apps off your home screen for a week.

If you need one-on-one help, you could find someone like Laurin Seiden, a life coach based in LA. In 2014, she started hearing complaints from clients about phones and social media. Over time, she said, it seems as if feeling tethered to phones and social media has gone from being something people are concerned about to something people just live with as a fact of daily life.

"Now it's just the norm. It's almost like we've been numbed to the noise," she said. She tries to get clients to tease out their goals and values: what they really want out

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Many pregnant women miss crucial vaccines

New CDC report emphasizes need to protect against flu and whooping cough

By Kate Thayer

Most pregnant women surveyed in a new report did not receive both the influenza and whooping cough vaccines — a move public health officials say puts pregnant women and their babies, once they're born, at risk.

About 35% of pregnant women surveyed reported getting both vaccines, according to the report released last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 55% received only the Tdap vaccine, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough), and about 54% reported getting a flu shot only.

The survey included 2,100 women, ages 18 to 49, who were pregnant between August last year through April of this year.

"Influenza and pertussis, or whooping cough, are serious infections that can be deadly for babies, especially those who are too young to be vaccinated directly," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, CDC principal deputy director. "It's been proven repeatedly that these vaccinations are safe for pregnant women and their developing babies, and effective in preventing serious complications from influenza and whooping cough."

Public officials said the results show the need to communicate the severity of influenza and pertussis, especially for pregnant women and infants, as well as the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines. Antibodies from the vaccine are

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A how-to for college students' health insurance

You may already have coverage with a family plan

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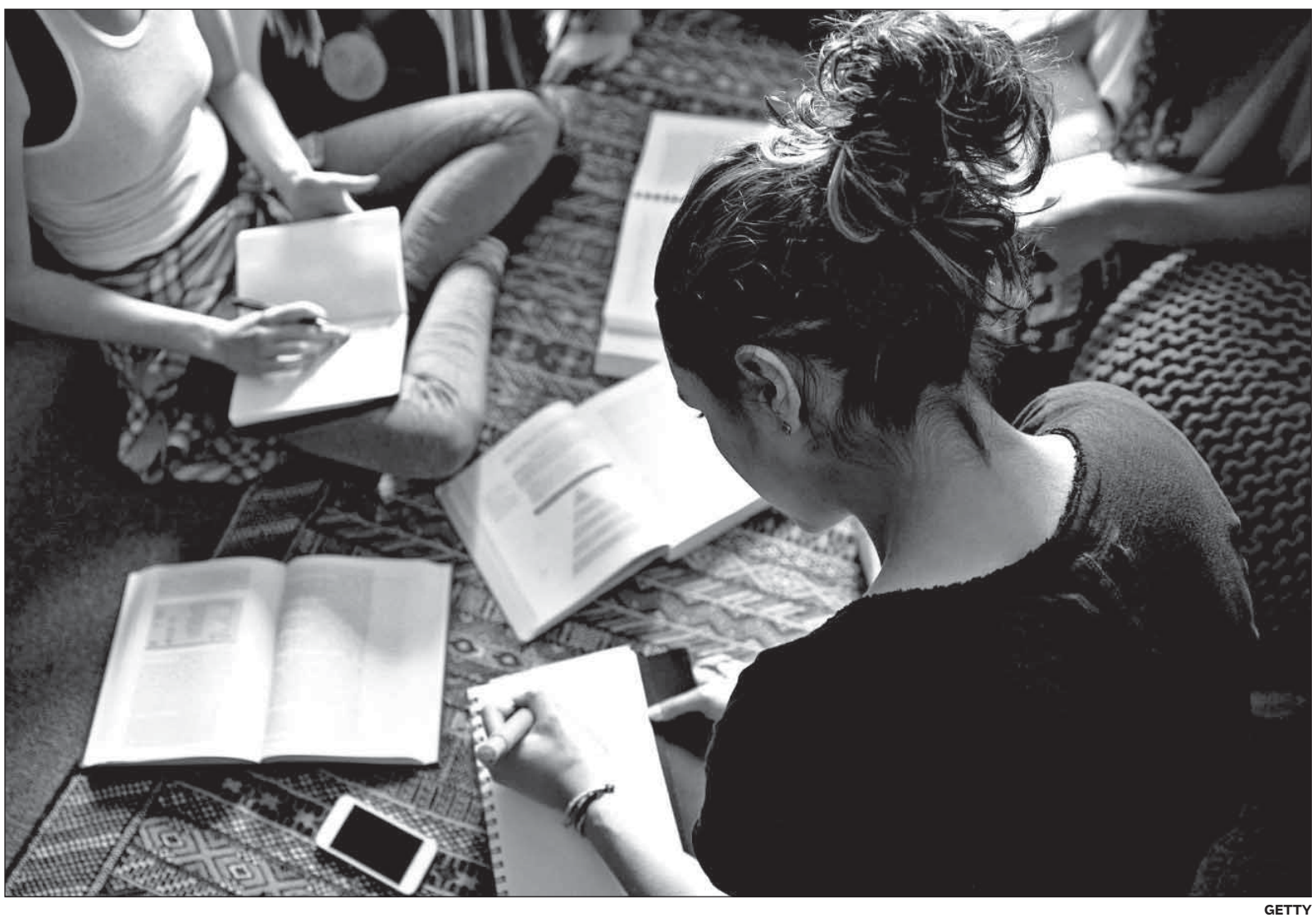

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Some college students might be surprised to know that they could potentially qualify for no-cost Medicaid.

Health insurance may not be top of mind for the 2.9 million freshmen nationwide who just started college, but it's important.

Whether you're an undergrad or graduate student, your options depend on where you go to college, if you already have coverage through a family or individual health plan, and how much money you make.

It might surprise you to know you could qualify for no-cost Medicaid, the public health insurance program for people with low income.

"The good news is there are a few good options," says Paul Rooney, vice president of carrier relations at eHealth, an online health insurance broker based in Santa Clara, California.

Since health plans vary from region to region and state to state, your first call might be to an insurance agent in the market where your college is located to discuss your options.

Sometimes, staying on your family's plan is the best option — and you can do so up to age 26.

If you are on your family's plan, or you have your own insurance, call the customer service number on your insurance card to ask about the level of coverage, if any, it will provide if you attend college in another region or state.

If your family health plan is a preferred provider organization (PPO) with a national insurance company — Cigna, Aetna or UnitedHealthcare, for example — you often can get full medical services at in-network prices in other regions of the country where your insurer operates.

But it also has to work financially. Parents, ask your employer or your insurer if taking your child off the family PPO will lower your premium. If the answer is no, and he or she will have full network coverage while away at college, it makes sense to keep your child on the plan.

If the answer is yes, do the math.

Keith Wakeman, CEO of a Chicago-based mental health app startup called SuperBetter, learned he would save $1,900 this year by taking his son Jack off the family's Blue Cross PPO and buying him the student plan offered by Purdue University, where he is a freshman.

"The plan is much better for Jack in terms of deductibles and copays — and also includes vision and dental," Wakeman says. "It was a no-brainer for us."

It probably also makes sense to take your student off the family plan if it is a health maintenance organization (HMO) or an exclusive provider organization, both of which restrict their networks more than PPOs.

There are exceptions: Some insurers allow HMO enrollees to get full medical services at no extra cost in other regions or states where they operate. Ask your health plan if that's possible.

If it's not, the health plan offered by your college could be a good option.

Student health plans have improved in recent years, in part because they almost always comply with the Affordable Care Act's coverage requirements. That means most offer a comprehensive range of medical services at a high level of coverage, says Stephen Beckley, a senior partner with Fort Collins, Colorado-based Hodgkins Beckley Consulting, which works with colleges on student health programs.

Nationally, costs vary widely from college to college, and some are very high, Beckley says.

Beware: Many universities will enroll you in their health plan automatically, and you must obtain a waiver — by proving you have other acceptable coverage — to avoid the charges.

"We tell people that you should make sure you're not being opted into services you won't use," says Erin Hemlin, director of health and policy advocacy for Young Invincibles, which promotes the interests of young adults.

If your family plan doesn't work for you anymore and your college plan is too expensive, check to see if you qualify for no-cost Medicaid.

In the more than 30 states that have expanded Medicaid, individuals who make up to about $17,200 annually are eligible for the program. It helps if your parents do not claim you as a dependent on their tax returns; otherwise, you must report their income.

If your income is too high for Medicaid, you might still qualify for a subsidy to buy a health plan through your state's Obamacare insurance exchange.

Enrollment in 2020 Obamacare exchange plans starts Nov. 1 in most of the country.

Experts say a viable option for some students who are on their family's plan is to stay on it, getting emergency care at a local hospital if necessary and basic primary care at the on-campus clinic (access is often included in student fees). They can wait to get physical checkups and other nonurgent care until they visit home.

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Donna Feaster, a registered nurse, administers flu shots during the city's free flu shot clinic at the First United Methodist Church in 2018.

Vaccine

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passed through the pregnant woman to her baby, Schuchat said, which helps build immunity beneficial to an infant once it's born and too young to receive these vaccines.

Women who contract influenza during pregnancy are twice as likely to be hospitalized, Schuchat said, adding that pregnant women were among those who died in Cook County several years ago during a season with a particularly severe strain of H1N1.

Young infants are also especially at risk for hospitalization and death if they contract whooping cough or influenza. According to the CDC, 69% of reported whooping cough deaths occur in babies younger than 2 months old, and babies younger than 6 months are at the highest risk of all children to be hospitalized for influenza.

Babies typically do not receive their own vaccine for these viruses until 2 and 6 months, respectively, making it vital for a mother to pass on immunity in utero, Schuchat said.

The report also showed that about three-quarters of the women surveyed were offered both vaccines in their doctor's office, or referred elsewhere for the shots. But some remained concerned about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine, and also reported confusion over the Tdap vaccine, Schuchat said. About 38% of the women surveyed said they did not know a Tdap shot is required each time they are pregnant, regardless of whether they received the shot in the past.

"Our data suggests a need to get the word out," she said. "There's room for improving communication between clinicians and women who are pregnant."

Dr. Maura Quinlan, a Northwestern Medicine obstetrician-gynecologist, said she communicates with her patients early on, letting them know when they will be offered the vaccines during an office visit. While the influenza vaccine may be offered at any time during the pregnancy during flu season, the Tdap shot is given early in the third trimester, she said. "It can be a hard conversation to have for vaccine-averse patients," Quinlan said.

And because OB-GYNs don't administer vaccines as much as other physicians such as pediatricians, some may forget to bring up the topic, she said.

Quinlan said she provides patients with written materials and also talks with them about the benefits of the vaccines and the risks of the illnesses. Whooping cough, for example, might only register as a nagging, minor cough in an adult. But if that adult holds a baby, the baby can get very sick, she said.

"I think we, as a society, have become forgetful at how bad these diseases are, and think we don't need a vaccine," she said. "But we absolutely do, especially for babies."

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Why maintaining weight loss requires such effort

By Len Canter
Health Day

Scientists are learning more about why keeping off lost weight is so hard — and a pair of studies suggest it's more than a question of sheer willpower.

A Dartmouth University study published in Cognitive Neuroscience used brain imaging tests to show that some people have an imbalance between the executive control and reward systems of the brain. This disconnect means you may not have enough natural control over the impulse to reach for food when you're stressed or even when you're happy.

The other study was by the University of Michigan and U.S. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and published in the journal Obesity. It found that the body's internal protection against starvation encourages eating specifically so that you'll regain any lost weight — and at a rate of 100 calories a day for every kilogram or 2.2 pounds dropped. Since that's much more than the average person would naturally burn off, the end result is weight gain.

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Maintaining weight loss often requires a different approach than you used to shed the pounds.

This doesn't mean your weight-loss efforts are doomed, but you will need to make a strong effort to overcome these forces.

Research published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine found that maintaining a loss often requires a different approach than you used to lose the weight.

The researchers looked at the habits of 1,165 people and found intriguing contrasts. People who followed a consistent exercise routine or ate an abundance of low-fat protein foods were better able to maintain a weight loss, but these techniques did not work for losing weight. On the other hand, people who said they did many different kinds of exercise or planned meals ahead found that such steps helped them lose weight but weren't factors in weight-loss maintenance.

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of their lives versus what they're doing to achieve it. Frequently, she said, that involves a hard conversation about phone time.

Some people might just need a reset from their phones. Enter Camp No Counselors, a 21-and-over weekend camp where phones aren't welcome. Dave Kushner, director and "head camper," said Camp No Counselors started in 2013 as a big trip for a group of friends. The idea: Wouldn't it be awesome if we rented some old campgrounds for a week and relived summer camp? They inadvertently picked a place with no cell service. At the end, they realized being forcibly removed from their phones felt rewarding, not punishing. When they expanded into a company, they made it one of the core tenets that phones had to stay behind in the bunks.

"People say often it's the best part of the weekend, because you're allowed to get yourself off that leash," Kushner said. "Sometimes you feel phantom signals from your pocket for the first day or so. But it's so nice to just be able to escape again. It's a luxury in this time to be able to escape a lot of the stresses of the real world. People love to drop that for just a weekend."

Prices start at $550, which includes four days of lodging, food, late-night snacks and classic camp activities like archery, dodgeball, arts and crafts, hiking, friendship bracelet weaving and water slides. Also, a not-so-classic activity: an open bar. A paid photographer captures the activities to further reduce phone temptation.

Camps are run in various spots across the country. Kushner says the company is looking to expand to more cities in 2020.

If you'd rather not cough up hard cash to look at your phone less, there are a few tips to help get you started. Put your phone away during meals. Practice intention when you use your phone: Before you go to pick it up, ask yourself why. Are you bored? Uncomfortable? In an awkward social situation? Sit with that for a minute and decide whether you have a good reason to be looking or if it's just a reflexive motion.

If it's just a reflexive motion, put it down. That's free.

Three-drug inhaler may be an advance for asthma patients

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Putting three drugs in an inhaler was more effective in helping prevent some asthma attacks, researchers said.

A new 3-in-1 asthma drug inhaler may provide better and easier control of symptoms for tough-to-treat patients, two new studies suggest.

The two phase 3 trials involved more than 2,500 asthma patients across 17 countries. Patients tested out an inhaler that contained three drugs: A steroid preventer to control inflammation; a long-acting bronchodilator to keep airways open; and a drug called glycopyrronium to help boost airflow.

The researchers found that putting the three drugs in a single inhaler was more effective in preventing moderate-to-severe asthma attacks than standard therapy with two medicines.

"Given the reduction we saw in the annual rate of severe asthma attacks, we expect it will provide an attractive (treatment) option," study co-author Sandrine Corre, from the Italian drugmaker Chiesi Farmaceutici, said in a news release from the journal The Lancet.

The two trials of the three-drug inhaler were funded by Chiesi Farmaceutici, with results published in the journal in late September. The results were also presented recently at the annual meeting of the European Respiratory Society in Madrid, Spain.

As one U.S. expert explained, simpler is always better when it comes to asthma care.

"The more complicated the inhalational regimen or any regimen, the less likely a patient will comply with the therapy," said Dr. Theodore Maniatis, who wasn't involved in the new trials.

"Once-a-day therapy is usually fairly easy to handle," said Maniatis, who is medical director at Staten Island University Hospital, in New York City. "The quest always has been to get as many drugs into an inhalational drug as possible so that the number of treatments or inhalations per day is minimized."

Inhalers that contain two drugs aimed at preventing asthma attacks already exist, explained study author J. Christian Virchow, from Rostock University Medical Center in Germany.

In fact, "the patients in our studies had been using preventer inhalers combining two medicines, but they weren't working as effectively as they do for most asthma sufferers," he said in the journal news release. So, the two new trials sought to test out the effectiveness of the three-drug inhaler. The same combination of three drugs was tested out in both trials; only the dosages of the drugs were different.

In the two trials, which ran from 2016 to 2018, patients were selected to try two different strengths of the therapy — either in a single, three-drug inhaler or via medications given in different inhalers.

In both trials, lung function — as measured by a standard breathing test — improved for patients using the triple-drug inhaler versus those using a two-drug inhaler, the investigators found.

The combo inhaler also showed some effectiveness in preventing asthma attacks. In one trial, moderate and severe attacks were reduced by 15%, while the other trial found no statistically significant difference.

Virchow admitted that the benefit in preventing attacks appears "moderate," but he added that "even incremental improvements can be valuable when there are few treatment options left available."

For his part, Maniatis said the advent of a three-drug asthma inhaler has been a long-sought goal.

"For years, studies have been trying to find the right proportion of these three airway treatments," he explained. "There is a maximum dose of each of these drugs beyond which it does not pay to give more."

The encouraging results of the trials could be good news for patients, Maniatis added. "The simpler a medication regimen is, more likely someone is to follow it, and hence the logic behind trying to put these three therapies in one inhalational device," he said.

Dr. Len Horovitz is a pulmonary specialist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, said that some patients might not be able to "tolerate" all three drugs.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Listerine may be just the cure for an itchy scalp

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

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At one point, the original maker of Listerine advertised the product for "infectious dandruff."

Q: I have had an itchy scalp for months. It was so bad that I often found myself scratching till my scalp bled.

I tried every dandruff shampoo and cure I could find. The doctor recommended tea tree oil, various commercial preparations and then cortisone. In desperation, I poured a capful of Listerine on my scalp.

The itching stopped. The angels sang.

The itching wouldn't stop for anything before this! I don't really seem to have dandruff, just the maddening itch. It still comes back, but I just pour the Listerine straight on it, out of the cap, full strength, and it stops.

A: You are not the first person to report that Listerine was helpful against itchy scalp. Of course, it would be nice to know what is causing the itch in the first place.

If you have lice, Listerine is surprisingly successful at killing them. If you are dealing with a fungal infection of the scalp, Listerine has antifungal ingredients that might help. Once upon a time, the original maker of Listerine advertised the product for "infectious dandruff." Whatever the cause, we're delighted that you have achieved relief with an old-fashioned remedy.

Q: For years, I had idiopathic neuropathy (loss of feeling in my feet and severe leg pain at night). I heard that alpha lipoic acid could be helpful, but the supplement did not work for me.

Then I experienced cravings for chicken livers. It turns out that organ meats are rich natural sources of lipoic acid. For the past few years I have eaten one organic chicken liver each day. I now have full feeling in my feet and no leg pain.

For me, it seems that the source is far superior to the supplement. I have recommended this tactic to a few people I know with neuropathy, and they have had similar beneficial results.

A: Alpha lipoic acid has been studied as a treatment for diabetic neuropathy. A review of nondrug approaches for painful peripheral neuropathy found that supplements of ALA, vitamin B12, acetyl-L-carnitine or vitamin D in deficient patients may be helpful (Current Treatment Options in Neurology, Sept. 2, 2019).

Your approach of getting ALA from chicken livers is intriguing. Organ meats are a good source of ALA, as are vegetables such as spinach and broccoli.

Q: I have read about ashwagandha for sleeping problems. I have never heard of this stuff. What is it, and how do I find it?

A: Dr. Tieraona Low Dog is one of the country's leading experts on botanical and integrative medicine. During an interview on our syndicated public radio show, she mentioned that the ancient Indian plant ashwagandha (Withania somnifera) could be especially helpful for people who were wired but tired.

We could not find any randomized clinical trials of ashwagandha for sleeping problems. Researchers in India are conducting such a study, but the results have not yet been published.

This Ayurvedic herb has been used for stress, insomnia and joint inflammation for thousands of years. It can be found in health food stores and some pharmacies.

ConsumerLab.com has reviewed a number of products and found that only about half passed their rigorous tests. Nature's Way Ashwagandha and Sundown Naturals Stress Support had the greatest potency.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

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New institute will study (and spread) kindness

Researchers say being nice to others can change the brain and behavior of genes

By Teresa Watanabe
Los Angeles Times

A friendly smile. A food pantry donation. Allowing a driver to cut in front of you.

Such acts of kindness have a self-serving upside too, as science has conclusively shown they make you healthier.

Now the University of California, Los Angeles is advancing that science by launching the world's first interdisciplinary research institute on kindness, which will explore, for instance, how and why being nice to others reduces depression and the risk of cancer and cardiovascular disease.

Research by UCLA scientists already has shown that mindfulness and kindness alter the behavior of genes, turning down those that promote inflammation, which can lead to heart disease or certain cancers, and turning up the activity of genes that protect against infections.

But the ultimate goal of the UCLA Bedari Kindness Institute is to spread kindness and promote a more humane world. It will develop training tools to help practice kindness and spread them through online programs, public lectures, media outreach and a free app called "UCLA Mindful," which already is available.

"In the midst of current world politics, violence and strife, the UCLA Bedari Kindness Institute seeks to be an antidote," said Darnell Hunt, dean of the UCLA division of social sciences, which houses the venture.

Researchers agreed on an academic definition for kindness: an act that enhances the welfare of others as an end in itself. For example, kindness is complimenting someone to make them feel good, not to get what you want.

"Cultivating kind thoughts increases the frequency of kind actions, and both the thoughts and experience of engaging in the actions have positive effects on the well-being of the individual," said Daniel Fessler, UCLA anthropology professor and the institute's inaugural director.

The institute's work will focus on three themes: the roots of kindness, how to promote it and how to use it as a therapeutic intervention to improve mental and physical health.

Fessler said humans have come to dominate the globe, despite their relatively small size, because of their unparalleled ability to cooperate.

"As troubling as violence and cruelty are in our society, the actual level of positive cooperation is astounding at an evolutionary level," he said. "Our species is a hyper-cooperative one. No other species is engaged in such a large level of cooperation among individuals who are not kin."

But, he noted, humans also have a long history of violent inter-group conflict and cruelty. One researcher, UCLA sociologist Aliza Luft, is exploring cultural factors that not only promote cruelty but also lead some members of the dominant group to choose kindness instead — such as those "righteous Gentiles" who risked their lives to save Jews from Nazi persecution and the Holocaust.

Fessler and other anthropologists are studying how kindness can be contagious, spreading among individuals and groups. In one UCLA experiment, people who watched a video clip of someone showing kindness were more likely to donate money to a children's hospital than those who watched a video without altruistic actions.

UCLA researchers also have shown that kindness can significantly ease depression and anxiety.

Michelle Craske, a professor of psychology, psychiatry and behavioral sciences, has demonstrated that patients who received compassion training to cultivate joy, gratitude, loving kindness and generosity, and engaged in kind acts — offering to help co-workers on projects, for instance — significantly reduced their depression. The improved mental health lasted throughout the six months researchers followed the patients, she said.

Craske plans to start a similar research project with high school students at risk of depression, and she's developing virtual reality tools to simulate positive environments that can help boost people's sense of well-being.

Michael Irwin, a psychiatrist and neuroimmunologist, and his colleagues have published studies that found mindfulness and kindness change the brain and behavior of genes. One ongoing study of caregivers to people with Alzheimer's disease has found mindfulness training — methods to focus on the present, aided by slow and deep breathing — reduced problems with sleep and depression. The free app developed by his UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center offers meditations that cultivate mindfulness and kindness.

To spread such healing is why Jennifer and Matthew Harris wanted to start the Bedari Kindness Institute, named after the first syllable of the names of their three children: Beckett, Dakota and Riley.

Matthew Harris, a UCLA alumnus whose gift will fund the institute, leads a global energy industry investment firm. He said his own struggles, through trauma and addiction to eventual self-acceptance, made him realize the importance of cultivating kindness to oneself and others.

"My end goal is to have a broad platform to promote empathy and help people think about kindness," Harris said. "It is, in terms of the perpetuation of our species and the ability to live with each other and nature, critically important."

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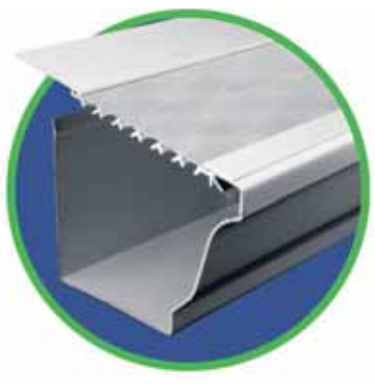

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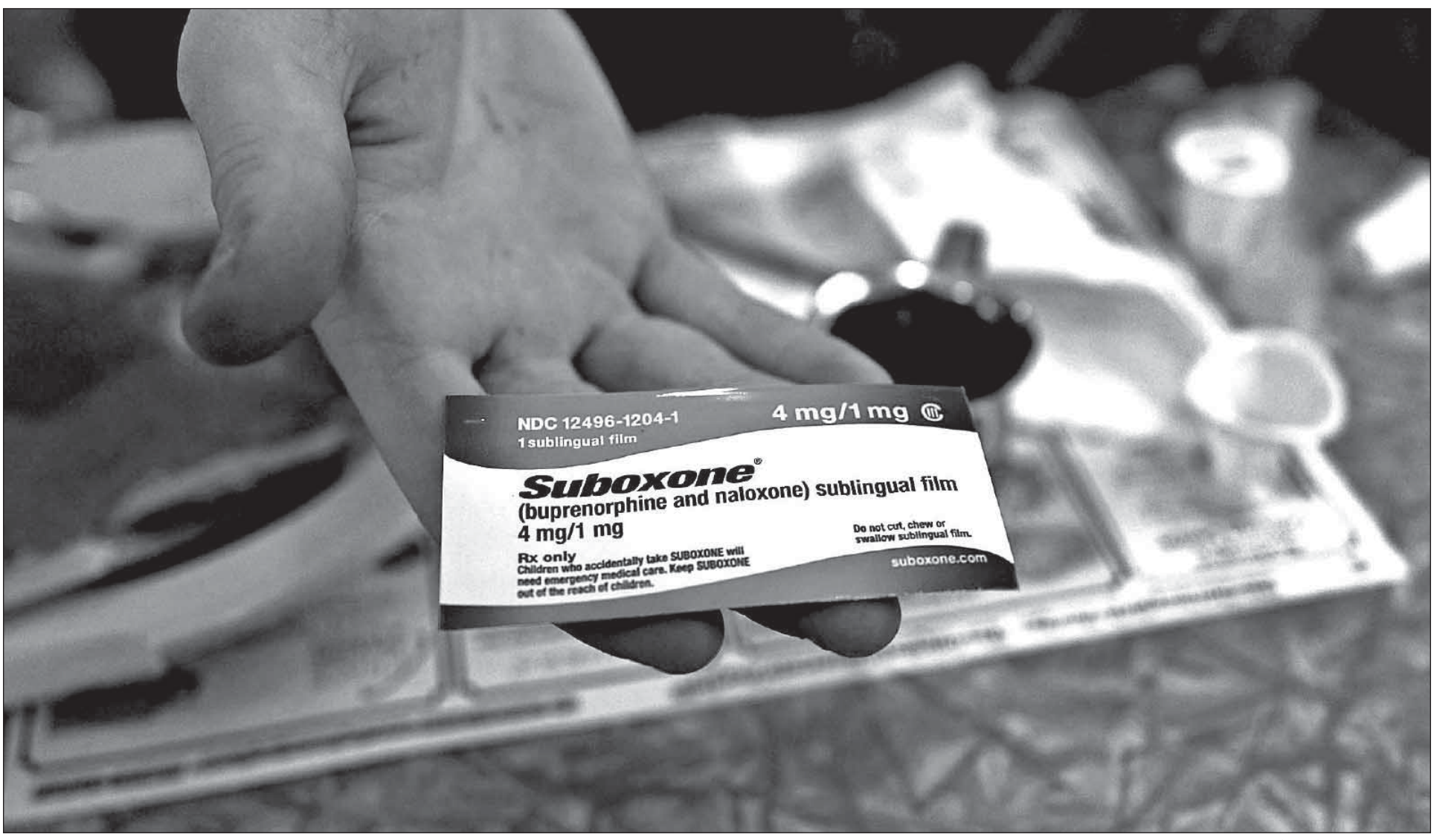

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"The odds that they're going to stay clean and sober while using medications for treatment are better," Dr. Wesley Boyd said of medical professionals who are battling an addiction.

A crucial recovery option

Doctors and nurses dealing with addictions are often being denied medication-assisted treatment

By Emma Yasinski
Kaiser Health

Dr. Wesley Boyd, an associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard, has spent years working with state programs that help doctors, nurses and other health care workers who have become addicted to opioids get back on their feet professionally.

He supports these non-disciplinary programs, in which doctors and nurses enroll for a number of years and are closely monitored by addiction specialists and state authorities as they seek to maintain or restore their medical licenses. But Boyd said he is perplexed as to why these programs and other efforts to help health care providers generally do not stress a recovery method that has long been shown to be effective: the use of drugs such as buprenorphine and methadone, known as opioid agonists, to relieve cravings.

"Obviously the data are clear that medication-assisted treatment is the best course of action," said Boyd, who worked for Massachusetts' Physician Health Services (previously known as the Society to Help Physicians) from 2004 to 2010.

"Whether they're doctors, nurses or anybody else, they can function perfectly well at work and in their lives generally while they're using medication-assisted treatment."

Furthermore, he said, "the odds that they're going to stay clean and sober while using medications for treatment are better."

Clinical studies show medication-assisted treatment significantly decreases the rate of relapse and overdose more than other interventions alone. Most advocates advise using it in conjunction with regular therapy or counseling. Legal and medical researchers recently made this point in the New England Journal of Medicine, calling it "ironic that clinicians, who are better positioned than most people to acquire and afford opioid-agonist therapy, are often denied it."

But some health care professionals believe opioid agonists are just a substitute for the drugs a doctor is addicted to and, since they bind to the same brain receptors as opioids, may affect providers' ability to do their jobs. The opioid agonists help reduce relapses and cravings by stimulating the same pathways opioids do, but in a controlled manner that prevents a person from feeling high.

Non-disciplinary treatment programs have been operating in most states since the 1970s to help health professionals overcome their addiction. Instead of revoking the license of an individual who is found to be impaired on the job, these peer-run programs try to get participants back to work with mandated treatment plans that include intensive therapy, monitoring their behavior in and out of the workplace and, of course, drug testing. Throughout treatment, participants are actively discouraged, if not outright banned, from using opioid agonists that could aid their recovery.

Members of the non-disciplinary program may advocate for a participant's return to work when they believe the individual is ready, but, ultimately, it is the state board that determines when an individual is fit to care for patients.

Bill Kinkle, a registered nurse in Pennsylvania, developed an addiction to opioids more than a decade ago and lost his license. He tried several recovery programs but relapsed and overdosed several times. He has been working with the state's Peer Nurse Assistance Program to get his license back.

When he asked if he could use Suboxone, a brand name for a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone, he was told the nurse assistance program would not allow it unless he had a detailed plan for tapering off the drug. So he is treating his addiction through the state program without the medication.

He was required to participate in a 30-day inpatient program, undergo partial hospitalization (in which a participant is treated for several hours a day but can go home in the evenings) for an additional three weeks, receive three months of intensive outpatient therapy, attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings three to five times a week and pay for expensive random urine screenings.

The Peer Nurse Assistance Program did not respond to requests for comment.

Critics argue that the non-disciplinary programs can, in fact, feel more disciplinary than supportive and don't help as many people as they could if opioid agonists were made available. The programs "have no independent oversight and patients don't have a recourse," said Dr. Peter Grinspoon, an internist in Boston who had an opioid addiction and was a participant in, and eventually a board member of, Massachusetts' Physician Health Services program for addicted doctors.

Grinspoon, who also teaches at Harvard, said that although he is unaware of any formal state policy against medication-assisted treatments, none of the program's participants with opioid addictions used opioid agonists while he served.

Scott Teitelbaum, medical director at the University of Florida Recovery Center, which treats health care professionals from all over the country, said he sometimes prescribes the medicines to the half of his patients who don't work in "safety-sensitive positions." But, he said, it makes sense to have a different strategy for patients in those positions. When the programs ask him if a person should return to practice, they're not asking what's best for the individual but whether it's safe for the public. And when patients are using agonist therapies, Teitelbaum, who also was treated for cocaine and marijuana use, said he isn't sure it is.

A review in Mayo Clinic Proceedings of several studies in 2012 showed small effects of both methadone and Suboxone on performance in measures such as reaction time and memory. The review was criticized for weak evidence and a lack of appropriate control groups.

Grinspoon noted that doctors could be taking other medications that affect their performance but face no repercussions. For example, he said, they may take benzodiazepines for anxiety or Ambien to help them sleep.

"There are tons of pharmaceuticals that could affect our performance — all of which doctors are allowed to take," he said. "And it's just because of the stigma that they're singling out addiction."

Critics of medication-assisted treatment often point to the overwhelming five-year success rates reported by the non-disciplinary programs — generally between 70% and 90%. But Boyd is wary of those statistics.

He said they rarely count people who dropped out of the program or died by suicide. Also, some professionals who never suffered from substance use disorder are forced into the program by bad evaluations.

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Replace pizza sauce with curry to make a naan "pizza" with roasted cauliflower and crumbled cheese.

How to make naan at home

And what to do with oven-baked flatbread

Warm, freshly baked bread drives me crazy. I associate it with my grandmother's kitchen, my sister's holiday loaves and trips to Poilane Bakery in Paris.

JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Little wonder, then, that loaves from the tandoor oven at our neighborhood Indian restaurant haunt my dreams. We go there and I swear I order one of each of their 15 offerings — from plain naan and roti, to deep-fried whole wheat poori to multi-layered potato and cilantro-stuffed aloo paratha. All arrive hot and fresh tucked into baskets between layers of crisp, white cloth.

Christine Manfield's gorgeous book "Tasting India" tells us that bread is a staple across all of India. It's "an everyday necessity as well as a signifier of celebratory and festive occasions." She says thin, soft chapati is perhaps the most common household bread.

However, simple naan is the breakout star in our collective global food embrace.

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Bombay sandwich, a Mumbai psychedelic grilled cheese with "many, many things."

REVIEW Superkhana International ★★★

Butter chicken calzones? New Indian spot subverts traditions

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

On a small stretch of Diversey Avenue that unceremoniously divides the neighborhoods of Logan Square and Avondale, you'll find a cluster of some of Chicago's most defiantly delicious restaurants — places that feel the freedom to pursue peculiar culinary passions. Fat Rice focuses most of its menu on the cuisine of one city, Macau, where Portuguese and Chinese influences have mingled for centuries. The bakers at Cellar Door Provisions craft exquisite pastries with the obsessiveness of Swiss watchmakers. The area's coffee shop, Four Letter Word, serves an aromatic Turkish-style coffee, while the most popular bar, Lost Lake, stirs up towering Tiki drinks not with saccharine mixes, but rare spirits.

Superkhana International fits right in.

Chefs Yoshi Yamada and Zeeshan Shah, along with longtime Logan Square restaurateur Jason Hammel (Lula Cafe), this summer opened a freewheeling Indian restaurant that seems to intentionally subvert expectations. (Honestly, it's hard to know what to expect since the restaurant fails to post the menu on its website.)

If you come here to experience faithful recreations of popular Indian dishes, you will leave bewildered. Here are some dishes you can't order at Su-

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Apple meringue with custard cream was served in first class for lunch on April 14, 1912, the day before the ship sank.

What they ate on Titanic's last night

By Amy Bizzarri

Before it sank to the bottom of the ocean in the wee hours of the morning on April 15, 1912, the "floating mansion" that was the Titanic set the bar for luxurious dining. Four city blocks long and as tall as an 11-story building, the mega ship spoiled its first-class passengers with exquisite 10-plus course meals prepared by top chefs using state-of-the-art cooking equipment, including the toaster and the electric sorbet maker, served in airy cafes and lavish dining halls that rivaled the finest restaurants in Paris.

More than 1,000 bottles of wine, 850 bottles of spirits and 20,000 bottles of beer were stocked in its hold, and the bartenders were well-versed in the hottest cocktails of the era — the stirred, strained, bracing Manhattan and the gin and sparkling lemonade Tom Collins. On the evening before roughly 1,500 people would lose their lives in one of the worst maritime disasters of the 20th century, the first-class passengers aboard the Titanic sat down for an elaborate meal that included oysters, consomme Olga (a veal stock soup flavored with sturgeon marrow), filet mignon, poached salmon, chicken Lyonnaise, roast squab with cress, foie gras, roasted pigeon, lamb with mint sauce and punch romaine, a palate-cleansing granita flavored with oranges and drenched in Champagne.

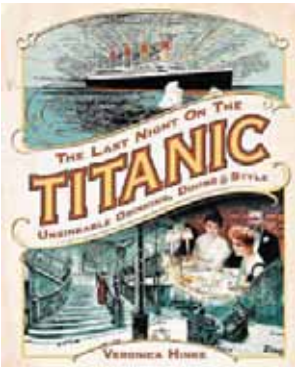
If you've ever wondered what passengers ate and drank aboard the ill-fated ship, author Veronica Hinke re-creates the decadent meals, cocktails and dining protocol of history's most tragic voyage in "The Last Night on the Titanic: Unsinkable Drinking, Dining & Style" (Regnery History, 2019, $29.99).

Hinke's passion for Titanic history began back when she was a little girl growing up in the central Wisconsin town of Merrill.

"I was haunted by the local legend behind what turned out to be a real-life man, the so-called Popcorn Dan, aka Daniel Coxon, a one-armed popcorn vendor," Hinke said via email. Coxon had traveled to his native England for a visit, but then delayed his journey home just so he could return aboard "a highly touted new steamer, the Titanic," she said. Traveling in steerage, Coxon boarded the Titanic in Southampton only to be lost forever in the disaster, his body never recovered.

"I was in awe of how this man was able to travel such a great distance from northern Wisconsin, and on board such a magnificent ship," said Hinke. "Coxon's story led me to delve further into the story of the Titanic, to discover more about the on-board experiences of others like Coxon.

"What did they eat? What did they drink?" Hinke wanted to know. "I found every piece of information I could about people who had tucked away menus or written letters home, like the splendid letter that passenger Adolphe Saalfeld wrote home to his wife Gertrude telling, in incredible detail, of the fabulous lunch that he ate on his first day aboard the Titanic."



Hear the history

The Culinary Historians of Chicago will host a lecture by author Veronica Hinke on her book "The Last Night on the Titanic" at 10 a.m. Oct. 19 at Bethany Retirement Community, 4950 N. Ashland Ave. $5 ($3 for students and free for CHC members and Bethany residents).

Saalfeld had boarded in Southampton and his letter was mailed before the Titanic headed across the Atlantic Ocean. "It was pure joy for me to stitch together the tales told in letters homes, to tell the story of these amazing people through the lens of drinking and dining," she said.

Hinke's culinary narrative tells the stories behind the dishes, desserts and drinks that appeared or likely appeared on Titanic menus, based on the contemporary Edwardian dining trends no doubt embraced on board. She also includes the recipes, many of which were adapted to modern tastes by Chicago-area chefs, making it easy for the home cook to recreate the dishes that once graced the Titanic's long-sunken tables.

Hinke, who now lives in the Chicago area, notes a number of Midwest connections to the Titanic, including Chicagoan Anne Isham, one of only five female first-class passengers who did not survive after refusing to leave behind her beloved Great Dane; and first-class passengers Ida Hippach and her daughter, Jean, of Evanston, survivors of both the 1903 Iroquois Theatre fire as well as the Titanic.

Hinke also pays tribute to Popcorn Dan, the legendary vendor from her Wisconsin hometown.

"The Gage (restaurant) contributed a caramel corn recipe in honor of Daniel Coxon," Hinke said. "It's also a special nod to Chicago because Cracker Jack was introduced here during the World Columbian Exposition of 1893, and you can imagine that caramel corn had become so popular by the time the Titanic sailed that it might well have been made on board as a special treat."

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Apple meringue

This dish from "The Last Night on the Titanic" was served in first class for lunch on April 14, 1912. The Titanic struck the iceberg that night at 11:40. Recipe adapted by Chicago-based pastry chef and cookbook author Gale Gand.

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 15 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

Apples:

2 apples, peeled, cored and sliced

2 tablespoons sugar

¼ cup water

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Custard sauce:

2 cups milk

3 egg yolks (reserving the whites)

⅔ cup sugar

⅛ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Meringue:

3 egg whites

½ cup sugar

1. For the apples, place the apples, sugar, water and lemon juice in a saucepan and cook on medium heat, stirring gently, until the apples are stewed a bit and tender, about 15 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, to make the custard sauce, warm the milk in a saucepan until simmering. In a separate bowl, whisk the yolks, sugar and salt until combined well, then add the cornstarch and whisk until incorporated. Gradually drizzle in the hot milk while whisking to combine. Return the mixture to the saucepan; cook on medium heat to thicken it. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla.

3. Pour ½ inch of the custard sauce in the bottom of six oven-proof dessert cups. Spoon some of the cooked apples on top of the custard to fill the cups two-thirds full. Heat the oven to 375 degrees.

4. Make the meringue by whipping the whites in a clean, dry, fat-free bowl with the whisk attachment of an electric beater or stand mixer. Once the whites are at soft peaks, add the sugar and continue whipping on high until shiny, glossy and stiff.

5. Spoon or pipe (use a large star tip) the meringue over the apples to cover them and build some height. Bake them at 375 degrees for 15 minutes to lightly brown the meringue. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Nutrition information per serving: 267 calories, 4 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 99 mg cholesterol, 53 g carbohydrates, 49 g sugar, 6 g protein, 119 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Cool, spiced Mexican horchata is the ultimate refresher for fall

By Becky Krystal
The Washington Post

I used to be a travel writer, and one of the pieces of advice I gave the most was to pay attention to shoulder season. London in early April? Cape Cod in October? Yes and yes.

How does this relate to cooking, you ask? It can be just as helpful to think about the shoulder seasons of food too. You know, light soups in late summer or early fall, roasted asparagus at the cusp of spring.

My new favorite example is horchata. The rice-and-milk beverage from Mexico will quench anyone's thirst on a hot day, but right now for me, it's ideal for fall.

Pati Jinich, one of my go-to recipe sources, calls the drink "super refreshing and sweet." In Mexico, variations include the addition of almonds and sweetened condensed or evaporated milk. To make it vegan, use your choice of nondairy milk, or try coconut water. If you stick with dairy, whole or low-fat milk is best for creaminess.

I halved the amount of water in Jinich's original recipe, but you can add more (up to three cups total), depending on how thin you want the drink. The amounts of sugar and vanilla are up for interpretation as well.

The dried rice needs to soak for at least two hours and up to overnight. The ultimate goal is to grind the rice as finely as possible, ideally to the texture of rice flour, Jinich says.

A high-powered blender such as a Vitamix can easily dispatch the whole batch at once and give you just the right texture. With a more traditional blender, you will need to blend in batches and return the strained granules of rice to the blender a few times to ensure it is fine enough.

If you've never had horchata, know that the graininess you get, regardless of your blender, is supposed to be there.

Horchata with cinnamon and vanilla

Total time: 2 hours, 15 minutes, plus more soaking time as desired

Makes: 6 to 8 servings (6 cups)

Adapted from a recipe by chef, cookbook author and TV personality Pati Jinich.

2 cups long-grain or extra-long-grain white rice

1 cinnamon stick, preferably Ceylon

1 ½ cups hot water

4 cups whole or low-fat milk

¾ cup sugar

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

Ice, for serving

Ground cinnamon, for serving (optional)

1. Place the rice in a medium bowl and cover with the hot water. Crumble the cinnamon stick over the top. Let it rest, covered, at room temperature for at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

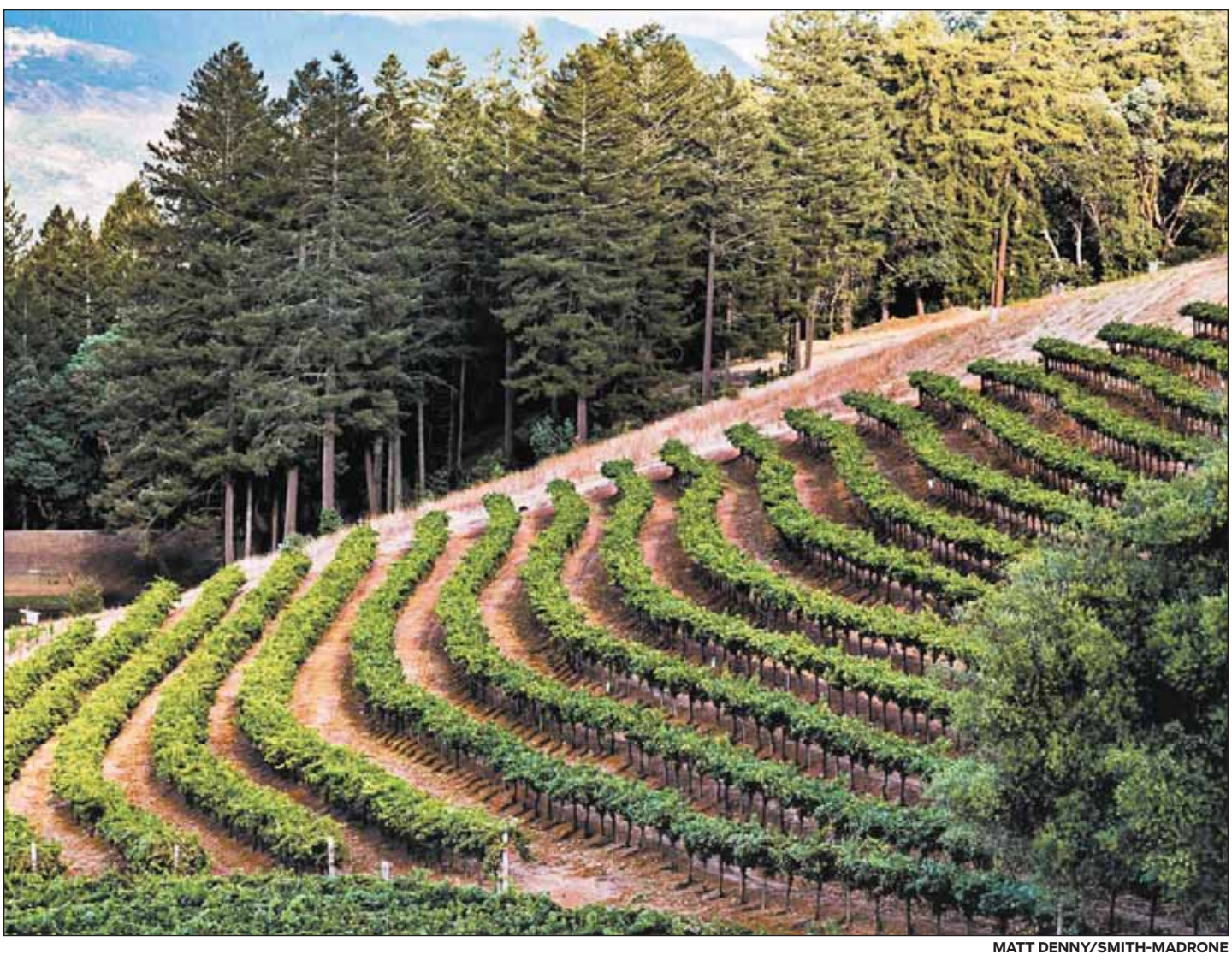
2. Place half of the rice mixture in the blender with half of the milk, sugar and vanilla, and blend until the rice is mostly broken down. Using a fine-mesh strainer, strain into a pitcher or container. If there is a lot of ground rice in the strainer, return it to the blender with some of the liquid and blend again until smooth. (You should still feel the graininess of the rice, but it should be about as fine as rice flour.) Strain again, making sure almost all the ground rice has gone through the strainer and into the pitcher. Repeat with the remaining rice mixture, milk, sugar and vanilla.

3. Stir well and serve over ice, or refrigerate until thoroughly chilled. Sprinkle some ground cinnamon on top, if desired.

Nutrition (based on 8 servings, using low-fat milk): 310 calories; 3 g total fat; 2 g saturated fat; 15 mg cholesterol; 75 mg sodium; 62 g carbohydrates; 0 g dietary fiber; 25 g sugars; 8 g protein.

4 things to know about riesling

By Dave McIntyre
The Washington Post



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A riesling vineyard at Smith-Madrone Winery, on Spring Mountain in Napa Valley. Smith-Madrone planted its riesling vineyard in 1972 and is now celebrated as one of the few riesling holdouts in the land of cabernet sauvignon.

Riesling is arguably the most misunderstood wine. Sommeliers, wine writers, people who spend too much of their disposable income on wine, tend to love it. And yet, "I don't like riesling — it's too sweet," is a common refrain from casual wine drinkers, whenever I rave about it.

That's understandable. Generations of Americans favored sweet wine, and riesling fit the bill. Whether inexpensive plonk from Germany or generic white wine from California, we drank lots of it.

But somewhere along the way, we learned that "dry" wine is supposed to be better. Chardonnay and sauvignon blanc eclipsed riesling in U.S. vineyards and American imaginations.

Today there's a bit of a riesling renaissance in the United States. Riesling shines in certain regions, such as New York's Finger Lakes, Michigan's Old Mission Peninsula and Washington state's Columbia Valley. Some dedicated winemakers are crafting exceptional riesling in Oregon's Willamette Valley, and there are a few notable holdouts in California.

Here are several things to know about riesling and to encourage you to explore this exciting wine.

They are NOT all sweet!

Riesling is a versatile wine, because it can be racy and bone dry, unctuous and sweet, and everything in between. That's why consumers can be confused — we don't know what we're buying unless the label tells us. And it doesn't, usually. But there are clues.

Rieslings from Austria, Australia and New Zealand are almost always dry, and the rare dessert wines are usually marked as such. Dry German rieslings may be labeled as "trocken," and the top bottlings called Erste Lage or Grosses Gewachs are always dry. U.S. wineries may make a range of styles. These may be labeled as dry or semi-dry, to indicate moderate sweetness, which I prefer to call fruitiness. Ripe fruit, after all, tastes sweet.

Or the back label may sport a scale indicating dry, medium dry, medium sweet or sweet. This scale was developed by a group or wineries called the International Riesling Foundation, and it's a little more complex than it sounds. A wine's perceptible sweetness is not just a question of how much sugar is left in the wine after fermentation. The IRF scale factors in sugar, acidity and the wine's pH level to give us an indication of how sweet or dry the wine will taste.

Riesling is a great food wine

A food-wine pairing maxim pitches sweeter wine with spicy Asian foods, because the sugar in the wine moderates the food's heat. Riesling fits that, especially a semi-dry version. But the wine's key is really its fruitiness and acidity, a combination that equals versatility.

"Riesling can be made in many different styles, from low to high alcohol, from dry, to off-dry and then the many dessert styles," says Stu Smith, winemaker at Smith-Madrone Vineyards on Napa Valley's Spring Mountain. Smith-Madrone planted its riesling vineyard in 1972 and is now celebrated as one of the few riesling holdouts in the land of cabernet sauvignon. "It goes with just about any food, meat, soup or cuisine — or all by itself."

Riesling is great with smoked fish, salads, curries, even braised beef — one of my most memorable meals was beef braised in riesling, with spaetzle. It may have helped that I was in Germany, of course. And if you buy a bottle that turns out to be too sweet for your taste, save it for a salty cheese or dessert.

Riesling is a megaphone for terroir

A conversation with a German winemaker can turn into a dizzying discourse on how a riesling from a vineyard on blue slate soils tastes different from one grown on red slate. But you don't have to be a geologist to appreciate riesling's ability to express its origins.

In cool climates, such as New York's Finger Lakes and Michigan's Old Mission Peninsula, riesling takes on a lean, racy profile. Warmer climes such as the Columbia Valley in Washington state or Napa Valley give riesling a richer body, with riper fruit flavors.

But there are differences, and U.S. riesling is especially exciting now, as winemakers explore its different expressions. Rieslings from Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes tend to have a delicate texture with an accent of lime zest, while ones from nearby Keuka Lake are richer. Brooks winery makes more than 20 rieslings, including several single-vineyard bottlings, that vividly demonstrate the terroirs and microclimates of Oregon's Willamette Valley.

Riesling ages well

Wine lovers who are still collectors should keep a stash of riesling in their cellars. We tend to consider white wines at their peak just a year or two after the vintage, but riesling's acidity gives it a potential for long life.

"Why do I keep making riesling?" Smith asks. "Because I love drinking it while it's young, and savor it when it's aged."

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No restaurant? No problem

Chefs are braving the elements to build businesses based on farmers markets

By Steve Zimmerman

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Kathy Vega Hardy of A Taste of the Philippines stirs a pot of pancit at her Daley Plaza farmers market booth.

For Kathy Vega Hardy and her mobile restaurant business, A Taste of the Philippines, Thursdays are game days and kickoff is when her first alarm goes off at 2:30 a.m. She needs to be out the door by 3:30 so she can swing by her shared kitchen commissary, pick up the last of her supplies and dart over to Daley Plaza by 6:15 a.m. for the farmers market that opens at 7 a.m.

This morning, like most for chefs such as Hardy, is as much a high-wire act of timing and organization as cooking and shopping. If everything goes according to plan and the weather holds up, service will go smoothly and customers who stop by each week for her trademark lumpia and empanadas will return.

She has a doubleheader on Thursdays: After Daley Plaza, she'll stop in the South Loop to meet the after-work-crowd, adding a noodle-based pancit to the earlier menu. By the end of the 18-hour day, she's exhausted and ready for bed. It's just one day in the life of area chefs who rely on the farmers market circuit to make a living and establish themselves in Chicago's thriving food scene.

Unlike bricks-and-mortar restaurants with dedicated staffs, kitchens, storage and receiving areas for ingredients and deliveries, mobile chefs such as Hardy, Alexis Thomas of Black Cat Kitchen, Rachel Post of Our House Pizza and Karl Bader of Karl's Craft Soup, rely on leased spaces, detailed calendars and resolve to bring their dishes to market.

"You have to enjoy logistics and problem solving," Post said, "because it takes up most of your head space on any given day. The second I wake up in the morning, I have the day planned down to the second. Nothing ever goes 'smoothly' and we roll with the punches.

"I would love to have everything under one roof: office, kitchen, storage, garage for the (pizza) oven. Right now, they are under three."

Hardy's challenge on Thursdays — with the help of her assistant, Chrizel Elazegui — is setting up, cooking and selling breakfast and lunch, then shutting down and moving operations to do it all over again for the dinner crowd.

While she also caters private events and Kamayan-style dinners, Hardy's market dishes are traditional street food, rooted in her mother's cooking. Lumpia (spring rolls), pancit (pan-fried noodles) and empanadas are popular; lechon kawali (crisp pork belly) and breakfast lumpia (filled with bacon, egg and cheese) have been recent additions. With cooperative weather, she can sell more than 200 plates a week of hand-rolled lumpia filled with seasoned pork, cabbage, carrots, garlic and onion. It's her runaway best-seller, and some days she sells out of food before the lunch rush is over.

Hardy, who was born in the Philippines and raised downstate in Springfield, prepares throughout the week for the market. On Monday and Tuesdays, she scouts weather forecasts, creates menus, shops, reserves space at commercial kitchens and secures staffing. Wednesday is prep day: She chops and preps vegetables, seasons and cooks meat, and blends sauces. It's the last call before kickoff Thursday morning.

For Hardy, 36, who also has a 7-month-old daughter and is training for a half-marathon, all it can take is one ill-timed delay and the whole week can be thrown into disarray.

"It's a domino effect," she said.

Wrapping lumpia is a feat in itself. On a good day at the markets, Hardy said she needs 600 to 700 —and if she's catering during the weekend, she may need to wrap well over 1,000.

To stick to her tight timeline, booking time at a commercial kitchen is critical. Hardy schedules three- or four-hour blocks on Wednesdays, seven to 10 days in advance, and relies on use of the kitchen at Second Presbyterian Church to prepare pancit before the South Loop stop.

"I tell my husband, 'Man, I miss my truck,' " said Hardy, who ran a successful food truck in Denver before moving to Chicago in 2012. "It was way easier in the truck, because I could work by myself."

And then there is the challenge of transporting ingredients, supplies, tent and tables from site to site. Hardy upgraded to a van to streamline it all. Inside, she stuffs a tent, two-tier cart, three tackles, shelves, chafing racks and four collapsible coolers that keep food cold and ready for frying.

"I have to bring everything for both markets," Hardy said. "It's a total Tetris act."

Why take this route?

Post started Our House Pizza in 2015 after working at Floriole, Hoosier Mama and Vella Cafe — all run by women who used the farmers market model to build a loyal client base. Post baked breads and pizzas at Floriole before branching out on her own.

"It was hard to leave (Floriole), because I was very much at home there," she said. "But I was outgrowing my position and it was time for the new talent to step in and do something awesome."

The main attraction at Our House Pizza is the mobile, stone-hearth oven that can reach 900 degrees, bake pies in a few minutes and maintain the dough's light and pillowy texture. Seasonal menus vary but mainstays include the classic red with mozzarella, fresh garlic and thyme; breakfast pizza with egg and meats; cottage veggie; and special white.

Our House Pizza has a station at the Lincoln Square Farmers Market on Thursday nights and at Green City Market on Saturdays. The prep schedule for Post and her team starts with the dough on Monday and Tuesday. Orders for flour, cheese and wood for the oven need to be coordinated; fresh produce needs to be acquired from vendors or farmers markets; and, with a handful of staff members, there's administrative work. Post also leases space and storage at a commercial kitchen.

Even the pizza oven has its own schedule. It can take two hours for it to reach prime baking temperature — longer in the fall — so arriving onsite on time is essential. That's no easy task when factoring in summer road construction in Chicago.

"When I've worked in restaurants, you're mainly thinking about the menu and how to build a dish, what's in season, what's a new hot ingredient or technique you want to showcase. We have to do all that, but also build a kitchen for outside service and have a contingency plan in case there's a rainstorm, wind or extreme heat and humidity," Post said. "The other issue is getting numbers right. We never want to sell out too early or have tons of product left over. We only have so much room to bring and store everything.

"This may sound like complaining, but I really do love it. I love working outside, cooking outside is the greatest. I hated being in kitchens 12 to 15 hours with florescent lights, no windows and four walls."

While she calls the process "grueling," it fits her comfort zone.

"A restaurant has this romantic feel on paper," she said. "I can romance myself with the idea of a restaurant, but have been on the opening and managing of many, and it's not something I think of as a good investment long-term for me."

To own or not own a restaurant

Bader owned a restaurant before moving into the catering and farmers market scene. At S3 Kitchen in Oak Park, he explored his passion for soups and catered to the lunch crowd, but later closed up shop to focus on catering and work as a personal chef. When demand for his soups from frequent customers grew big enough, he decided to work the indoor and outdoor markets in Chicago and sell through select area grocery stores. Now, it's his lifeline.

"The business model works incredibly well for me," he said. "I have very low overhead, the ability to flex staff time according to demand, and a near guaranteed flow of traffic. The flexibility gives me more freedom to build the business with catering, retail sales and pop-up events."

Bader uses space at Sugar Beet Schoolhouse, a shared facility in River Forest with a 600-square-foot commercial-grade kitchen. That's where Bader prepares, at peak output, up to 1,500 bowls of soup a week. Thai-carrot-and-corn and tomato-zucchini-rosemary soups are the most popular, but recent varieties included chilled potato, summer squash and chive, and Moroccan chickpea.

"There's nothing more energizing as a chef than being surrounded by other talented artisans," said Bader who has booths at markets in Logan Square (Sunday), Andersonville (Wednesday) and Hyde Park (Thursday). "So while for many food artists, the promise of a brick-and-mortar establishment is the prize, for me, it was the exactly the opposite."

Thomas, of Black Cat Kitchen, calls owning her own restaurant "definitely the ultimate goal." She started working one market a week in January 2018, landed a few catering jobs, and since then has built her business into a full-time endeavor serving three markets a week: Tuesdays and Thursdays in Lincoln Square, Wednesdays in Andersonville.

Thomas' fare focuses on health-conscious, grab-and-go entrees using locally sourced ingredients. Past menus have included the Fat Adam, a fried-egg sandwich with prosciutto, melted gouda and sriracha mayo on an English muffin, and the Buffalo Blue Bowl, a bed of greens topped with spicy Buffalo chickpeas, chipotle corn and smoked-blue-cheese dressing. She also offers several takes on sourdough grilled cheeses.

She cooks out of a commercial kitchen in Rogers Park.

"It's pretty back-breaking work," she said. "The thing I appreciate about the market circuit is definitely the community. There's definitely a summer camp vibe that's rare to find.

"It's a lot like camping. If you forget an important ingredient or run out of propane half way through a market, you can't necessarily run to Restaurant Depot to restock."

Back at Daley Plaza, Hardy said she hopes to transform A Taste of the Philippines into a food-hall location and maybe even a stand-alone restaurant someday. But for now, she's building a following through catering after a stint in the competitive food arena.

Hardy was a contestant on two Food Network competition shows — "Chopped" and "Cutthroat Kitchen."

"Moving to Chicago made me a better chef," she said. "It's a whole different ball game. Chicago is such a foodie city. ... Now I'm more self-conscious about the food. I'm more aware. There's a lot more at stake here; there's more competition."

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SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Chimichurri brightens up grilled, roasted meat

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Green sauces are a part of many cuisines. Some of the best-known examples are pesto in Italy, salsa verde in Mexico or sauce verte in France. Each enhances the flavor or their regional dishes.

Chimichurri is a simple sauce and marinade that is ubiquitous throughout South America. You'll find it appears on grilled and roasted meats everywhere. In Argentina it is as common as ketchup is to us. I have added sweet white balsamic vinegar to the mixture. Most of us are familiar with the red balsamic variety. This white vinegar is produced by adding cooked-down grape juice to ordinary white wine vinegar, which gives it an amber color and slightly sweet flavor. You could also try rice wine vinegar for a slightly different flavor profile.

The basics of chimichurri remain the same: parsley, garlic, vinegar and olive oil. Any additions make it your own signature dish. The amount of garlic you choose to use is based on how much you like a strong flavor. You can start with the smaller amount and then add more, if desired. Some ideas include adding capers, shredded carrots, celery, red bell pepper and even anchovies. You can also add other fresh or dried herbs like thyme, chives, burnet or marjoram. Some sauces are not cooked and others blend all the ingredients together by simmering them for a few minutes. Try this version and then put your own personal stamp on it.

GABE SACHS

Chimichurri, a blend of parsley, garlic, vinegar and olive oil, is ubiquitous in South America.

Try this on grilled vegetables, shrimp, scallops or other fish as well as poultry and of course meat. I have enjoyed it on lamb, pork and beef. The garlic and herbs add a touch of pizzazz to any simple meat, poultry or seafood in a marinade as well as a sauce on the side. It is also lovely drizzled over grilled or roasted zucchini, eggplant, peppers or asparagus. I like to keep this in my refrigerator to have available to me at a moment's notice. If you refrigerate it, make sure to bring it to room temperature.

Chimichurri

Prep time: 15 minutes

Makes: About 1 ¾ cups

6 to 10 medium garlic cloves, depending upon your taste

1 medium bunch Italian parsley, stems removed

2 tablespoons fresh basil, coarsely chopped

2 tablespoons fresh mint, coarsely chopped

¾ teaspoon dried oregano

¾ cup olive oil

¼ cup white balsamic vinegar

¼ cup water

¼ teaspoon crushed hot pepper flakes, or to taste

Salt, to taste

In a food processor, puree the garlic. Add the parsley and other herbs and process until finely chopped. Add the oil, vinegar, water, crushed hot pepper flakes and salt, and process. Taste for seasoning. It should be very flavorful and spicy. Adjust if necessary. Set aside.

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Chefs Zeeshan Shah, left, and Yoshi Yamada on Superkhana's courtyard patio.

Indian

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perkhana: chicken tikka masala, saag paneer, chana masala or biryani. In fact, you can't even order a side of rice.

"Some people really want rice when they hear Indian food," admits Yamada, "but there's so much more (to Indian cuisine) than curry and rice. Why not challenge ourselves to create a delicious menu without rice as a central focus?"

Which brings up the question of what one expects from an Indian restaurant in Chicago in 2019. India is an outrageously huge country with a population greater than North and South America combined, and a cuisine just as diverse. (Just imagine a restaurant trying to combine Canadian poutine, Mexican enchiladas and Brazilian feijoada.)

Superkhana doesn't focus on one particular region, but it revels in Indian bread. Here you can find textbook dhokla ($11), a soft and fluffy yellow steamed bread that's, for now, saddled next to a pile of sweet corn. Thepla, a flatbread infused with fenugreek leaves, stands in place of a tortilla in the brazenly fishy sardine taco ($9). Pao (also spelled pav) is an extra fluffy bun that's split open and stuffed with either a fried potato patty in the classic vada pao ($10) or with braised pork shoulder for the achaari pork pao ($12).

But the kitchen lavishes most of its attention on an irresistibly puffy, crusty and tangy version of naan, unlike any I've ever tried. According to Shah, the naan "definitely started with a pizza dough recipe, and then went into more of a naan recipe." The yeast dough features both milk and yogurt, along with eggs, and is then left to ferment in a fridge for two days. While you can order a single piece ($5), the kitchen has come up with much less traditional ways to consume it. Some might deem them blasphemous.

How else do you explain a butter chicken calzone? "There was a time when we were brainstorming the menu and Jason said, 'We should do something like a butter chicken calzone,' " says Shah. "We all started laughing, but then we were like, 'We should do that!' "

The oblong calzone ($19) arrives with a golden-brown crust speckled with the occasional charred spot from the hot oven. Slice it open, and a rush of creamy, aromatic butter chicken erupts, spilling out on the plate. Here's where the dish proves itself more than a novelty. The tender and crispy naan encasing the chicken is exactly what you want to help mop up the velvety and complex sauce. No wonder this is Superkhana's best-selling dish.

The butter chicken supreme calzone uses Superkhana's distinctively puffy, crusty and tangy version of naan.

Superkhana's french fry Manchurian with sesame, scallion and aioli uses elements of Chinese and Belgian cuisine.

The Parle G ice cream sandwich features saffron and rose water ice cream, cookies and candied pistachios.

Considering its origin story, the naan proves equally adept as the base for a couple of pizzas. Go with the lamb-and-beef-meatball pizza ($17), where juicy nuggets of meat mix with a creamy korma gravy, melted mozzarella and sharp pickled red onions.

Until a few weeks ago, I assumed the Bombay sandwich ($15) was another willfully irreverent creation, especially since the menu described it as a "psychedelic grilled cheese with ... many, many things." But the dish is actually very popular in Mumbai (which was called Bombay until 1995). That's exactly where Yamada fell in love with the sandwich. "The first meal I had after my daughter was born was a Bombay sandwich," says Yamada. This version takes loads of liberties (potato chips for sliced boiled potatoes, a ranch dressing made with amchoor, powdered dried mango, instead of plain mayonnaise), and features so many ingredients the chefs have to keep the recipe posted in the kitchen to remember them all (short list: marinated beets, onions, two kinds of cheese). But there's no denying the intricate play of fat and spice that swirls around each bite.

Other dishes straddle so many cuisines, it's hard to know where to start. The french fry Manchurian ($11) features long fat fries (which are steamed, frozen and then fried to achieve maximum crispiness) served in a tall criss-crossed stack, like edible Lincoln Logs. They are bathed in a salty Manchurian sauce, inspired by Chinese immigrants in India. When developing the dish, the chefs also decided to add some aioli, because it reminded them of Belgian frites with mayonnaise. Yet, when combined with the Manchurian sauce, my mind wanders over to Japan for some okonomiyaki, the savory sauced pancake.

If you couldn't tell, Superkhana favors the playful over the serious. None of the dishes costs more than $20, and most are meant to be shared. This also means that the restaurant lacks a knockout entree-sized meat dish. Both the methi chicken ($16) and the pork belly vindaloo ($14) are on the petite size. The latter also has almost no chile heat, a fact that my server actually warned me about. This is definitely the first time in my life that I've been warned about how mild a dish would be.

Like most of its neighbors on Diversey Avenue, I'd hesitate to call Superkhana comfortable — the booths are an especially tight squeeze — though it does have a clear aesthetic. The design, by Chicago designer and architect Charlie Vinz, features spare white walls and long lengths of blond plywood occasionally broken by bright blasts of color, whether from draped fabric or glowing neon signs. If the weather is nice, the back patio provides a relaxing escape from the traffic out front.

But you're not at Superkhana for generously spaced tables, impeccable service or a safe and predictable menu. You're there to try dishes you can't get anywhere else, like that butter chicken calzone or a darling little ice cream sandwich ($3), where crunchy biscuits encase saffron and rose water ice cream topped with candied pistachios.

Don't call it traditional, but in its own peculiar way, Superkhana offers a look at Indian cuisine that Chicago has never experienced before.

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Ratings key: Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

7 days left! Enter your recipe in Cookie Contest

By Joe Gray

Is your cookie the first to disappear from swap parties over the holidays? What are you waiting for? You should enter it in Chicago Tribune's Holiday Cookie Contest.

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And the prizes? First place wins $250 cash; second place, $150; third place, $50. Plus, the three winners will be invited to a cookie party and a tour of the Tribune's test kitchen.

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STEVE KLISE/AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Firm shrimp, pungent garlic equal a tasty and fast dinner

America's Test Kitchen

In theory, garlic shrimp pasta has all the makings of an ideal weeknight meal. Toss a few quick-cooking ingredients — shrimp, garlic, oil, wine — with boiled dried pasta, and only the salad's left holding up dinner.

But there are challenges. Delicate shrimp overcooks in a matter of seconds. Volatile garlic can easily become overbearing or bitter (or simply disappear). Add to that the feat of getting a brothy sauce to coat the pasta, and this simple recipe turns into a precarious balancing act.

But we still wanted it all: al dente pasta and moist shrimp bound by a supple sauce infused with a deep garlic flavor.

For more recipes, cooking tips and ingredient and product reviews, visit www.americastestkitchen.com.

Garlic shrimp pasta

Makes: 4-6 servings

Time: 45 minutes

Chef's note: Marinate the shrimp while you prepare the remaining ingredients. Use the smaller amount of red pepper flakes for a milder sauce.

1 pound large shrimp (26 to 30 per pound), peeled, deveined, and each shrimp cut into 3 pieces

3 tablespoons olive oil

9 garlic cloves, peeled (5 cloves minced and 4 cloves smashed)

Salt and pepper

1 pound penne, ziti, or other short, tubular pasta

¼-½ teaspoon red pepper flakes

2 teaspoons all-purpose flour

½ cup dry vermouth or white wine

¾ cup bottled clam juice

½ cup chopped fresh parsley

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 teaspoon lemon juice, plus lemon wedges for serving

1. Combine shrimp, 1 tablespoon oil, one-third of minced garlic, and ¼ teaspoon salt in bowl. Let shrimp marinate at room temperature for 20 minutes.

2. Heat smashed garlic and remaining 2 tablespoons oil in 12-inch skillet over medium-low heat, stirring often, until garlic turns golden but not brown, 4 to 7 minutes. Off heat, remove garlic with slotted spoon and discard. Set skillet with oil aside.

3. Bring 4 quarts water to boil in large pot. Add pasta and 1 tablespoon salt and cook, stirring often, until al dente. Reserve ½ cup cooking water, then drain pasta and return it to pot.

4. While pasta cooks, return skillet to medium heat. Add shrimp along with marinade, spread into even layer and cook, without stirring, until oil starts to bubble gently, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir shrimp and continue to cook until almost cooked through, about 1 minute longer. Remove shrimp with slotted spoon and transfer to clean bowl. Add remaining minced garlic and pepper flakes to skillet and cook over medium heat until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add flour and cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute. Slowly whisk in vermouth and cook for 1 minute. Stir in clam juice and parsley and cook until mixture starts to thicken, 1 to 2 minutes. Off heat, whisk in butter until melted, then stir in lemon juice.

5. Add shrimp and sauce to pasta and toss to combine. Add reserved cooking water as needed to adjust consistency. Season with pepper to taste. Serve immediately, passing lemon wedges separately.

Nutrition information per serving: 474 calories; 130 calories from fat; 15 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 111 mg cholesterol; 692 mg sodium; 60 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 20 g protein.

Naan

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Manfield says that naan was introduced to the Indian repertoire by the Persians. These oven-baked flatbreads prove reminiscent of pita. Naan also is a yeasted dough, but the Indian tradition is to hand-stretch the tender dough into large tear-dropped shapes before they are slapped onto the walls of very hot tandoor ovens to bake. There are many variations to basic naan with flavorings ranging from herbs to garlic.

I follow Manfield's suggestions and bake my own naan on clay tiles heated in my oven set at 500 degrees. It's nearly as good as the neighborhood restaurant, so I'm including an adaptation of her recipe here.

Lately, I've enjoyed tinkering with store-bought naan found in both the freezer and bread aisles of my local stores. My favorite snack involves simply smearing the naan with some garlicky seasoned oil and baking until crispy. A topping of nuts or seeds, honey and herbs sends the combination over the top.

Crispy baked naan wedges perfectly scoop up the following lentil and peanut dip. Serve everything warm on a cool night with a glass of sparkling rosé.

Convenient, easy naan pizza is a long way from the English muffin pizza of my youth. Rather than tomato sauce, I use a bottled curry sauce, such as Maya Kaimal or Patak's, for the base. Then a topping of roasted vegetables and crumbled cheese for an exotic but warm and comforting weeknight dinner.

The recipes that follow use naan weighing about 4 ounces each. If using smaller breads, reduce the cooking time a bit. Thick, fresh pita (without pockets) works well in all these recipes; just know that it tends to be a slightly denser bread without the delicious browning found on naan.

News flash: That glass jar of yellow curry powder many of us grew up with is not actually used in authentic Indian cooking. Instead, traditional Indian cooks toast and grind their own blends of spices. Experts say the stuff in the bottles labeled "curry powder" is actually a British blend of spices, usually heavily laced with ground yellow turmeric; it vaguely resembles a spice blend known as garam masala. In this country's current global food embrace, it's easy to find garam masala and other traditional Indian spice blends in grocery stores and online. I stock several of these blends — most of which taste good in these recipes. But fear not; if the reliable yellow curry powder is what you have on hand, please use it as long as it smells and tastes fresh.

Basic naan

Prep: 20 minutes **Rise:** 1 hour **Cook:** 5 minutes

Makes: 6 flatbreads

This recipe is adapted from Christine Manfield's "Tasting India" (Conran Octopus, 2011). I make 6 flatbreads instead of 4 for ease of handling in and out of the hot oven. Always measure the water temperature with an instant read thermometer so it is not too hot for the yeast.

3 cups flour, plus more for work surface

1 packet (¼-ounce) or 2 teaspoons active dry yeast

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup warm water (110 to 115 degrees)

2 tablespoons plain yogurt

1 tablespoon expeller pressed canola oil

1. Mix flour, yeast and salt in a large bowl. Stir in warm water, yogurt and oil. Work with floured hands to make a dough. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead until smooth, 5 to 6 minutes. Put the dough ball into a floured bowl and cover with a cloth. Let rise in a warm spot until doubled in volume, usually about 1 hour.

2. Line your oven with a pizza stone or clay baking tiles. Heat oven and tiles to 500 degrees.

3. Punch down the dough and divide into 6 even pieces. Roll 1 piece into a ball then stretch into a thin elongated oval.

4. Place the oval in the oven on the preheated stone. (You can bake 2 breads at a time if your stone is large enough to allow space between the breads.) Bake until the bread puffs up and turns golden, about 5 minutes. Remove and wrap in a towel. Repeat to bake the other breads. Serve warm.

Nutrition information per naan: 256 calories, 3 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 1 mg cholesterol, 48 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 7 g protein, 393 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Crispy garlicky naan with pistachios and honey

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 5 minutes

Makes: 2 to 4 snack breads

This falls under the category as a salty, savory snack with a sweet finish. I serve the breads warm — cut in half for easy nibbling — with sparkling rosé wine.

2 to 4 naan, total 8 to 12 ounces

3 cloves garlic

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

½ teaspoon sweet paprika

¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

⅓ cup dry roasted, salted, shelled pistachios, coarsely chopped (or roasted pumpkin seeds)

½ teaspoon minced fresh thyme leaves

2 tablespoons honey

Maldon sea salt or coarse (kosher) salt

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees on convection or 425 degrees on conventional. Lay naan out in a single layer on a baking sheet.

2. Crush garlic into a small bowl. Stir in oil, paprika and pepper.

3. Use the back of a spoon to smear the mixture over tops of the naan. Bake until golden around the edges, 3 to 5 minutes. Sprinkle with nuts. Bake 2 more minutes. Sprinkle with fresh thyme. Serve warm drizzled with honey and salt.

Nutrition information per serving (for 4 servings): 284 calories, 13 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 37 g carbohydrates, 10 g sugar, 6 g protein, 245 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Red lentil and peanut dip

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 15 minutes **Makes:** 2 cups

Look for split red lentils at Indian grocers, Trader Joe's and in the imported section of large supermarkets. Use scissors to cut chiles crosswise into ⅛-inch wide strips.

1 cup (6 ounces) split red lentils, well rinsed, drained

2 cloves garlic, crushed

2 teaspoons grated fresh peeled ginger or store-bought ginger puree

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon garam masala or curry powder

½ teaspoon salt

¼ cup olive oil

3 dried New Mexico or guajillo chiles, stemmed, seeded, cut into ⅛-inch strips

½ cup dry-roasted peanuts, finely chopped

Chopped fresh cilantro

Crispy naan wedges, see recipe, or pita chips

1. Heat a medium saucepan filled halfway with water to a boil. Add lentils. Cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender, 10 to 12 minutes. Drain lentils and place in a large bowl. Stir in garlic, ginger, cumin, curry powder and salt until well mixed. Keep warm.

2. Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium heat until hot but not smoking. Reduce heat to low. Add the chile strips and peanuts. Cook and stir until golden, 1 or 2 minutes.

3. Spoon lentil dip into a serving dish. Spoon the peanuts and chile with the oil over the top. Garnish with cilantro. Serve warm. Pass the crispy naan wedges or pita chips for dunking.

Crispy naan wedges: Heat oven to 400 degrees on convection or 425 on conventional. Cut 2 naan from 1 package (8.8 ounces) into small wedges. Place on a baking sheet. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon expeller-pressed canola oil. Toss to coat everything with oil. Bake, 5 minutes. Turn wedges over. Bake until golden and crisp, about 5 minutes. Serve warm.

Nutrition information per ¼ cup serving: 202 calories, 12 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 17 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 8 g protein, 187 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

Naan 'pizza' with curried cauliflower

Prep: 20 minutes

Cook: 25 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

To save time, you can use roasted vegetables from the salad bar instead of roasting your own cauliflower.

1 teaspoon garam masala or curry powder

½ teaspoon each: garlic powder, salt

4 cups small cauliflower florets, about 12 ounces

3 large shallots or 1 small red onion (total 5 ounces), very thinly sliced, separated into rings

3 tablespoons olive oil

4 whole grain naan, usually two 8.8-ounce packages

⅔ cup bottled tikka masala spicy curry sauce

½ cup finely crumbled goat cheese, or feta

Chopped fresh cilantro, for garnish

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees convection or 425 conventional. Mix curry powder, garlic powder and salt in a small dish.

2. Mix cauliflower, shallots, oil and spice mixture on a baking sheet; toss to coat well. Bake, stirring once or twice, until cauliflower is fork-tender and shallots are golden, 15 to 18 minutes.

3. Lay out naan in a single layer on a baking sheet. Smear 2 or 3 tablespoons curry sauce over each bread. Top with the roasted cauliflower mixture and cheese. Pop into the oven to heat everything through, about 6 minutes. Serve garnished with cilantro.

Nutrition information per serving: 568 calories, 25 g fat, 8 g saturated fat, 19 mg cholesterol, 71 g carbohydrates, 8 g sugar, 19 g protein, 1,145 mg sodium, 10 g fiber

Where to taste New York, China and San Francisco

Ina Pinkney
Breakfast With Ina

From New York, San Francisco and China, I found three places that brought their A game — and tastes of New York, San Francisco and China — to Chicago. They're worth the trip.

What they all have in common is the belief that they know exactly what they're doing and that you should trust their expertise and judgment to sell you the best of what they have. I'm in.

Taste of New York Bagels & Deli

Locally made bagels are good, and in some cases really good, but they are are just little bit different than New York bagels. Now we have Taste of New York Bagels & Deli in Lakeview.

Seating and a long deli counter line the left side of the shop, while a refrigerated case stands to the right, filled with more choices of beverages than I've ever seen.

After spending a long time at the case looking at the assortment of meat, cheese, salads and especially the plain and exotic cream cheese options, we chose carefully. That's not quite factual. I was lured into ordering the Brooklynite, because I couldn't resist pastrami, egg and provolone on a rye bagel.

All the signature sandwiches are named for New York boroughs or neighborhoods, which melted my heart.

My dining companion, chef Michael Fiddler, had the Bushwick, featuring turkey sausage, eggs and cheese on an everything bagel.

Besides lots of bread choices, sandwiches, wraps, paninis and Mediterranean dishes, there is a warm welcome from the staff.

Of note: fast casual; metered street parking: two shallow and wide steps at the entrance (ask for their temporary ramp)

Find it: 3268 N. Clark St., 773-904-7934, tonybagelsdeli.com

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When Philz arrived in Chicago, opening two stores with some fanfare, I made note of it and finally decided to see what the fuss was all about when they opened No. 3 in Lincoln Park at the end of September. Evanston got one earlier this month.

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They want you to tell the barista exactly how you like your coffee, and then they want you to take a sip to be sure.

They do not kid around when it comes to coffee, but they do offer a kind and welcoming experience. From the crowd that gathered two days after opening, they are surely doing something right.

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MICHELLE KANAAR/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Brooklynite sandwich at New York Bagels & Deli in Lakeview.

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Bagels come in a variety of flavors, both traditional and well beyond.

Shumai at D Cuisine restaurant, which serves dim sum brunch in the Park West neighborhood of Chicago.

LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

D Cuisine

Sometimes you just have to have dim sum for breakfast. And then you wish an excellent one would open close to home, so you wouldn't have to trek too far. And then one day your prayers are answered and you make a beeline to it and find nirvana.

There are 27 options from which to choose. We decided on 12.

I know it seems excessive, but Michael and I did it for you.

We had shu mai, steamed BBQ pork bun, baked BBQ pork bun, baked creamy egg yolk bun, egg tarts, crabmeat wrap with seaweed, deep-fried sesame ball, honey-sauce short ribs, shrimp dumplings and pan-fried corn cake, among other choices. Since there are usually three items per order, we ate two and wrapped the rest up for Michael's wife, M.J., who only hears about our adventures.

Eaten in a peaceful, bright and comfortable setting with service that was attentive but restrained, all I can say is that I love happy endings!

Of note: metered street parking; accessible; carry out; delivery; full menu of Guangdong dishes for lunch and dinner

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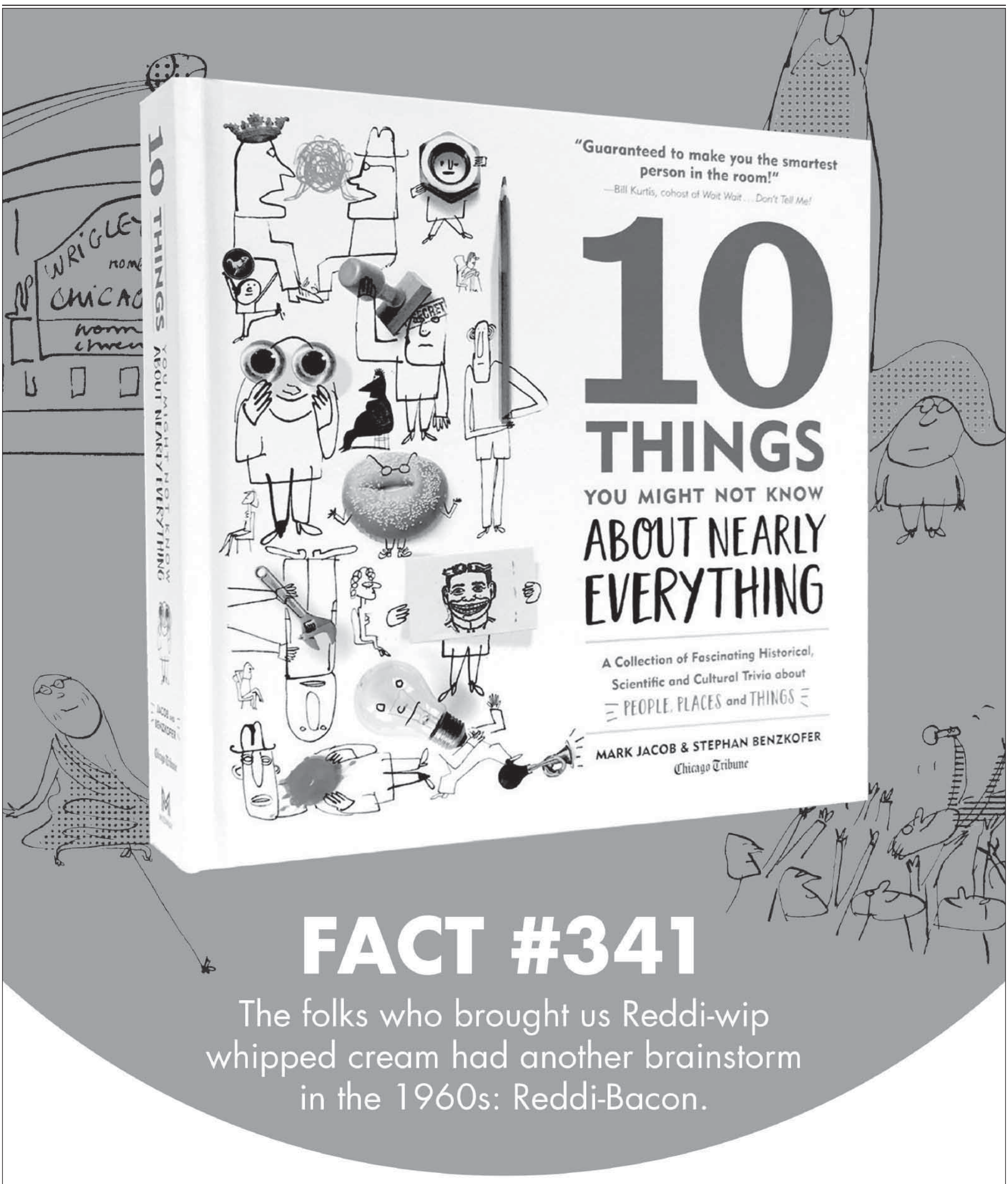

10 Things You Might Not Know About Nearly Everything contains a plethora of tidbits and trivia that will appeal to everyone, from history buffs to sports fans to foodies. From lighthearted topics such as misspellings and extreme eating, to serious subjects such as WWII and prison, this book leaves readers brighter and wittier than ever before.

FACT #84: A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

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