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Mayor Lori Lightfoot, joined Tuesday by CPS CEO Janice Jackson, said the power to end the strike rested with the Chicago Teachers Union.

Union, city brass trade barbs as CPS teacher strike at Day 10

BY HANNAH LEONE,
GREGORY PRATT,
MARIE FAZIO
AND MORGAN GREENE

The Chicago Teachers Union strike will continue Wednesday, canceling classes at Chicago Public Schools for the 10th day.

Hours after the CTU summoned representatives from city schools to discuss negotiations, and following a day in which the union and city leaders argued over counterproposals, classes finally were called off around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, continuing the city's longest strike in decades.

STAKES GET HIGHER:
Casualties multiply amid divide over make-up days. **Pages 8, 9**

CTU called a Tuesday night meeting of its House of Delegates, whose vote would be needed to suspend the strike. As delegates filed into CTU headquarters, the union sent a statement accusing CPS of "toying with parents, students and the entire city by sowing misinformation about the status of negotiations."

Delegates said they reviewed a 12-page document and consider the status of bargaining. CTU

President Jesse Sharkey said in an evening news conference that if they reach a tentative agreement Wednesday morning, they'll call the House of Delegates back in the afternoon to vote on suspending the strike.

Sharkey said a tentative agreement is possible, but "we haven't settled everything."

CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates said the parties will go back to the table Wednesday and explore the concepts presented by the mayor.

"We want to stay optimistic and

Turn to **Strike, Page 8**

Lawmakers push new rules in, Arroyo out

Ethics reforms urged amid bid to oust state rep. accused of bribery

BY DAN PETRELLA
AND JAMIE MUNKS

The latest corruption charges in a sprawling federal investigation sparked calls on Tuesday for tougher ethics rules in Springfield, where a special committee will convene later this week to consider ousting a legislator accused of bribery.

Luis Arroyo, Chicago Democrat who's served in the House since 2006, allegedly gave \$2,500 to a state senator in an effort to enlist his support for legislation legalizing sweepstakes gaming machines, which would benefit one of Arroyo's lobbying clients.

House Speaker Michael Madigan filed paperwork Tuesday to begin the process of removing Arroyo after Republicans filed a petition Monday night requesting the creation of the special committee. Arroyo would be only the second lawmaker to be expelled in more than a century.

The senator Arroyo allegedly tried to bribe was cooperating with federal authorities and covertly recorded conversations with Arroyo, according to a criminal complaint made public Monday. The senator was not identified in the complaint, but a source told the Tribune he is Democrat Terry Link of Vernon Hills, an architect of a major gambling expansion package Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law in June.

Link, 72, on Monday denied that he is the cooperating witness, and on Tuesday he testily sidestepped questions from reporters at the state Capitol about his involvement in the case.

"What's their source? I said,

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MANDEL NGAN/GETTY-AFP

Army Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, awarded a Purple Heart after being wounded in Iraq, arrives to testify before impeachment investigators.

Colonel's firsthand report of Trump call to Ukraine

Officer testifies to concerns over push to investigate Bidens

BY LISA MASCARO AND
MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defying White House orders, an Army officer serving with President Donald Trump's National Security Council testified to impeachment investigators Tuesday that he twice raised concerns over Trump's push to have Ukraine investigate Democrats and Joe

Biden.

Alexander Vindman, a lieutenant colonel who served in Iraq and later as a diplomat, is the first official to testify who actually heard Trump's July 25 call with new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

He reported his concerns to the NSC's lead counsel, he said in prepared remarks.

His arrival in military blue, with medals, created a striking

image at the Capitol as the impeachment inquiry reached deeper into the White House.

"I was concerned by the call," Vindman said, according to his testimony obtained by The Associated Press. "I did not think it was proper to demand that a foreign government investigate a U.S. citizen, and I was worried about the implications for the U.S. government's support of Ukraine."

Vindman, a 20-year military officer, added to the mounting evidence from other witnesses — diplomats, defense and former administration officials — who are corroborating the initial whistleblower's complaint against Trump and providing new details ahead of a House vote in the impeachment inquiry.

"Every person has put it in

Turn to **Colonel, Page 11**

Expense reimbursements of mayor of Crestwood eyed as part of probe

BY JOE MAHR



Presta

Federal authorities sought information related to \$27,000 worth of expense reimbursements to Crestwood's mayor as part of a government corruption investigation that stretches from the southwest suburbs to the statehouse.

The subpoena to Crestwood, obtained by the Tribune through an open records request, resulted in records that touch on some of the same people and same towns that have arisen in the federal

probe.

While that wide-ranging effort remains undefined for the public, the Crestwood subpoena was dated Sept. 26, around the same time authorities conducted raids at village halls in McCook and Ly-stretches from the southwest suburbs to the statehouse.

ons, as well as the Capitol office of Democratic state Sen. Martin Sandoval.

Crestwood Mayor Lou Presta's mileage reimbursements show he frequently reported traveling to McCook, including for meetings with Lyons Mayor Christopher

Getty. And Presta's calendar lists a meeting with "Mr. Madigan," though both the mayor and House Speaker Michael Madigan maintain it never took place.

Asked why authorities were interested in the reimbursement material, Presta told the Tribune he's not sure: "You've got the \$1 million question. I don't know."

Presta told the Tribune he's done nothing wrong and that agents have not asked to speak with him. No one has been charged in the federal investiga-

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How to make roti

The workhorse of flatbreads at the Indian table
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Senators slam Boeing CEO

Dennis Muilenburg faced withering questions from senators on Tuesday about two crashes of 737 Max jets. **Business**



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E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

President Donald Trump speaks at the International Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference on Monday.



JOHN KASS

Democratic mayors and the gift of Donald Trump

After decades of one-party rule in cities torn by violent crime, public education crises, chronic homelessness and growing taxpayer despair, Democratic mayors have finally found a friend.

President Donald Trump. In Baltimore, San Francisco, Los Angeles and just the other day, in Chicago, Trump proves again just how helpful he can be to Democratic mayors.

He's their gift. You doubt me? Then think back to biology class, where you learned about mutually symbiotic relationships.

The bee and the flower. The Egyptian plover and the crocodile. Algae and spider crabs. Or, if you're particularly fixated on algae, then try algae and fungus.

I'm not assigning the role of fungus to either Democratic mayors or the Republican president. But both sides benefit mutually.

Aiming at suburban and rural white working-class votes in swing states, Trump attacks historically broken big-city Democratic policy with a brazen, mocking vulgarity that outrages the mayors, living as they do within their blue bubble.

The mayors attack him right back, with vigor, playing to their voters by calling him a racist. Terrible insults are traded. It all gets so personal and tribal. And, as any political biologist would tell you, it's all quite predictable.

Trump becomes the orange-haired totem that Democratic mayors shake in rage above their constituents, just as he holds street gangs of illegal immigrants like MS-13 up to his faithful.

For the mayors, it's a no-lose scenario. In attacking Trump, they seek to cement disparate urban constituencies, such as African Americans and Latinos who otherwise compete for jobs and status in cities of limited resources like Chicago.

Stoking outrage over Trump's rhetoric allows them to try to keep these voters in line, even if such voters are the beneficiaries of historically low unemployment rates, particularly for blacks, in the current economy.

For Democratic politicians, particularly white progressives, there can be no diversity of opinion among black voters. Without African American

voters in lockstep, there would be no national Democratic Party.

Democratic political professionals understand this clearly and are nervous about presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren and Pete Buttigieg. Neither tracks all that well with black voters.

What Trump's anger and pointed insolence gives big-city mayors is this: the gift of time.

Remember Trump, with characteristic vulgarity, denouncing Baltimore as a rat-infested city? Shrieks of rage followed, until someone remembered that, oh, yeah, Democrats once complained of rats in Baltimore too.

Chicago has rats. But it suffers from a deadlier plague: the never-ending street gang wars.

As Chicago has been run by Democrats for generations, and as Democrats seeking Latino votes embrace sanctuary city policies that thwart federal law enforcement, Trump targets the city he loves to hate.

Speaking to a friendly crowd at the International Association of Chiefs of Police convention, Trump targeted Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, who boycotted the McCormick Place appearance.

"There is one person who is not here today. We're in Chicago. I said, 'Where is he? I want to talk to him.' In fact, more than anyone else, he should be here, because maybe he could learn something," Trump told the crowd. "Here's a man who could not bother to show up for a meeting of police chiefs, the most respected people in the country, in his hometown and with the president of the United States. And you know why? It's because he's not doing his job."

The other chiefs applauded Trump after his takedown of Johnson and Chicago's sanctuary city policy.

When he arrived in Chicago, no officials went out to meet Trump. Only Kevin Graham, president of the police union.

I personally believe that Eddie Johnson is doing his job, or at least trying desperately to do so, even though the city's street gang wars will likely claim some 500 lives, with well over 2,000 shot, by the time 2019 ends.

But Trump's attack did give Johnson's boss, Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a

chance at parallel ridicule, and to be on the same side as anti-Trump protesters from the Chicago Teachers Union, who've been on strike against Lightfoot's government for almost two weeks.

In a tweet she said: "It's no surprise that (Trump) brought his insulting, ignorant buffoonery to Chicago. Luckily, in this city, we know the truth and we will not let anyone — no matter how high the office — denigrate who we are as a people or our status as a welcoming city."

The next day, with Trump gone off to deal with Impeachment Theater in Washington, things were back to normal.

The striking Chicago Teachers Union, led by militant, hard-left bosses, continued their strike, though they've been offered a generous 16%-24% raise over five years. And some 300,000 students — mostly minorities from low-income neighborhoods — had no school. Again.

And Republicans like Trump can't be blamed for that.

An exasperated Lightfoot asked: "Are we really keeping our kids out of class unless I agree to support the CTU's full political agenda wholesale?"

In a word, yes. When Trump is in a big blue city, media focuses on him rather than on the mayors and the problems that have taken generations of Democratic policy and generations of misery to shape.

Liberal commentators who'd rather not take a risk and weigh in on a Democratic family feud like a teachers strike bravely bash Trump with glee.

The Republican president asks for it. And Democratic mayors give it to him.

It's not the bees and the flowers, exactly. Instead it's all about distraction, emotion and herding votes.

But the feeling is (symbiotically) mutual.

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A TrumPoem: Putting rhyme to lack of reason



MARY SCHMICH

This is the latest in my occasional TrumPoems chronicling the presidency of Donald J. Trump, based, as always, on his own words and actions.

A GREAT CHICAGO SPEECH

I flew into Chicago
For another thrilling speech
The greatest speech in history, folks,
You should've heard me preach.

My speech was very rousing —
I'm like King or JFK —
Though I don't heal divisions
With the things I have to say.

I had my insults ready
Like a butcher with his knives
I knew I'd get a lot of laughs
And give my critics hives.

The top cops in the world were there
Well, all the cops but one —
That Eddie is as useless
As a cop without a gun.

I'm talking Eddie Johnson
He's Chicago's so-called chief
He wouldn't come to watch me
'Cause he's got some b.s. beef.

He doesn't like my "values"?
Well, that man is a disgrace
I said so to the valiant cops
Who filled McCormick Place.

He thinks I diss Chicago?
Well, I only say what's true!
Chicago is a dangerous dump —
I mean that it votes blue.

Chicago, oh Chicago!
It's my favorite town to trash—
Although the Cubs' Todd Ricketts
Helps me raise a lot of cash.

Chicago's an embarrassment!
More dangerous than Kabul!
It's riskier than Kandahar!
And Eddie is a fool.

He coddles evil criminals
Bad hombres rule this dump
But one man's here to fix it —
And his name is Donald Trump!

Just give me a few hours, folks,
I'll make the killing stop
You see, I've got a special friend —
My pal the mystery cop.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

I often speak about him
Though I never say his name
And every time I tell the tale
It's never quite the same.

His name could be, um, Robert
Or it might be Bill or Mike
And maybe once I kind of said
He rides a motorbike.

He's very tough, a leader
He's a boss man — just like me
He tells me it would take a day
To set Chicago free.

Yes, free of evil, free at last!
Yes, free of fear and crime!
I guarantee — my cop pal says —
It wouldn't take much time.

A day or two! Within a week!
Hey, faster than a glance!
But please don't ask me who he is
Who knows? It might be Chance.

The cops were very happy
With the content of my speech
I didn't hear a single one
Repeat the word "impeach."

So what that Lightfoot tweeted
I'm an ignorant buffoon?
My friends, I will not whimper
For some little leftie loon.

So what that near Trump Tower
There were leftie protest chants?
My friends, I will not cower
At some pouty little rants.

So what the picket signs were mean?
And someone called me "hog"?
And someone said I'd done the worst —
Put ketchup on a dog!

Chicago is a cesspool, friends,
A living, freezing hell
Although I really ought to note
The Trump hotel is swell.

So listen up, Chicago,
I could solve your civic crisis
As fast as — pow! — it took me to
Destroy that guy from ISIS.

I didn't get fair credit, though
I never, ever do
I went out to the ballgame
And some losers shouted "Boo!"

"Yeah, lock him up!" they chanted
I could not believe my ears!
At all my campaign rallies
All I get are claps and cheers.

And Monday in Chicago
Those great cops gave me applause
And then I had a ritzy lunch
To bolster a great cause:
ME!

Yes, Ricketts raised bazillions
That made up for all the snubs
So even though this town's a pit
I gotta say, "Go Cubs!"

And never fear, Chicago,
I'll be back again one day
Until that time there's one last thing
I really have to say:

Ask not what your great country
Ought to do to help you live
But ask what you can do for me
And how much dough to give.

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Chicago threw a pointed protest at Trump's bubble



DAHLEEN GLANTON

The awful thing about protest rallies aimed at sitting presidents is that the presidents never get to see them.

Presidents swing into town, get whisked off to the events they are attending, and then are rushed onto Air Force One headed back to Washington. The Secret Service makes sure

the motorcade avoids the hordes of protesters who often line the streets. And police make sure protesters don't get anywhere near the president.

That's unfortunate because presidents need to hear what real people who live outside the political bubble are saying about them. They need to hear the chants, read the signs and feel the enormous accumulation of energy from people who are doing everything within their power to keep them from being reelected.

Donald Trump, who has spent his entire presidency floating in a fantasy world, is in dire need of a reality check. And no one could have provided a stronger dose than Chicagoans did on Monday.

Had Trump been able to peer from a top floor window of the downtown skyscraper that bears his name, he would have seen a colorful array of people unlike the monochromatic supporters who show up at his rallies, clinging to his every word.

As he spoke to wealthy donors inside Trump Tower, people from the real America — a diverse society where everybody doesn't look alike, speak the same language or practice the same religion — gathered across the Chicago River to have their say.

They probably weren't the types who could pour \$4 million into a candidate's reelection coffers, as Trump's donors reportedly did on Monday. Many were likely the kind of people who could only afford to pitch in \$5 or \$10 to help someone — maybe anyone — stop Trump from getting a second term.

They were African American, white, Latino, Asian and the non-descriptive "other." They were young and old, straight and gay, poor, affluent and everything in-between. They were in wheelchairs, leaning on canes, riding skateboards and being pushed in baby carriages.

This is what America really looks like. It's not the monotonous red hat-wearing "Make America Great Again" crowd that Trump would have us believe represents our nation.

The people outside Trump's comfort zone were as different as America allows each of us to be. And they were united in a single goal — to let Trump know that he's not welcome in Chicago. Even if he didn't see it, maybe, at least, he sensed it.

It is obvious that Trump doesn't like Chicago. He has no use for voters here. In 2016, Trump won only 38% of the vote in Illinois, compared to Hillary Clinton's 55%. Buoyed by Chicago, Clinton got a whopping 74% of the vote in Cook County, compared to Trump's embarrassing 21%.

There is no way he can count on Chicago in 2020, so he's resigned to making our city a punching bag.

On his first visit to Chicago since becoming president, Trump wasted no time trashing our city. Speaking to a gathering of international chiefs of police, he again compared Chicago to Afghanistan, saying that the war-torn nation is a "safe place by comparison" and declaring that Chicago is "embarrassing to us as a nation."

Mayor Lori Lightfoot struck back, calling his attack "insulting, ignorant buffoonery." That was mild, though, compared to what other Chicagoans were saying.

The overwhelming sentiment at the rally, which turned into an impromptu march through downtown picking up cheering bystanders along the way, was not only that Trump should be impeached, but also that he needs to be in jail.

The chants were loud and fierce, often accompanied by a drumbeat.

"Lock him up!" "This is what democracy looks like!" "Hey, Hey, Ho Ho, Donald Trump has got to go!" "Democracy is under attack. What do we do? Stand up, fight back!"

The homemade signs were creative and to the point. They addressed Trump's suspicious relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"Treason!" "Skip the Middle Man: Putin 2020." "Make America Great Again. Deport Trump." "Impeach Putin's Puppet." "Save Democracy, Dump Trump." "We Want Russia Out."

They didn't hesitate to show their support for Trump's ouster.

"Resign!" "Impeach and Convict." "#45 Is Not Above the Law." "You Can't Cure Stupid, But You Can Impeach It." "It's Still Mueller Time, Impeach Trump." "Republicans, Do The Right thing — Impeach."

There were strong statements about race, immigration and bigotry.

"I March For My Mom: Undocumented and Unafraid." "Hate Does Not Make America Great." "No Hate, No Fear. Racist Presidents Are Not Welcome Here." "Say No To Racism. Stand With Immigrants." There was a bit of name-calling, too.

"Criminal in Chief." "Throw Da Bum Out." "Liar, Stupid Liar." "This Con Man Doesn't Fool Me." "Unfit, Unhinged, Unwanted Here."

And practical things we all should take note of.

"We Want Fair Elections." "Voting Matters."

And clever ways to get the 45th president out of office.

"Control Alt Delete 45" and "86 45."

Protesters know their messages are likely lost on presidents. Protests are mostly about letting off steam, anyway.

But protests also can say a lot about the city where they are held. On Monday, America got to see exactly where Chicago stands regarding Trump. And if Trump did what he normally does on the plane ride back to Washington, he turned on cable news and got a glimpse of it too.

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CAMILLE FINE / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Angela Nieves-Figuerera, the sister of Jose Nieves, weeps while praying before the trial of Lowell Houser begins Tuesday.

Eyewitness: I didn't see the prelude to police shooting

Prosecutors say off-duty cop fired gun unprovoked

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A key witness for the prosecution took the witness stand Tuesday but said he did not see what happened in the crucial seconds before an off-duty Chicago police officer fatally shot another man outside the witness's residence.

Melchor Galva said he was looking out a window when he saw the off-duty officer, Lowell Houser, talking to Jose Nieves as the two stood across a narrow street from one another on the Northwest Side in January 2017. But Galva said he could not hear what they said.

As Galva turned back to look again at his television, a "boom" rang out, he said through a Spanish interpreter.

Galva said he again looked out his window in the Belmont Gardens neighborhood to see Houser holding a gun and shooting again at Nieves.

Nieves clutched his chest with one hand and grabbed at the hood of a nearby car with the other to try to steady himself but dropped to the street between two

parked cars, Galva said.

As the first day of the trial played out in the Leighton Criminal Court Building, Nieves' family sat in the courtroom's front row wearing shirts emblazoned with his face and "JUSTICE" in bold letters across the top.

Earlier Tuesday, in opening statements at the bench trial, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Angel Essig said Houser had opened fire unprovoked.

Houser never mentioned in his initial call to 911 that he believed Nieves had a gun, the prosecutor pointed out.

"There's nothing that you're going to hear in this case that's going to justify the defendant's claims for self-defense," Essig said.

Prosecutors have previously said that the two had argued in the past, in particular about a month before the shooting when Houser allegedly brandished a gun at Nieves.

Houser's lawyer, William Fahy, alleged that Nieves, 38, came "charging up" after Houser, then 57, had spoken with his girlfriend. Houser tried to calm the situation by showing Nieves his badge and identifying himself as an officer, Fahy said.

"That actually caused Mr. Nieves to even get angrier," said Fahy, who alleged that

Nieves then threatened to shoot him and "torch" his car.

Houser believed Nieves was armed because he had his hands beneath his clothing, the attorney said.

"The last thing in the world Lowell Houser wanted at that point in his career, at his age, was to get into some type of street encounter, a violent street encounter, with someone who was 20 years younger than him," said Fahy, noting his client was on medical leave for cancer at the time.

Houser, a 28-year police veteran, left the department a few weeks after he was charged in January 2017.

The trial poses a key test for State's Attorney Kim Foxx, who had been on the job for about a month and a half when her office announced the rare murder charges against an off-duty officer about two weeks after the shooting.

But Galva, a key eyewitness for the prosecution, gave somewhat muddled testimony. He grew frustrated with the questioning, and attorneys, especially the defense, in turn grew frustrated with his sometimes-unclear answers.

Judge William Gambone, who will decide Houser's fate, told prosecutors at one point that

without better visual aids for Galva's testimony, he was "a little at sea" on the positioning of Houser and Nieves at the time of the shooting.

Testimony from Michelle Malkowski, Nieves' girlfriend, was more vivid.

She encountered Houser as she helped Nieves move boxes into his apartment. Houser told her that Nieves was bad to women, "a piece of s—," Malkowski testified.

Nieves came up and told Houser that if he had a problem he should talk to Nieves, the girlfriend testified. A prosecution filing had previously attributed that statement to Malkowski.

As Malkowski went back inside the apartment building, she said she heard gunshots and ran outside to find her boyfriend lying shot on the pavement. She knew instantly that he was dying, she said.

"I could see his eyes rolling back and his face changing colors and his lips turning purple," testified Malkowski, gripping the armrest of the witness chair and shaking visibly.

"After his eyes stopped rolling back, he was just still," she said.

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Fall foliage is a beautiful pain for Metra trains

Leaf-related delays crop up when autumn takes hold

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Autumn leaves are lovely to see, but they cause delays for Metra commuters.

Slippery rail conditions caused by snow and leaves on the tracks led to 13- to 20-minute delays Tuesday morning on Metra's Union Pacific Northwest and North lines, which travel between the Ogilvie Transportation Center and the far northern suburbs, according to Metra spokesman Michael Gillis.

The same lines saw leaf-related delays Monday evening, according to Metra.

Gillis said leaves are a common problem this time of year, not only for Metra but for railroads around the world, wherever there are trees near the tracks.

When leaves fall on tracks, they reduce the grip between the train wheels and the track, requiring engineers to take more time to stop and start. Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said that leaves act like grease on the rails.

Railroads address the issue by applying sand to the



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A Metra train moves along the Union Pacific Northwest Line on Tuesday in Lake Barrington. Wet leaves are a common problem in autumn for railroads where trees abut tracks.

tracks to add friction. In front of the wheels that propel trains are nozzles that dispense sand, which is why small piles of sand are often seen between rails, Magliari explained.

"We use more sand when the rails are wet and still more when there are leaves that have fallen on the tracks. Modern locomotives calculate the amount of

sand to dispense when needed," Magliari said.

Union Pacific spokeswoman Kristen South noted that Metra locomotives are much lighter than freight locomotives, and are more affected by slippery conditions.

"The best way to think of it is when you slam on your car's brakes on wet pavement, your vehicle slides,"

South said in an email. "Due to the weather conditions, we ordered the early trains to run at slower speeds this morning to prevent wheel slip."

She said Union Pacific apologized for the delays and inconvenience to customers.

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Lightfoot, Obama meet about presidential center

BY LISA DONOVAN
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As a raucous few hours in politics was winding down in Chicago, Mayor Lori Lightfoot and former President Barack Obama met to discuss ongoing plans for his presidential center in Jackson Park, according to the mayor's office.

"Mayor Lightfoot and former President Obama met Monday afternoon and discussed a wide range of topics including the Obama Presidential Center and other ways of working together to enhance all of our Chicago communities," the mayor's office wrote in a brief statement.

It came on Monday, a few hours after Obama's successor, President Donald Trump made his first trip to the city since winning office. The president took aim at Chicago, calling Afghanistan safer, and blaming Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson's leadership for the city's struggle with violent crime. The Republican president made his comments during an address to a friendly International Association of Chiefs of Police conference at McCormick Place, one that Johnson boycotted over Trump's repeated criticism of the city.

Before leaving town, Trump also attended a fundraiser at his namesake downtown hotel where thousands of protesters gathered pumping signs and yelling chants calling for his impeachment. Chicago police said 3,000 to 6,000 protesters were involved.

Obama, a Democrat who earned his political chops while living in Chicago, is in town this week for his annual Obama Foundation Summit, a brainstorming session of sorts to discuss programming once the Obama Presidential Center is built and open on the South Side. Former first



Former President Barack Obama speaks during the closing session of the 2019 Obama Foundation Summit on Tuesday.

lady Michelle Obama is also in town.

After Lightfoot and Obama met, the mayor spoke at an Obama Summit dinner where she and Chi-

ago's first lady Amy Eshleman posed for a picture with the former president and posted the snapshot on social media. The mayor's tweet also included a state-

ment: "President (Obama), your leadership inspired millions to fight for change— and continues to do so today. Good to see you at tonight's (Obama Foun-

ation) community dinner, and looking forward to collaborating on creating new opportunities for the city that we love."

Lightfoot also spoke at

The mayor finds herself in the middle of a disagreement between the former president and a group of local residents over a community benefits agreement.

the dinner.

The mayor finds herself in the middle of a disagreement between the former president and a group of local residents over a community benefits agreement — a binding deal that guarantees certain benchmarks for affordable housing and jobs for those living nearby. Obama has come out against a CBA, saying the presidential center will stoke a South Side economic revival without it.

Lightfoot has stopped short of supporting a CBA around the presidential center, saying in July: "I think you've got to respect the rights of people that live in that community, that have been, I think, feeling ... neglected by the efforts so far. I intend to, as I've started, to work with all sides to get to a place so that we can move forward."

Lightfoot, a frequent critic of Trump, did not meet with him during his Monday visit. But she responded to Trump's criticism of Chicago and Johnson as "insulting, ignorant, buffoonery" in a separate Twitter post Monday.

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Probe

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tion.

The Tribune filed a Freedom of Information Act request with Crestwood this month seeking any search warrants or subpoenas it received, and the village initially provided a copy that had Presta's name blacked out, with a village attorney saying it was done to protect the privacy of an employee.

After a Tribune attorney sent a letter contesting the redaction, the village provided an unredacted copy showing the employee in question was the village's elected mayor. The village also released the checks, invoices and the mayor's calendar.

Crestwood provided authorities with 31 checks to Presta totaling about \$27,000 between March 2016 and August 2018.

The expense reports show Presta logging extensive travel, often stating he drove 30 miles or more each day through the village, which is 3.1 square miles. Presta told the Tribune he frequently drives around to check things out and talk to constituents as part of his \$65,000-a-year job.

For one visit to Springfield, he logged 512 miles there and back. The most direct round-trip route down Interstate 55 is roughly 380 miles. Presta said that he mistakenly drove almost to St. Louis, before realizing his mistake and turning around to double-back to Springfield.

The Tribune also found that on several occasions, Presta turned in reimbursement requests for a week of mileage that he'd already submitted and

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been paid for.

For example, on one invoice, Presta logged driving 44 miles on Oct. 11, 2016, for driving through the village. On a second invoice, turned in a month later, he logged 61 miles for that same date, this time for driving through the village and to a new business meeting.

Cook County records show that Presta, 69, has had financial difficulties, including a \$22,664 IRS tax lien covering parts of 1998 through 2010.

Presta did not respond to additional Tribune questions about the reimbursement documentation or his financial difficulties.

Presta's calendars also contained typed listings of meetings with various business and elected leaders.

The calendar has a September 2016 entry for "lunch with Mr. Madigan" at an Oak Lawn restaurant. Presta told the Tribune that meeting never occurred and he's not sure why it's listed in his calendar. Madigan spokesman Steve Brown said Tuesday that the speaker did not meet with Presta.

As for other meetings listed on Presta's schedule with Lyons' Getty, Sen. Sandoval and McCook Mayor Jeff Tobolski, Presta said he recalls meeting with them but doesn't remember what was discussed.

Crestwood gained notoriety for being among the first suburbs to offer "rebates" of property taxes to residents in the 1990s, and then infamy a decade ago after the Tribune exposed how penny-pinching officials repeatedly and secretly put toxic water into the village water system.

Presta rose through the

suburb's zoning board and village council to become mayor in 2013, though he finished a distant third in a 2018 Cook County commissioner race.

During Presta's tenure, the village settled the lingering legal actions over the toxic water but then inked a deal with clout-heavy red light vendor SafeSpeed for cameras that the Tribune found quickly became the most prolific ticket-generators in the region.

The analysis found the suburb's SafeSpeed system largely relied on roughly \$8,000-a-day collected from right-on-red violations at an intersection that a long-running, class-action lawsuit alleges didn't qualify for cameras under state law.

SafeSpeed, its backers and their firms became prolific campaign donors, including to Presta's campaign fund, starting four days after he signed the lucrative camera contract in 2014. Since then, his campaign fund has received \$14,000 from SafeSpeed or its backers.

SafeSpeed has surfaced in the Sandoval search warrant as an area of interest for federal investigators, but the company was not listed in the Crestwood subpoena.

Presta's campaign fund also recently reported receiving \$300 worth of unspecified material for a golf outing from an entity called "Omar Cigar Company." The fund listed the company's address as the same one for a Country-side cigar shop by a different name that's noted in a federal search warrant and is a known hangout for many others named in the Sandoval search warrant, including Omar Maani, a longtime SafeSpeed official who donated to Presta's campaign.

SafeSpeed previously has said that it has done nothing wrong, but that it is not speaking for Maani. He has not returned calls seeking comment.

Presta told the Tribune that Maani donated the cigars that were handed out to attendees of the golf outing.

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Arroyo

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"What's their source?" You answer me," Link said as he left a committee meeting at the Capitol. "I answered the question yesterday; I'm not going to continuously answer this every day of my life; I'm down here to do a job that I was elected to do and that's what I'm going to do."

"You're the only ones that are bothering me," Link said to reporters. "The public's not bothering me. I'm getting emails from all my constituents, very happy with me — 'Stick in there, fight, do whatever' ... I don't represent you; I represent them."

The special committee announced by Madigan will review allegations against Arroyo and decide whether to recommend charges. The bipartisan, six-member panel will hold its first meeting Friday, with a second session planned for Nov. 8. Removal from office requires approval from a two-thirds majority of the full chamber.

It's a rare move that last occurred in 2012, when Rep. Derrick Smith of Chicago was expelled after being indicted on charges that he took a \$7,000 bribe in a federal sting operation days before that year's Democratic primary. He was removed by a vote of 100-6 that August, the first time in more than a century that the House cast out one of its own.

Smith remained on the November ballot and went on to win reelection. While Smith was awaiting trial, Madigan backed him for another term in the March 2014 primary, but he lost a five-way race. He was automatically removed from office upon being convicted in June 2014 of bribery and extortion. He was later sentenced to five months in prison.

The federal charges against Arroyo are the latest to stem from a series of ongoing federal probes into political corruption. Arroyo is the third elected official to be charged so far, joining longtime Chicago Ald. Edward Burke and Democratic Sen. Thomas Cullerton of Villa Park. A number of elected officials, includ-

ing Democratic Sen. Martin Sandoval of Chicago, are under investigation.

One branch of the investigation is looking into whether utility giant ComEd hired politically connected lobbyists in exchange for favorable action in the legislature. Last week, a source told the Tribune that a federal search warrant executed in May at the Michigan Avenue office of the City Club of Chicago, whose president is a ComEd lobbyist, sought information about Madigan. Federal agents also have raided the homes of three Madigan allies, the Tribune has reported.

"I'm not a target of anything," Madigan told reporters Monday at the Capitol. In a statement, he called for a review and strengthening of ethics and lobbying laws.

Deputy House GOP leader Tom Demmer of Dixon filed legislation Tuesday that would bar state legislators from working as paid lobbyists at the local level.

Arroyo is a manager of a lobbying firm called Spartacus 3, whose clients include a company that has an interest in sweepstakes gaming machines, according to a 13-page criminal complaint made public Monday. Arroyo has been registered with the city as a lobbyist since 2017.

Demmer's proposal would also require anyone lobbying local governments to register as a lobbyist with the secretary of state's office, which currently is only required for those lobbying state officials. At a Tuesday afternoon news conference, Demmer called those provisions "glaring examples of action that should be taken quickly in light of findings that became public yesterday."

Before the charges against Arroyo were made public, some of the most visible targets of the corruption probes were Senate Democrats. Senate President John Cullerton said Tuesday morning that he planned to talk to Madigan and push for the creation of a joint House-Senate committee to look at potential changes to ethics rules or statutes in light of the allegations against lawmakers. Cullerton and Madigan met later on Tuesday, Cullerton spokesman John Patterson

confirmed.

"I went back and looked at what we did when (Gov. Rod) Blagojevich was impeached — we had a joint committee with the House and the Senate, so I'm going to talk to the speaker about urging us to do that again — have hearings and have responsible changes to our rules and our statutes to address it," Cullerton said.

He added that there are "clearly some issues that were not addressed" at that time related to lobbying.

"That's what we're going to talk about with respect to the House," Cullerton said. "It doesn't do any good to have just one chamber deal with something."

Thomas Cullerton, a distant cousin of the Senate president, was indicted in August by federal authorities alleging he accepted nearly \$275,000 in salary and benefits from the Teamsters union despite doing little to no work. In September, Sandoval's Springfield office and home were raided by federal agents who were seeking evidence of violation of seven federal corruption statutes, including bribery, theft from a federally funded program, and mail and wire fraud, according to the search warrant that was later released by the Senate.

Sandoval has not been charged and has not spoken publicly since the Sept. 24 searches. He has not been in Springfield this week for the first days of the General Assembly's fall veto session.

"There's an argument that when people get caught under the current rules that something's working," Cullerton said Tuesday. "But at the same time, we need to see if we need to change something."

In response to questions about a state senator being a cooperating witness in the criminal complaint made public on Monday, Cullerton said Tuesday morning he hadn't spoken to Link about it but was aware Link had denied being the witness.

"We just heard about this yesterday; we don't know who it is," Cullerton said. "We haven't had a chance to reflect on it, really."

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9 Dems skeptical of real estate transfer tax

BY JAMIE MUNKS

SPRINGFIELD – Nine Democratic state lawmakers from Chicago say they won't vote for Mayor Lori Lightfoot's real estate transfer tax proposal unless a significant amount of the money raised is dedicated to alleviating homelessness.

Lightfoot has called on lawmakers to approve a graduated tax that charges more for more expensive property sales during their six-day fall veto session, which began Monday. The mayor campaigned on increasing affordable housing options in Chicago by adjusting the city's real estate transfer tax so wealthier homeowners pay more.

"We know it costs more than \$800 million to address homelessness in the city of Chicago," Rep. Delia Ramirez said at a Tuesday news conference in Springfield. "Asking for this little set-aside for something that our mayor campaigned on is not too much to ask for?"

The city expects the proposal would raise \$50 mil-

lion in 2020. The legislators said in a letter sent to City Hall that they think 60% of the proceeds from the transfer tax should go to efforts to help the homeless.

Pushback from Chicago Democrats would mean Lightfoot's proposal would require more support from suburban and Downstate Democratic lawmakers to pass. The measure is likely to face GOP opposition.

At a City Hall news conference, Lightfoot said the demand for 60% of the real estate transfer tax revenue to go toward fighting homelessness is "never going to happen, obviously."

"We're not going to be in a situation in the near-term to be able to take 60% of a significant revenue stream off the table and devote it to any issue," Lightfoot said.

"We'd love to be able to fund them all at the highest possible level but the reality is, we have a budget with a huge deficit not just for this year but in the years to come and we've got to be realistic about managing taxpayer dollars in a re-

sponsible way."

Julie Dworkin, policy director for the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, said Tuesday there were conversations with the Lightfoot administration recently "where they continue to say they're not going to dedicate any portion of the real estate transfer tax to homelessness."

Lightfoot's proposal has five brackets that include .55% for sales under \$500,000; .95% for sales between \$500,000 and \$1 million; 1.5% for sales of \$1-3 million and 2.55% for sales over \$10 million.

Rep. Will Guzzardi, one of the Chicago Democrats at Tuesday's news conference, suggesting rates more in line with New York City's, where the tax is 1% of the price for homes with a value of \$500,000 or less and 1.425% for homes sold for more than \$500,000.

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Bill to cap insulin at \$100 passes Ill. Senate

BY DAN PETRELLA

The Illinois Senate on Tuesday approved a bill that would cap out-of-pocket costs for the diabetes drug insulin at \$100 for a 30-day supply.

Despite opposition from the insurance and pharmaceutical industries, the measure passed on a bipartisan vote of 48-7 and now goes to the House for consideration. The price cap, which applies only to commercial insurance plans regulated by the state, would take effect Jan. 1, 2021.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has publicly supported the bill, which also requires the attorney general to investigate the pricing of prescription insulin and make recommendations for future consumer protections against rising costs.

The high price of insulin

is "not justified" and is "inflicting harm on people that we all represent," Democratic state Sen. Andy Manar of Bunker Hill, who sponsored the legislation.

"The price is set by pharmaceutical companies; they put it through their widget. The price is set by wholesalers, who put it through their widget. The price is set by (pharmacy benefit managers), who put insulin through their widget. The price is set by insurance companies, who put it through their widget," Manar said. "And then the person who needs it to keep their child alive has to pay it with no questions asked."

The average monthly cost of insulin was about \$450 in 2016, according to a study from the Health Care Cost Institute. Colorado will become the first state to cap insulin costs with a law

that takes effect in January.

Also on Tuesday, the Senate voted 41-11 to approve legislation that would apply the state's indoor smoking ban to e-cigarettes. The bill, sponsored by Democratic Sen. Terry Link of Vernon Hills, now goes to the House.

The bill comes as lawmakers are grappling with how to address an outbreak of a mysterious vaping-related illness that has sickened more than 1,600 people across the U.S. and killed 34 in 24 states, including two in Illinois. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said products bought off the street that contain THC, the psychoactive chemical in marijuana, have been linked to most of the cases.

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Some of strike's blows no longer academic

Health insurance, sports and college admissions face hit

BY HANNAH LEONE,
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As the Chicago teachers strike plods on, the stakes are getting higher with each passing day.

Barring a resolution this week, more college entrance exams will be canceled and early college admission applications could be disrupted. Striking teachers — who are already going without pay for the strike that started 13 days ago — will have to start paying COBRA costs to keep their health insurance.

And more high school postseason sports will be forfeited.

Some of the city's top volleyball players, for example, have been practicing year-round since childhood, sweating on sand beaches in the summer and diving on hardwood floors in the winter. Now, all that work will go without a final reward.

The Illinois High School Association ruled Monday that Chicago Public Schools girls volleyball teams will have to forfeit their playoff games, ending their season prematurely, because of the teachers strike. The playoffs were scheduled to start Monday. Student-athletes in other sports such as cross-country, tennis and golf previously suffered the same fate.

"I'm very disappointed," said Vanessa Andrews, a senior on the Jones College Prep volleyball team, which was undefeated in conference and had a playoff match scheduled for Tuesday. "We wanted to end our season with a win, not on a forfeit. It's very hard to hear that we have to end on this note."

It's the latest indignity for Chicago students who on Tuesday will have gone nine days without classes as a result of the strike, which has already dashed other postseason sports dreams.

IHSA rules forbid athletes from playing if their districts are on strike. During the playoffs, the only athletes eligible are those who already started the postseason before the strike began.

Chicago high school football teams still have a hope of participating in the playoffs if the strike is resolved by Wednesday, in time for the teams to hold three required practices before games Saturday.

Many CPS coaches are also teachers, and with teachers on strike, CPS and IHSA officials say they do not have the staff to handle the safety and liability issues of running sports practices and games. Volunteers are not authorized to do so.

On Friday, Cook County Judge Eve Reilly rejected a request by Jones College Prep cross-country runners to compete in regional meets, through which teams eventually qualify for

state finals.

That leaves students and their parents wondering what will become of their hopes of getting into college and obtaining scholarships or financial aid. Many top universities have extremely low admission rates, and failure to submit all the required paperwork by deadlines may be a deal-breaker.

Here's a look at some of the other likely consequences if the strike isn't over in coming days:

Costlier health insurance for striking teachers

Employee health insurance contributions are typically taken out of CPS teachers' paychecks, but Chicago Teachers Union members aren't getting paid for days they're on strike. They're covered through October, but if they're still on strike come Friday, they could lose their current coverage plan until the strike is called off.

Teachers who may already be feeling the financial pinch would have the option of paying pricey COBRA rates to continue their coverage.

"If the mayor chooses to cut health insurance effective Nov. 1, members (and their covered dependents) will automatically be eligible for COBRA," according to the Chicago Teachers Union website.

The union recommends

that members who have ongoing serious health care needs apply for COBRA coverage right away if they lose their city insurance. The CTU also tells members that if they are in urgent need of health care, a hospital can't turn them away.

When the strike ends and the union has a new contract, those costs should be covered retroactively through the district's insurance, according to the CTU.

College entrance exams and applications

First up are SAT and PSAT exams, scheduled for Wednesday in CPS.

CPS announced in a Tweet late Tuesday that "To ensure students have optimal testing conditions, P/SAT test will not be administered tomorrow even if classes resume." The National Merit Scholarship Corporation will consider juniors' April scores, according to CPS, adding that the PSAT for grades eight and nine will be rescheduled.

"Since the strike is still in place, the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) have proposed an alternate testing plan that would allow CPS students to test later this school year and still provide their scores for NMSC's program," according to an email from Jaslee Carayol, a spokes-

woman for the College Board, which administers the SAT. The plan is currently under consideration with CPS, Carayol said Tuesday. CPS did not immediately respond to Tribune inquiries Tuesday about testing.

Seniors seeking early decisions on college admissions for the most part have taken their SATs, but those planning on later application deadlines are more likely to have waited or to be planning to retake the exam in hopes of improving their scores.

Students who cannot take the PSAT will miss the chance to qualify for National Merit scholarships, CPS Chief Education Officer LaTanya McDade said last week.

SAT and PSAT tests were already rescheduled once leading up to the strike, and ACT exams scheduled at six CPS buildings last weekend were postponed.

But another issue putting students and their families on edge is that many colleges and universities have Nov. 1 deadlines for early admission applications. Many CPS students are waiting on transcripts or letters of recommendation from teachers.

"It's very stressful for anybody applying to college now," Jones Prep senior Kaitlyn Tansey said. "You don't want to stand out in a negative way. You don't want anything to affect your chances."

For students waiting on

materials to submit their applications, school officials have sought to assure them that colleges are generally understanding about missed deadlines because of a strike, though students are encouraged to contact college admissions officials. In some cases, CPS assistant principals and other non-union staff have been helping students get transcripts.

Amanda Sawyer, a senior at Kenwood Academy, said she was applying for early action to several colleges and still needed her junior year transcripts. She said it felt like there was nothing she could do besides email the schools and hope for the best.

Many colleges are taking steps to accommodate CPS students navigating applications during a strike.

The University of Illinois published a blog post saying CPS students won't be penalized for strike-related application interference. Applicants there can already self-report their courses and test scores in lieu of transcripts.

University of Illinois at Chicago also released information for CPS students in light of the strike, stating that while the early action application deadline is Nov. 1, UIC will extend the deadline for CPS students to get in credentials including transcripts, SAT and ACT scores and letters of recommendation as long as the rest of their application is submitted in time.

Strike

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hopeful," she said.

Negotiators returned to the bargaining table Tuesday after a 16-hour marathon session Monday stretched into the early morning, marking the ninth day of canceled classes without a settlement in sight. Mayor Lori Lightfoot offered a new contract proposal that went further in meeting some union demands, according to a copy obtained by the Tribune, but the union pushed back, repeatedly saying there was no deal in place.

The strike — which began Oct. 17 and has 25,000 CTU members off the job and about 300,000 students out of school — now is the longest against the Chicago Board of Education since 1987, when the teachers union went on a 19-day strike.

About 7,500 CPS support staff represented by the Service Employees International Union reached a settlement over the weekend, but their union reasserted its rights for members who wanted to support striking teachers to stay on the picket line.

The stakes continue to rise. Seniors haven't been able to work with teachers and counselors to gather college application materials and review entrance essays in time for early decision and early action admissions deadlines. Striking teachers — already going without pay for the strike — may have to start paying COBRA costs to keep their health insurance. More high school postseason sports will be forfeited.

Lightfoot said she met with CTU leaders on Tuesday for more than three hours. The union reached out in good faith to try and work out a deal, and her administration made some movement, but the union said it wasn't enough, she said.

"I see a pathway. We made that clear to the mayor's office," Sharkey said. But he said he did not have a deal to bring to his delegates.

Lightfoot's proposal called for raises of nearly 40% for paraprofessional support staff, as well as a social worker and a nurse in every school by 2023. The deal also would add 280 more case managers plus additional bilingual staff members.

It also commits \$25 million to reducing class sizes, and provides millions for coaching stipends and athletic resources. In addition to 17% compounded pay increases, starting salaries would increase by 5% or 9%



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Police officers prepare to arrest union members inside the lobby of Sterling Bay Headquarters in Chicago. "Nine to 10 people" were detained, police said.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago Teachers Union members listen in Tuesday as CTU President Jesse Sharkey and others speak following a House of Delegates meeting. "I see a pathway," Sharkey said.

depending on a teacher's grade level over five years, according to a summary of the deal on the table obtained by the Tribune.

But it remained a five-year contract — and the union has pushed for a three-year deal.

When asked about her administration finding more money to sweeten its offer, despite her previous insistence there was no more money to be found, Lightfoot said if a modest amount of additional money was needed to get a deal done, she wouldn't "stand in the way of getting our kids back in class."

"Having done that, it makes it all the more disappointing that we were basi-

cally told no," she added.

There are three outstanding issues that CPS and the union cannot agree on: prep time, changing the issues over which the union can strike and endorsing the CTU's plan for an elected school board, Lightfoot said.

"What's prolonging the strike is the union's insistence on a shorter school day or school year and their insistence that I agree to support their political agenda," Lightfoot said.

CPS CEO Janice Jackson said she hoped the union's delegates will seriously consider their offer, despite CTU leadership rejecting it. She said she "can't see why they wouldn't say yes to this offer."

"My message to CTU leadership is that you have the power to end this strike and get our students back in classrooms tomorrow," Jackson said. "The ball is entirely in your court, and I know that parents, teachers and everybody involved wants to see a resolution to this issue."

Lightfoot referenced the opportunities students are missing out on during the strike, including the Simeon football team that now may lose out on a chance to compete in the state playoffs.

"I think that those young men who've worked their behinds off, and have a good opportunity to get deep into the playoffs, deserve that

opportunity," Lightfoot said. "Their fate should be decided on the football field, not here and not at the House of Delegates. I really, really hope that they do the right thing, that they move forward so that all of our young people can get back in class."

Earlier Tuesday, union members streamed into the lobby at the North/Clybourn Red Line stop and marched to the site of the \$6 billion Lincoln Yards megadevelopment, which has drawn criticism this year over the City Council's approval of \$1.3 billion in subsidies via tax increment financing. The union has blamed the mayor for green-lighting the use of tax money for private developers, such as the Lincoln Yards project, and not public schools.

As the teachers approached Cortland Street and Southport Avenue, the group chanted: "We want libraries, we want books. We want the money that the Lincoln Yards took."

Later in the afternoon, about 10 CTU members went to Sterling Bay headquarters, sat down inside the building lobby and after demanding to speak to executives at the company "nine to 10 people were detained and possibly arrested," said Officer Jessica Alvarez, a Chicago police spokeswoman. Sterling Bay tweeted that it was the owner and manager of the building that requested the arrests.

Some CTU members

waited inside the Near West District police station for those who were taken into custody to be processed. Yvette McCaskill said she was frustrated with comments made by Chicago officials earlier in the day.

"I feel exhausted, I feel angry. I feel disrespected and patronized because the mayor had a press conference earlier and said that CTU is making this a political fight and said it's about the politics," she said. "But we're not politicians, we're teachers."

Outside of Malcolm X College, a few CPS parents from the Black Community Collaborative spoke to reporters and placed the blame on both sides.

One of Natasha Dunn's children is a senior enrolled in Advanced Placement classes, and she's worried he won't hit necessary milestones for passing the AP exams and will miss college scholarship opportunities.

"CPS and CTU need to get it together ... this is unacceptable," Dunn said. "You have students particularly in the black community who rely on the services that the school system gives them as far as education is concerned."

"I want the strike to end right now," she added. "If you were doing it for the children, you would be in the classroom right now."

Chicago Tribune reporters Jessica Villagomez, Javonte Anderson, John Byrne, Robert McCoppin and Alice Yin contributed.



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Chicago Teachers Union members march near the Lincoln Yards development on Tuesday.

Will Chicago schools have to add days to the end of year?

By KIM GEIGER

With the teachers strike blowing past an eight-day buffer in the Chicago Public Schools schedule, Tuesday marked the first day that canceled classes will have to be made up in order to comply with state law.

While Mayor Lori Lightfoot had said before the strike started that she had no plans to add make-up days to the school calendar, a CPS spokeswoman told the Tribune on Tuesday that the district was considering doing just that.

"The district is in the process of gathering a full understanding of potential outcomes and next steps regarding whether or not the district will make up school days missed beyond eight," CPS spokeswoman Emily Bolton said in an

email.

Illinois law requires that schools maintain a minimum of 180 school days each year, ISBE spokeswoman Jackie Matthews told the Tribune. CPS started the year with a total of 188 qualifying days on its calendar: 178 regular student attendance days plus two days for parent-teacher conferences, four days for teacher workshops and four days for school improvement.

All schools also must identify five "emergency days" in their school calendars to accommodate events like weather or a work stoppage. Emergency days don't have to be used unless needed. For the 2019-20 calendar, those days are Friday, June 19, and the following Monday through Thursday. That

means the district could schedule classes June 19 to make up for Tuesday, and later in June to make up for additional days if the strike continues.

Bolton noted that the Board of Education would have to vote to add days to the school calendar. The next board meeting is Nov. 20.

After the 2012 strike, which lasted seven days, CPS made up those days by shortening winter break, skipping a holiday and adding days at the end of the school year.

CTU spokeswoman Chris Geovanis said the union is pushing at the bargaining table for all days lost in the strike to be made up.

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Wildfires, blackouts stoke frustrations in California

PG&E takes heat of residents living, feeling powerless

BY JANIE HAR AND JOCELYN GECKER
Associated Press

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — With no electricity for the fourth straight day Tuesday, chef and caterer Jane Sykes realized she would have to throw out \$1,000 worth of food, including trays of brownies, cupcakes and puff pastry.

And she had little hope of getting a good night's sleep — there was no way to run the machine she relies on to counter her apnea.

"I don't think PG&E really thought this through," she lamented.

Frustration and anger mounted across Northern California on Tuesday as the state's biggest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric, began another round of widespread blackouts aimed at preventing its electrical equipment from sparking wildfires in high winds.

Millions of people have been without power for days as fire crews race to contain two major wind-whipped blazes that have destroyed dozens of homes at both ends of the state: in Sonoma County wine country and in the hills of Los Angeles.

Across Northern Califor-



Volunteer Barbara Wood gives a hug to a fire evacuee Sunday at a Red Cross shelter set up at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa, California.

nia, people worried about charging cellphones, finding gasoline and cash, keeping their food from spoiling and staying warm. Some ended up at centers set up by PG&E where people could go to power their electronics and get free water, snacks, flashlights and solar lanterns.

"There's a hidden cost," Sykes said. "Absolutely public safety above all else, but there's a big financial loss for my profession, having to throw away a lot of hard

work." PG&E said Tuesday's blackouts — the third round in a week — would affect about 1.5 million people in 29 counties, including 1 million still without power from a shut-off over the weekend.

The outages have made people like Linda Waldron, a mother of two who lives north of San Francisco in San Rafael, realize the things we take for granted.

She discovered she was low on gas and began to

panic as she drove around looking for an open gas station. She wound up driving to San Francisco, about 20 miles away, before she found one. She also stocked up on cash after realizing she had only \$1 in her wallet.

"What if we needed to evacuate and I had no gas in the car?" she said as her 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son cavorted at a playground. "I didn't even think about gas and cash because I'm too busy with

these guys."

In Placer County, Angel Smith relied on baby wipes and blankets to keep her 13-month-old son, Liam, warm and clean. The family has been without power since Saturday night and cannot draw well water without electricity.

She ran a cord from her neighbors' generator to keep her phone and tablet charged so the two could watch movies. Temperatures were expected to drop below freezing overnight in parts of Northern California.

"The hardest part about this for me has been making sure I keep my son warm as it gets cold here," Smith said.

In Mendocino County, Suzanne Lemley Schein and her husband, Glenn, lost power Saturday and have been spending the time since playing backgammon by candlelight and going to bed early.

They haven't been able to rent out a studio on their property, or even offer it to wildfire evacuees, because it has no power or water.

She said she doesn't like "the power that PG&E has over all of us," she said.

People in well-to-do Marin County, population 260,000, north of San Francisco, have also been without power since Saturday.

Sykes works in San Francisco, so she has "civiliza-

tion during the day," but she said it is eerie to drive along darkened highways. She hasn't opened her freezer since the outage and is not looking forward to it.

"I'm pretty sure it's not going to be salvageable," she said.

PG&E, which is in bankruptcy after its equipment was blamed for a string of disastrous fires over the past three years, including a blaze that all but destroyed the town of Paradise and killed 85 people, has said its foremost concern is public safety.

But Gov. Gavin Newsom and top utility regulators have accused the company of mismanaging its power system and failing for decades to make the investments needed to make it more durable. He and others have also complained that the utility has botched the outages by not keeping the public adequately informed.

The California Public Utilities Commission plans to open an investigation that could result in fines against PG&E.

The commission said it also plans to review the rules governing blackouts, will look to prevent utilities from charging customers when the power is off and will convene experts to find grid improvements that might lessen shut-offs next fire season.

Sanders, Biden tackle age concerns

Some voters uneasy that candidates are in their late 70s

BY STEVE PEOPLES AND ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa — Bernie Sanders insists he feels better than ever less than a month after heart surgery, but his return to the campaign trail sparked new questions about the unusually old age of the Democratic Party's leading 2020 presidential candidates.

Both Sanders, 78, and Joe Biden, 76, suggest their age isn't a major issue, but voters, particularly older voters, aren't so sure.

Gordon Lundberg, a 71-year-old retired Lutheran pastor from Ames, Iowa, said candidates' health is a key issue for him because he understands how it feels to age. He's leaning toward Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts because, even though she's 70, "she's the most liberal and she's not got one foot in the grave yet."

"Bernie's just too darn old. And so is Biden," Lundberg said. "They look old, they sound old, they are old. They fall in the shower, and they get heart attacks!"

Lundberg is not alone. Polling has suggested that a significant number of Americans believe a candidate in his or her late 70s is

too old to be president. If elected, Sanders would take office having already exceeded the average U.S. life expectancy of 78.6 years, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics. Biden would be just a few months away.

Warren would be the oldest new president in history, eclipsing Trump, who himself eclipsed Ronald Reagan. Biden and Sanders would be older on their first day in office than Reagan, a two-term president, was on his last.

While Biden, the former vice president, has often laughed off questions about his age, the issue is one that Sanders has been forced to confront more directly as he returned to Iowa last week. Sanders, a senator from Vermont, is traveling with his wife and campaign manager, whose responsibilities include ensuring that he take modest precautions not to overexert himself, takes daily walks of at least half an hour with no phone calls and sticks to a healthier diet.

"He wants to run," said campaign manager Faiz Shakir, who said he would likely accompany Sanders on the campaign trail for the next month. "Our job is to make sure he knows he's in a marathon, not a sprint."

Sanders opened up about his health during an interview at a coffee shop in Des



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Moines, one of several he conducted this week as he works to convince voters in the first states on the 2020 presidential primary calendar that he's physically able to beat President Donald Trump next fall and assume the demands of the presidency.

Sanders told The Associated Press that he was looking forward to "a 100% recovery — full recovery." "Now I got three good arteries," he said. "And three good arteries are better than two good arteries. So, I'm feeling pretty good."

At a subsequent campaign appearance in Marshalltown, he confronted the age question directly without being asked.

"I've been criticized for being old. I plead guilty. I am old," Sanders said, sparking laughter and applause in the audience.

And at a Friday event in Newton, Iowa, he insisted that his advanced age offered some advantages. Specifically, people have had decades to study him

and his policies. He has supported Medicare for All, for example, for three decades.

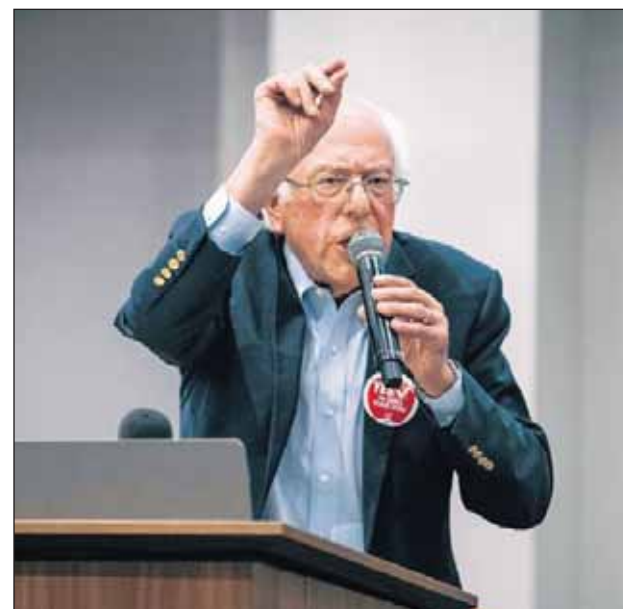
"Having a long record gives people the understanding that these ideas that I'm talking about, they're in my guts, they're in my heart," he charged. "This is who I am as a human being."

Many in the audience applauded the message. But after the Marshalltown event, not everyone was cheering.

Retired Marshalltown resident Ed Canade, 72, described himself as "somewhat concerned" about Sanders' age.

"I know as I age, everything isn't quite as sharp. That's the reality of age. I can feel it in my own body," Canade said. "I think Bernie's doing well for his age."

Meanwhile, Biden called his age "a legitimate question" in an interview days after entering the presidential race in April and said it's up to voters to "watch



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If elected, Sen. Bernie Sanders would take office already exceeding the average U.S. life expectancy of 78.6 years.

me" and decide for themselves.

Since then, Biden has not been forced to confront the age question as often as Sanders, despite frequent gaffes on the campaign trail. The former vice president has frequently appeared to mix up dates, offer outdated pop culture references and forget his words.

He promised earlier in the month to release his health records to help demonstrate his physical readiness for the nation's top job.

While national polls suggest Biden is doing well among older voters, on the ground in the state that will hold the nation's first presidential primary contest, Democrats see age as an issue for Biden and Sanders.

Kathy Judge, a 58-year-old nurse from Ames, went so far as to call Sanders and Biden "very self-centered and very selfish by staying in the race" when, she said, there are questions over whether they're "physically capable" of finishing the

run.

As an older individual herself, she said, she sees their ages wearing on them.

"Bernie Sanders has already had a heart attack! Joe Biden can't remember what day it is! Now, I can't either some days, I will admit that, but we need someone who is sharp and thinks on their feet and doesn't fumble words," said Judge, who supports 50-year-old Cory Booker, the New Jersey senator.

At a Biden event over the summer in Manning, Donna Forman, a 72-year-old retiree, said the former vice president is in her top three, along with Booker and 59-year-old Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota. But the one major concern she has about Biden is his age.

"Because I know people that are old — including myself," she said. "I'm getting there. And I think Donald Trump is a perfect example of why nobody over 70 should run for anything."

Ex-CIA agent serving community service in '03 abduction flees Italy

BY COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press

MILAN — The only American to serve a sentence in the CIA-organized abduction of a Muslim cleric in Italy has skipped the country, her lawyer said Tuesday.

A lawyer for Sabrina de Sousa confirmed that she had left Italy with some months remaining in her three-year community service sentence for her role in the 2003 kidnapping of the cleric, known as Abu Omar,

from a Milan street as part of the CIA's extraordinary renditions program.

De Sousa has denied any wrongdoing in the kidnapping. She was arrested only after setting foot in Europe, and Italy reduced her seven-year sentence to three.

De Sousa told the Milan daily Corriere della Sera on Sunday that she returned to the United States because she feared for her safety, citing visits to Italy by U.S. intelligence officials investigating events leading to the Russia inquiry.



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Sabrina de Sousa was one of 26 Americans, mostly agents, tried in absentia.

"I am terrified of the consequences that I could face," the newspaper quoted her as saying.

She added that a visit by CIA Director Gina Haspel "confirmed to the Italian government that the U.S. administration has washed its hands of my case."

She claimed that her arrest in Portugal coincided with a visit by then-CIA Director John Brennan.

No link between the visit of Haspel, which has been reported by the Italian media, and by Attorney General William Barr, which has been confirmed by Italian officials, has been reported.

De Sousa's Italian lawyer Andrea Saccucci said she would expect to face additional sanctions for leaving in the middle of her community service. She started serving nearly two years ago near Rome, and was likely to have had the term reduced for good behavior.

De Sousa also has filed a case in the European Court of Human Rights against Portugal related to the use of state secrets in the Italian prosecution.

De Sousa, who also has Portuguese citizenship, was

picked up on a European arrest warrant at Lisbon Airport in 2015. She is one of 26 Americans, mostly CIA agents, tried in absentia and convicted in the only trial anywhere in the world involving the CIA's renditions program of terror suspects, a practice alleged to have led to torture. Full or partial clemency was issued in four cases, including De Sousa's.

The case involving the kidnapping of Muslim cleric, Osama Moustafa Hassan Nasr, was an embarrassment to U.S.-Italian ties.

Colonel

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higher resolution,” said Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash., during a break in the daylong session.

The inquiry is looking into Trump's call, in which he asked Zelenskyy for a “favor” — to investigate Democrats — that the Democrats say was a quid pro quo for military aid and could be an impeachable offense.

With the administration directing staff not to appear, Vindman was the first current White House official to testify before the impeachment panels. He was issued a subpoena to appear.

Trump took to Twitter on Tuesday to denounce the probe as a “sham.”

Vindman, who arrived in the United States as a 3-year-old from the former Soviet Union, said that it was his “sacred duty” to defend the United States.

Some Trump allies, looking for ways to discredit Vindman, questioned the colonel's loyalties because he was born in the region.



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Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman wrote in prepared remarks that President Donald Trump's request could be seen as partisan play and could “undermine U.S. national security.”

But the line of attack was rejected by some Republicans, including Rep. Liz Cheney, who said it was “shameful” to criticize Vindman's patriotism.

The testimony came the day after Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced the House would vote on a resolution — released Tuesday — to set rules for public hearings.

The House vote is scheduled for Thursday.

The session Tuesday grew contentious at times as House Republicans continued trying to unmask the whistleblower and call him or her to testify. Vindman said he is not the whistleblower and does not know who it is.

In prepared remarks, Vindman testified that in

spring of this year he became aware of “outside influencers” promoting a “false narrative of Ukraine” that undermined U.S. efforts, a reference in particular to Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani.

He first reported his concerns after a July 10 meeting in which U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland stressed the

importance of having Ukraine investigate the 2016 election as well as Burisma, a company linked to family of Biden, a 2020 Democratic presidential candidate.

Vindman said he told Sondland that “his statements were inappropriate, that the request to investigate Biden and his son had nothing to do with national security, and that such investigations were not something the NSC was going to get involved in or push.”

That differs from the account of Sondland, a businessman who donated \$1 million to Trump's inauguration fund and testified before the impeachment investigators that no one from the NSC “ever expressed any concerns.” Sondland also testified that he did not realize any connection between Biden and Burisma.

For the call between Trump and Zelenskyy, Vindman said he listened in the Situation Room with colleagues from the NSC and Vice President Mike Pence's office. He said he again

reported his concerns to the NSC's lead counsel.

He wrote, “I realized that if Ukraine pursued an investigation into the Bidens and Burisma, it would likely be interpreted as a partisan play which would undoubtedly result in Ukraine losing the bipartisan support it has thus far maintained. This would all undermine U.S. national security.”

Vindman served as the director for European affairs and a Ukraine expert under Fiona Hill, a former official who testified earlier in the impeachment probe. Hill worked for former national security adviser John Bolton.

He told investigators that Ukraine, in trying to become a vibrant democracy integrated with the West, is a bulwark against overt Russian aggression.

“I am a patriot, and it is my sacred duty and honor to advance and defend OUR country, irrespective of party or politics,” wrote Vindman, who was wounded in Iraq and awarded a Purple Heart.

Democrats unveil impeachment procedures

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats on Tuesday unveiled legislation authorizing the next phase of the impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump, as Democrats move to nullify complaints from Trump and his Republican allies that the impeachment process is illegitimate and unfair.

An eight-page resolution calls for open hearings and requires the House Intelligence Committee to submit a report outlining its findings and recommendations, with a final recommendation on impeachment left to the Judiciary Committee.

Republicans would be allowed to request subpoenas, but such requests would ultimately be subject to a vote by the full committee,

which Democrats control as the House majority.

House Rules Committee Chairman James McGovern of Massachusetts said the resolution provides “a clear path forward” as the House begins a public phase of the impeachment inquiry, which up to this point has largely consisted of closed-door interviews.

“This is a sad time for our country,” McGovern said. “None of us came to Congress to impeach a president, but each of us took a solemn oath to protect and defend the Constitution.”

“The president's Republican allies in Congress have tried to hide the president's conduct, but the American people will now see the facts firsthand,” he added.

The House is expected to vote on the resolution Thursday amid complaints from Trump and his Repub-

licans allies that the month-long impeachment process is unfair.

In a sternly worded statement, White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said the measure confirms that the impeachment probe “has been an illegitimate sham from the start.”

Minority Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana, the No. 2 House Republican, denounced what he called a “Soviet-style impeachment process” led by House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff of California.

More than 75% of House members have been unable to view what is happening in closed-door depositions conducted by the Intelligence panel and two other committees, Scalise said.

But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he and other GOP

lawmakers will review the House resolution to see if it passes a “smell test” of fairness to Trump.

Democrats dismissed a GOP argument that impeachment can't begin without a formal House vote.

Schiff and other Democrats defended the process and said the American people will soon hear from witnesses in an open setting, with transcripts of depositions already conducted set for public release.

“The evidence we have already collected paints the picture of a president who abused his power by using multiple levers of government to press a foreign country to interfere in the 2020 election,” Schiff and three other committee chairs said in a statement Tuesday.

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Trump toyed with VA closures

Claim made in book by fired secretary David Shulkin

By HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eager for changes at the Department of Veterans Affairs, President Donald Trump toyed early on with issuing an executive order to close parts of the VA health system without consulting Congress, according to an upcoming book by his former VA secretary.

In the book, David Shulkin describes a March 6, 2017, conversation in the Oval Office where Trump explored ways his administration could act quickly to shutter government-run VA medical centers that he viewed as poorly performing.

Trump was fresh off his 2016 campaign in which he pledged to steer more veterans to private-sector doctors outside the VA. He had said the VA was the “the most corrupt” and “probably the most incompetently run” Cabinet department.

Democrats and major veterans’ groups oppose “privatization” and say VA facilities are best-suited to treat battlefield injuries such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

At the meeting, Trump asked whether “we should begin to close the VAs,” according to the book. Legislation prohibited that, so Shulkin responded that the VA was working with Congress to set up a systemwide review to address underperforming facilities, whether by fixing or closing.

“But this takes time,” Shulkin said.

Trump exclaimed, “So let’s just do an executive order!”

“This is a legislative issue,” Shulkin said.

Trump then offered, “Can’t we just declare a national emergency?”

At that point, according to the book, Trump’s son-in-law and White House



AP 2017
Former Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin’s book is titled “It Shouldn’t Be This Hard to Serve Your Country.”

“Can’t we just declare a national emergency?”

— President Donald Trump

adviser, Jared Kushner, chimed in, “Yes. We’re still in a war, so we could.”

Shulkin told the AP that ultimately he dissuaded Trump from pursuing that route, persuading him to sign executive orders for changes with wider support, such as expanded telehealth options for veterans.

The 2017 Oval Office conversation is illustrative of Trump’s early intentions toward the VA and remains significant as he pushes for reelection, citing in part his accomplishments in expanding Choice and boosting mental health care for veterans. Veterans as a group have largely backed Trump throughout his presidency, despite lingering questions about his intentions about preserving the VA.

Shulkin, a former Obama administration official, was fired by Trump in March 2018 amid an ethics scandal over a trip to Europe that Shulkin took with his wife that mixed business and pleasure, as well as mounting rebellion by political appointees in his agency. His book, “It Shouldn’t Be

This Hard to Serve Your Country,” was released this month.

He said the expansion of the Veterans Choice program under his successor, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie, has put the agency at risk “as never before.”

Shulkin cited political forces inside and outside the administration that are more interested in putting “companies with profits” over the care of veterans, and suggested that only new leadership — at the department, probably at the White House, too — could save VA.

Yet, as VA secretary, Shulkin pushed a plan to give veterans wider access to doctors outside the VA medical system. Veterans should get “more choice in the way of their care,” he told the House Veterans Affairs Committee in October 2017. “Nobody should feel trapped in the VA system.”

Shulkin says Trump’s plans regarding “privatization” were still an open question when Shulkin was fired.

A few weeks before, Shulkin said he was explaining to Trump in an Oval Office meeting why an aggressive expansion of private care for veterans could be very costly for the government, at more than \$50 billion. Trump decided to call Pete Hegseth, a Fox News commentator who was once considered for the VA secretary job, to ask his opinion. “We can find the money from within the VA,” Hegseth told Trump, according to the book, suggesting significant cuts to VA care.

The legislation that Trump ultimately signed last year gives veterans more freedom to see doctors outside the VA in an effort to cut wait times, paving the way for new rules that Shulkin says will “lead to the rapid dismantling of the current VA system.”

Recent studies have actually found that veterans got into a VA facility for an appointment faster on average and received better care than if they went to a private facility, raising questions about the value of steering veterans to the private sector if it results in inferior care.

The legislation expanding the Choice program includes a provision for a presidentially appointed commission to be set up in 2021, after voters elected the next president, to compile a list of VA facilities nationwide to be closed or reconfigured. If the president approves, closures would then begin unless Congress voted down the entire list, giving lawmakers no input on individual facilities to be added or removed. Wilkie in recent months has been urging Congress to pass legislation to allow the commission to start before the November 2020 election, citing market assessments the VA will have completed by then to judge which facilities to keep.

“I am convinced that the path now chosen, if allowed to continue, will leave veterans with fewer options, a severely weakened VA ...,” Shulkin wrote.



GETTY-AFP
A protester wears tear gas canisters on his fingers and gestures the victory sign during anti-government demonstrations late Monday in the city of Karbala, south of Baghdad.

18 killed as gunmen attack protesters in Iraq holy city

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Masked gunmen opened fire at Iraqi protesters in the Shiite holy city of Karbala on Tuesday, killing 18 people and wounding hundreds, security officials said, in one of the deadliest single attacks since anti-government demonstrations erupted earlier this month.

The overnight attack came as Iraqis took to the streets for a fifth consecutive day after a hiatus in the demonstrations that began earlier this month to protest government corruption, a lack of jobs and municipal services, and other grievances. The earlier protests also saw violence against protesters, and a total of 240 people have been killed since the unrest began.

But the bloodshed in Karbala could mark a turning point because of the high death toll and because the city is a major pilgrimage site where a revered Shiite figure was killed in a 7th-century battle.

Similar anti-government protests are underway in Lebanon, where supporters of the Iran-backed mili-

tant group Hezbollah stormed the main protest camp and Prime Minister Saad Hariri said he would resign after hitting a “dead end” in trying to resolve the crisis. The protests in both countries are directed at governments and armed political factions that are close to Iran, raising fears of a violent backlash.

There were differing accounts and death tolls from Karbala, and details were still emerging from the scene.

Protesters said they did not know whether the masked men were riot police, special forces or Iran-linked militias. The protesters said Iraqi soldiers had been stationed around the protest site but withdrew after the attackers began firing tear gas and live ammunition.

Amid a clampdown by security forces, it was difficult to piece together what exactly prompted the attack. Witnesses told The Associated Press that masked gunmen opened fire on the camp.

Provincial Gov. Nassif al-Khatabi denied that any protesters were killed but said there were some injuries among security

forces.

He said videos posted online were fabricated and not from Karbala. The footage purported to show the aftermath of the attack, with fires and people running away to the sound of heavy gunfire. Al-Khatabi’s description contradicted those from people who were at the scene.

An AP video showed a nighttime fire and young protesters, some of them taking video with their cellphones, as gunfire echoes. An ambulance can be seen trying to drive amid the chaos, with Iraqi security forces arriving.

The leaderless and largely spontaneous protests across Iraq have been met with bullets and tear gas by security forces from the start.

At least 73 people — not including the latest fatalities in Karbala — have been killed since anti-government demonstrations resumed Friday, while 149 were killed during the earlier wave of protests this month.

Tuesday’s attack happened in Karbala’s Education Square, where protesters had set up tents for their sit-in.

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Lebanese security forces intervene between clashing demonstrators and counter-protesters on Tuesday in Beirut during the 13th day of anti-government protests.

Lebanese prime minister quits amid violent turmoil

By ANDREA ROSA AND BILAL HUSSEIN
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Lebanon’s prime minister resigned Tuesday, bowing to one of the central demands of anti-government demonstrators shortly after baton-wielding Hezbollah supporters rampaged through the main protest camp in Beirut, torching tents, smashing plastic chairs and chasing away protesters.

The demonstrators later returned to the camp in time to hear the news that Prime Minister Saad Hariri said he was stepping down after hitting a “dead end” in trying to resolve the crisis, which has paralyzed the country for nearly two weeks. The protesters erupted in cheers at the news.

The resignation plunges Lebanon deeper into turmoil and uncertainty as it grapples with a severe economic and financial crisis that has led to a scarcity of hard currency and the local currency losing value for the first time in more than two decades.

Lebanon is facing a deep-running fiscal crisis as it staggers under one of

the highest debt ratios in the world — \$86 billion, or more than 150% of the country’s gross domestic product.

The rampage by supporters of Hezbollah and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri’s Shiite Amal movement marked a violent turning point in the protests, which have called for the resignation of the government and the overthrow of the political class that has dominated the country since the 1975-1990 civil war and is blamed for the current economic crisis. The government is dominated by Hezbollah, the most powerful armed group in the country.

Hariri had reluctantly worked with those factions as part of a national unity government that had failed to address an increasingly severe economic and fiscal crisis.

“I tried all this time to find an exit and listen to the voice of the people and protect the country from the security and economic dangers,” Hariri said. “Today, to be honest with you, I have hit a dead end, and it is time for a big shock to confront the crisis.”

Hariri’s resignation fulfills a key demand of the protesters but plunges the country into even greater uncertainty, with no clear path toward the fundamental political change they are demanding.

The economy, which was in the grip of a major fiscal crisis even before the protests began, is now at risk of collapsing, with banks, schools and many businesses having been closed for two weeks.

A proposed tax on the WhatsApp messenger service ignited protests Oct. 17, sending hundreds of thousands of people into the streets in the largest demonstrations in more than a decade. The protests soon widened into calls for the overthrow of the political elites who have ruled the country since the 1975-1990 civil war.

Similar demonstrations erupted in Iraq this month, calling for the overthrow of the political class that became entrenched after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. The protests there have been much more violent, with security forces firing tear gas and live fire. At least 240 people have been killed in Iraq.

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IS leader may be dead, but affiliated cells alive

Linked groups expected to push ahead with plots

BY RICK NOACK
The Washington Post

With the death of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, in a U.S. raid over the weekend in northern Syria, the militant group has suffered a serious setback. But it is, by no means, an insurmountable blow — neither in Syria nor elsewhere.

Cells affiliated with or linked to the Islamic State have persisted in South Asia, Africa and other parts of the Middle East. Though inspired by the Islamic State, also known as IS, those groups have operated largely independently of the militant network, which was based out of Syria and Iraq, and are expected to continue to push ahead with plots and propaganda efforts.

One key question will be to what extent global affiliates of the Islamic State or groups linked to it will remain loyal to a network that has lost all the territory it once held. These groups' loyalty may differ from country to country.

The Philippines: The country emerged as a key hot spot in the fight against IS after extremists aligned with the group launched a battle for the city of Marawi in 2017. For months, the Philippine military tried to gain back ground, with material help from the United States and other countries. More than 1,000 people were killed — a figure that includes militants, soldiers and civilians, the military said.

But amid stalling progress in rebuilding the area, IS-linked groups are feared to be on the advance again.

South Asia: There have also been persistent concerns over IS-linked militants in India and its vicinity, in part fueled by the group's propaganda. In April, IS asserted responsibility for the Easter Sunday



A soldier patrols empty streets Nov. 15, 2017, in Marawi, Philippines. Marawi was left in ruins after Islamic State-inspired militants laid siege to the city in a battle that lasted months.

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Islamic State efforts to radicalize youths in neighboring Ethiopia have raised concerns.

West Africa: Security analysts worry that IS-linked groups, along with militants tied to al-Qaida, may be attempting a novel approach to gain a greater foothold in West Africa. Their new strategy? After deliberately provoking feuds among different ethnic groups, the militants systematically offer to “protect victims of the conflict they’re stoking.” The Washington Post wrote this month.

The footprint of IS-linked groups in Nigeria continues to be so big that it is considered to constitute a major security threat in the region.

Libya: Farther to the north, State IS-linked militants have wreaked havoc in Libya. The country's political instability, the “rampant availability of weaponry” there since the 2011 revolt, and “local grievances” were among the factors that have contributed to the Islamic State's presence in the country, terrorism researcher Inga Kristina Trauthig wrote in a paper for the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation this year.

Yemen: Whereas IS has been in retreat in Syria and Iraq, it continues to have a presence in war-torn Yemen. Recent strikes appear to have diminished the foothold of the Islamic State and al-Qaida in the region, but both groups continue to exploit the country's chaos.

Sympathizers: The group's propaganda continues to attract recruits in the West and can still spur former fighters who have returned to their countries of origin into action.

It remains unclear how many former IS fighters escaped Kurdish prisons in northern Syria after President Donald Trump announced the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the region.

Kurds complete withdrawal, Russia says

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's defense ministry said Tuesday that tens of thousands of Syrian Kurdish fighters have completed their withdrawal from areas along the Syrian border, in line with a recent Russia-Turkey deal.

Last week's Russia-Turkey deal divides control of northeast Syria and has halted a Turkish invasion of the area. Ankara aimed to drive out Syrian Kurdish forces there.

The Kurdish-led forces had been U.S. allies in a five-year campaign against the Islamic State in Syria. But U.S. forces withdrew, allowing the Turkish offensive.

Meanwhile in Washington, a bipartisan bill punishing Turkey for its invasion of northern Syria and illustrating both parties' dismay with President Donald Trump's retreat from the region sailed easily through the House 403-16 on Tuesday.

The measure includes a prohibition on most U.S. weapons sales to Turkey.

The House also voted 405-11 on a nonbinding resolution to recognize the century-old mass killings of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians by Ottoman Turks as genocide, a clear rebuke to NATO ally Turkey.

Turkey disputes the description, saying the toll has been inflated and

considers those killed as victims of a civil war.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Russian and Syrian troops have moved into the border zone.

Ankara has threatened to resume its offensive if the Kurdish militias remained.

The Russian military in Syria said 68 Kurdish units numbering 34,000 fighters had pulled 19 miles back from the border in accordance with the deal.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Russia has informed Turkey that Syrian Kurdish fighters have “completely been removed” from the areas in northeast Syria.

bombings in Sri Lanka, in which more than 250 people were killed. In May, an IS propaganda outlet claimed the group had established a “province” in India and was behind a recent attack on Indian troops in Kashmir.

But in both cases, analysts raised doubts about the group's capabilities to plot attacks of the scale of the

Eastern Sunday bombings or to claim territory in the region in the same way as it had done in Syria and Iraq.

So far, the Islamic State's presence in India has been fairly limited.

The only official Islamic State affiliate in South Asia is in Afghanistan, known as ISIS-Khorasan, with eastern Afghanistan as its stronghold. For more than

five years, its militants have at times competed with and at times cooperated with the Taliban.

Its fighters have launched deadly attacks, mainly against Afghan Shites. In August, the group asserted responsibility for a suicide bombing at a Kabul wedding in which more than 60 people were killed. Analysts also worry that

ISIS-Khorasan's reach extends into Pakistan.

Somalia: The Islamic State emerged in Somalia after some militants broke away from al-Shabab, an al-Qaida-linked group, starting in 2015. Its presence has persisted, despite its rivalry with al-Shabab and despite pressure from the Somali government. More recently,



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Rep. Katie Hill, D-Calif., speaks during a news conference in April. Hill, a rising star in the Democratic Party, announced Sunday that she is resigning amid a House ethics probe.

Hill's exit prompts question of gender equity amid scandal

BY MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press

The resignation of a female Democratic congresswoman over a consensual sexual relationship with a campaign aide has sparked questions about whether women are held to higher standards in public life.

At the center of the controversy is Katie Hill, a first-term lawmaker from California and a rising Democratic Party star. In a video released Monday, Hill said she was stepping down because she was “fearful of what might come next” following the online publication of explicit pictures that outed her relationship with a female staffer.

Sex scandals are nothing new in national politics and have mostly centered on men, some of whom have weathered the controversy and gone on to have successful careers. One of Hill's congressional colleagues, Republican Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, is running for reelection despite being charged with using campaign funds to finance romantic flings with lobbyists and congressional aides.

That's prompted some to

question why Democrats supported Hill's resignation.

“Some of her behavior, if a man did it, we would say it was wrong and inappropriate. But she is being held to a different standard,” said Kelly Dittmar, a scholar at the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

Hill acknowledged the relationship with the campaign aide after private photos of her with the woman were posted online, first by a conservative website. Hill said the relationship was consensual and blamed her estranged husband for revealing the information. Hill and her husband are in the midst of an acrimonious divorce.

Hill has denied another allegation that she was having an affair with a male congressional adviser, a relationship that would have run afoul of House rules put in place last year that ban any relationship between lawmakers and staff. Those rules were enacted following a string of misconduct allegations involving male colleagues.

The House opened an ethics investigation into the allegations about Hill, but the California Democrat

announced her resignation within days of the committee launching the probe.

House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who had tapped Hill for a leadership post after she unseated a Republican in the suburban Los Angeles swing district, called her continued service “untenable.”

Hill's defenders say she is the victim in this situation, given the publication of private photos that exposed her relationship.

“She's under attack by a vengeful ex and an opportunistic media, and a society that is all too eager for a woman to be taken down, and quote-unquote ‘#MeToo-ed,’” said New York lawyer Carrie Goldberg, who often represents victims of such attacks. “This is not a #MeToo situation.”

Tiffany Barnes, an associate professor at the University of Kentucky, said her research has shown that certain voters are more critical of women involved in sex scandals. Those who hold “hostile sexist attitudes,” and believe women have progressed too far in society, are less likely to reelect a female candidate following a sex scandal than a man, her 2014 research found.

Judge calls Ala. abortion ban unconstitutional, blocks law

BY KIM CHANDLER
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A federal judge Tuesday blocked Alabama's near-total abortion ban from taking effect next month and called the law — part of a wave of new abortion restrictions by conservative states — unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson issued a preliminary injunction temporarily blocking Alabama from enforcing the law that would make performing an abortion a felony in almost all cases. The ruling came after abortion providers sued to block the law from taking effect Nov. 15.

The injunction was widely expected and will remain in place until Thompson decides the full case.

“Alabama's abortion ban contravenes clear Supreme Court precedent,” Thompson wrote in an accompanying opinion. “It violates the right of an individual to privacy, to make choices central to personal dignity and autonomy. It diminishes the capacity of women to act in society, and to make reproductive decisions. It defies the United States Constitution.”

Energized by new conservatives on the U.S. Supreme Court, Alabama and other conservative states have attempted to enact new restrictions on abortion in the hopes of getting Supreme Court justices to reconsider *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

A number of states attempted to ban abortion once a fetal heartbeat is detected. The Alabama law went further by attempting to ban almost all abortions with no exceptions for cases of rape and incest.

Passed by the Republican-led legislature, the 2019 Alabama Human Life Protection Act would make



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Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey, who signed the bill into law May 15, said after Tuesday's ruling she supports the “rule of law.”

performing an abortion at any stage of pregnancy a felony punishable by up to 99 years or life in prison for the abortion provider. The only exceptions would be when there is a serious health risk to the mother or the fetus has a lethal anomaly that would cause it to die shortly after birth.

None of the state bans has taken effect. Some have already been blocked, and elsewhere courts are considering requests to put them on hold while legal challenges play out.

“This is not only a victory for the people of Alabama — it's a victory for the entire nation. We said it from the start: This ban is blatantly unconstitutional, and we will fight it every step of the way,” said Staci Fox, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Southeast. Planned Parenthood was one of the groups that sued to block the law.

Randall Marshall, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, said the decision was expected.

“Abortion remains legal in Alabama. The state's repeated attempts to push abortion out of reach by enacting unconstitutional laws restricting abortions has already cost taxpayers nearly \$2½ million,” Marshall said. “This ill-advised

law will cost taxpayers more money.”

Supporters of the Alabama law have also said they anticipated the action but hope to eventually convince the U.S. Supreme Court to roll back abortion rights.

Alabama Republican Rep. Terri Collins, who sponsored the ban, said the ruling “is merely the first of many steps on that legal journey.”

“As we have stated before, the state's objective is to advance our case to the U.S. Supreme Court where we intend to submit evidence that supports our argument that *Roe* and *Casey* were wrongly decided and that the Constitution does not prohibit states from protecting unborn children from abortion,” Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall said in statement.

In a statement, Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey said the ban reflects Alabamians beliefs, but that she also supports the “rule of law.”

“This legislation passed with overwhelming support in the Alabama Legislature and was signed into law as a testament to Alabamians' longstanding belief that every human life is sacred. We must continue doing all we can to protect life,” Ivey said.

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With Brexit on hold, lawmakers in UK set snap vote for Dec. 12

LONDON — Britons will be heading out to vote in the dark days of December after the House of Commons backed an early national vote Tuesday that could break the country's political impasse over Brexit — or turn out to be merely a temporary distraction.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson hopes electing a new crop of lawmakers will give his Conservative Party a majority and break the stalemate that blocked

his plan to leave the EU this month. This week the EU granted Britain a three-month Brexit extension until Jan. 31.

"There is only one way to get Brexit done in the face of this unrelenting parliamentary obstructionism, this endless, willful, fingers crossed, 'not me, guv' refusal to deliver on the mandate of the people — and that is to refresh this Parliament and give the people a choice," Johnson said.

Navy upholds sentencing for SEAL who posed with corpse

SAN DIEGO — The U.S. chief of naval operations, Adm. Mike Gilday, denied a request for clemency Tuesday and upheld a military jury's sentence that will reduce the rank of a decorated Navy SEAL convicted of posing with a dead Islamic State captive in Iraq in 2017.

Gilday made the decision after carefully reviewing the trial transcripts and the clemency request by the lawyers of

Edward Gallagher, said Cmdr. Nate Christensen, spokesman for Gilday, in a statement.

Gallagher was given the maximum sentence of four months' confinement and ordered to forfeit \$2,697 for four months for the offense. He served no jail time and was only required to pay for two out of four months of forfeiture because he spent nearly nine months in pre-trial custody.

EU raises 'remarkable' support for Venezuela, policy chief says

BRUSSELS — Governments, aid agencies and charity groups vowed Tuesday to boost their efforts to help Venezuelans fleeing their crisis-racked country, and to assist neighboring communities struggling to host them, as refugee numbers look set to exceed those caused by the Syrian war.

At a "solidarity conference" in Brussels meant to raise awareness about the

plight of more than 4.5 million people who have fled in recent years to escape low wages, failing basic services and a lack of security, countries pledged around \$133 million in new support.

Venezuela is gripped by a political and economic crisis under President Nicolas Maduro. The International Monetary Fund says inflation is expected to hit a staggering 200,000% this year.



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/AP

People gather at a monument outside the former KGB headquarters Tuesday in Moscow during an annual commemoration of the victims of purges under Josef Stalin. The monument uses a boulder from the first camp of the Gulag political prison system.

US finalizing rule to allow farmers to legally grow hemp

DES MOINES, Iowa — U.S. agriculture officials said Tuesday a rule that allows farmers to legally grow hemp will be finalized this week, a move that many states have awaited for months so they can begin widespread hemp production.

The rule is set to be published Thursday and effective immediately. It establishes requirements for licensing, maintaining records on the land where hemp will be grown, testing the levels of THC — the active ingredient in marijuana that causes a high — and disposing plants that

don't meet the requirements.

Hemp and marijuana are both cannabis plants but have different levels of THC. Industrial hemp can be used in food, fiber, paper, beauty products and other products, and the industry estimates it could grow nationally to be a \$1.9 billion market by 2022.

Jumping into hemp growing may not be a simple task for traditional farmers.

Minnesota hemp farmer David Connor said growing 26 acres of hemp this year was labor intensive with

drying all done by hand. New equipment is coming out that will ease some of the manual labor, he said, but it's not as easy as growing row crops like corn and soybeans.

All states but South Dakota, Idaho and Mississippi have passed laws to establish hemp production programs, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The interim rule ends in two years, at which time the USDA will release a final rule. The USDA can change it if necessary to make the program run efficiently.

Prosecutors reject Kevin Spacey sex battery case

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles prosecutors have rejected a sexual battery case against Kevin Spacey because the accuser has died.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office announced the decision Tuesday. The case stemmed from a masseur's

allegations that Spacey inappropriately touched him during a massage session at a home in Malibu, California, in October 2016.

The decision states that the allegations against Spacey could not be proven without the masseur's participation. The man also sued Spacey under the alias

John Doe in a case that remains pending in federal court.

An email sent to Spacey's lawyer Alan Jackson was not immediately returned.

Police in London are also investigating allegations of sexual misconduct by Spacey, but there has been no update on that inquiry.

Ukraine officials: Pullback now in progress

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian officials and Russia-backed separatists both announced Tuesday they have begun pulling back weapons in Ukraine's war-torn east, a step they hope unblocks a stalled peace process.

The reports follow Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy's visit to the area, where he confronted armed veterans who came there to try to hamper the weapons pullback.

Rodion Miroshnik, a separatist official in the Luhansk region, was also quoted as saying the pullback was underway.

The heavy weapons disengagement in eastern Ukraine, which was delayed for weeks, is seen as the final hurdle before the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, France and Germany can discuss a peace settlement for the conflict that has claimed more than 13,000 lives since 2014.

In Brazil: Brazil's Navy is sending more troops to monitor one of the country's largest coral reef systems, bracing for possible impact of a mysterious oil spill.

Adm. Leonardo Puntel said Tuesday three ships were already onsite, with another two on the way, as well as a helicopter.

The ships will try to identify the heavy crude, which has been particularly difficult to track while moving below the surface of the sea.

Thick black sludge started appearing on Brazil's coastline in September. It has now polluted 254 beaches, mangroves and estuaries in nine northeastern states.

The Defense Ministry denies any wrongdoing, maintaining it acted as soon as the oil showed up.

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EDITORIALS

This CTU strike has betrayed Chicago's children

The end of the Chicago Teachers Union strike will send union members back to work. And there, in the classrooms of Chicago Public Schools, the city's teachers will come face to face with the victims of this unnecessary labor fight: their students.

Remember your students, CTU members? The children of Chicago?

There are about 300,000 children in Chicago who have missed nearly two weeks of classroom instruction and after-school activities. There are high schoolers who have fallen behind on college application preparations. Athletes who lost the chance to participate in postseason playoffs and tournaments.

And there are children from every community who counted on school as a sanctuary. For thousands of those children, school essentially was their only place of learning, emotional support and consistency.

Yes, the students will return to school. But they won't get back any of the time, attention and experiences taken from them by this work stoppage. The children were stuck at home while the union engaged in a showdown with Mayor Lori Lightfoot that could have been avoided — if CTU's leadership had been focused on securing a fair contract instead of flexing its political muscle. That's the betrayal: *Tough luck, kids, but we adults come first.*

Early on, Lightfoot offered teachers a deal that reflected what a CTU-approved independent fact-finder had recommended: 16% raises over five years and only a small increase in health care cost. This generous offer was there for the taking before school started in early September. But even with the sweeteners Lightfoot added on salaries, staffing and class sizes, CTU leaders held out for more. They made outlandish demands as if City Hall



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Striking Chicago Teachers Union members gather near Oscar Mayer School as they prepare to march to the Lincoln Yards megadevelopment in Chicago on Tuesday.

owed teachers not just a big wage bump but a utopian version of Chicago.

Affordable housing. Rent control. Money for youth homelessness. Believe it or not, these are all issues CTU President Jesse Sharkey and other union leaders raised to fire up striking members

and damage Lightfoot's standing. None of those demands has anything to do with collective bargaining on a teachers contract.

On Tuesday, CTU members went on the march — no, not outside a school but at the site of the \$6 billion Lincoln Yards megadevelopment. Why? The union was pro-

testing the planned use of future property tax revenue to fund road and bridge investments. This TIF money is not available to CPS, no matter how loud CTU members chant. Asked Lightfoot: "Are we really keeping our kids out of class unless I agree to support the CTU's full political agenda wholesale?"

That excellent question isn't going away. Every CTU member should have to answer it for students, their parents and all Chicagoans. Did union members take to the picket lines to increase their pay? Sure. But the big picture here is that CTU leaders took teachers on strike as part of their orchestrated contest to assert CTU's dominion over City Hall.

And day after day, this needless strike has smacked those 300,000 students. On Tuesday the Tribune chronicled yet another group of young people kicked to the curb by the CTU: "The Illinois High School Association ruled Monday that Chicago Public Schools girls volleyball teams will have to forfeit their playoff games, ending their season prematurely, because of the teachers strike. The playoffs were scheduled to start Monday. Student-athletes in other sports such as cross-country, tennis and golf previously suffered the same fate."

And this: "Another issue putting students and their families on edge is that many colleges and universities have Nov. 1 deadlines for early admission applications. Many CPS students are waiting on transcripts or letters of recommendation from teachers."

And on and on. It's wrong that CTU has kept students locked out of school in order to advance its political ambitions. It's wrong, and it's a betrayal of Chicago's children.

By refusing to be bullied by protesters — 'Thou shalt not call ICE!' — The Harvard Crimson does journalism proud.

A hundred people rallying in Harvard Yard calling for the abolition of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement qualifies as noteworthy in Cambridge, Massachusetts. So when it happened one evening in September, The Harvard Crimson, a student-run daily newspaper, put two reporters on the case.

The resulting story was something those at the rally, organized by a student immigration advocacy group called Act on a Dream, might have been expected to clip, save and post on Twitter. It noted that the protest "featured speeches from various campus organizations, including the Temporary Protected Status Coalition and Divest Harvard."

It quoted Act on a Dream co-Director Emily A. Romero: "We felt like this is the beginning of just building more coalition with different organizations to show how intersectional all these movements are and the power we have in all coming together

to advocate for one thing."

But one bland sentence in the article infuriated the protest sponsors: "ICE did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday night." No, the sponsors weren't angry at ICE for refusing to comment. They were angry at The Crimson for seeking comment.

Think about that. Protest sponsors wanted the reporters to shortchange their news story — and thus shortchange their readers — by refusing to offer an opportunity to respond to the very agency the protesters want to abolish.

To expand on its bizarre commandment — *Thou shalt not call our foes!* — Act on a Dream started an online petition, arguing "in this political climate, a request for comment is virtually the same thing as tipping them off." It demanded that those in charge of The Crimson "change their policies that require calling ICE for comment" and

"apologize for the harm they inflicted on the undocumented community." By Tuesday afternoon, the petition had more than 700 signatures.

"Tipping off ICE"? Hmm. The Crimson contacted ICE only *after the rally had ended*. So there is no reason to believe any undocumented students were endangered, let alone harmed. (When we contacted Act on a Dream for an explanation of its charge, we got only a link to the petition.)

In a note to readers, Crimson President Kristine Guillaume and Managing Editor Angela Fu wrote, "The reporters did not provide the names or immigration statuses of any individual at the protest. We did not give ICE forewarning of the protest."

It's maddening to learn some advocates think a newspaper should shun all contact with one party to a news story. This time that party is an agency of the federal government — which operates under the

democratic control of the American people. More important and encouraging, though, is that The Crimson's editors refused to bend. They intend to keep trying to inform their readers of all relevant facts about such events.

The reporters followed the best traditions of American journalism and upheld the interests of readers by giving the target of accusations the opportunity to respond. "A world where news outlets categorically refuse to contact certain kinds of sources — a world where news outlets let third-party groups dictate the terms of their coverage — is a less informed, less accurate, and ultimately less democratic world," said Guillaume and Fu.

Others may prefer to suppress or ignore facts and opinions they resent. But the job of journalists is to report on the world as it is. Harvard Crimson staffers, the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board applauds your refusal to be bullied.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Turning out voters takes enormous resources on the ground in every state. It takes money far enough in advance that a campaign can build out a ground game with enough time to identify middle-to-low-propensity voters, target them with digital ads that are laser-focused on their interests and bombard them with information to get them to the polls at the right place and on the right day. ... It's a game of millimeters.

This is why Hillary Clinton and her team sound silly when they crow about winning the popular vote in 2016. All that means is they wasted time and money targeting the wrong voters. I assure you that the Trump team didn't waste a moment's thought on getting extra votes in Texas. They spent their resources in, you guessed it, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Michigan. ...

But the Democratic National Committee isn't exactly inspiring confidence that the organization will be ready for the fight come 2020.

New FEC reports show that the gulf continues to widen. The DNC raised under \$7 million, with \$8.6 million on hand and more than \$7 million in debt. The Republican National Committee, on the other hand, raised more than \$27 million and has over \$59 million on hand with no debt. This means the Trump campaign and the RNC combined in the third quarter to raise over \$125 million.

Add that to the multiple staff shakeups at various Democratic party committees and, well, yikes.

Sarah Isgur, CNN

SCOTT STANTIS



Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



AARON M. SPRECHER/AP

Not allowing college athletes to make money is elitist, exploitative

Illinois can help put a stop to it.



ERIC ZORN

More than 30 years after the Olympic Games abandoned its fussy attachment to amateurism, the Illinois General Assembly advanced a proposal to force the state's colleges and universities to do the same.

It was almost immediately overtaken by the ground-shaking news that the NCAA would now support a similar move.

The Student Athlete Endorsement Act (HB 3904), sponsored by Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, would allow intercollegiate competitors to hire agents and make money off the commercial use of their own names, images or likenesses, just like the pros do. It passed out of the House Appropriations-Higher Education Committee Tuesday morning.

And in a surprise development shortly thereafter, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which had spoken out against the idea behind the bill, announced that its board of governors had voted unanimously to get behind it.

At last. At some schools, college athletics is a huge business, and the stars in the big-time sports deserve a far larger cut of the box-office, merchandising and broadcast fees than they now get through their scholarships and stipends.

But even at schools where athletics

is a loss leader and in sports that don't draw many paying customers, competitors ought to be able to take advantage of whatever market value their skills might have, just as student nonathletes do.

The California General Assembly unanimously passed a nearly identical proposal last month, and Gov. Gavin Newsom signed it into a law that will take effect in 2023. Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced his support for the idea Sunday in an interview with the Tribune's Rick Pearson on WGN-AM.

"The name and image and likeness of student athletes belongs to them, and they should have the right to earn dollars based on that," Pritzker said.

Earlier, the NCAA had raised objections to the California law on the grounds that it will "erase the critical distinction between college and professional athletics."

We all know the distinction: Professional athletes get paid for the time they put in practicing and for the value of their services in generating income for third parties. College athletes don't.

But why is it *critical*? Why did the NCAA, like the pre-1988 Olympic movement, fetishize amateurism?

The very concept that there's something special and pure about amateur sports "was an invention of the Victorian upper and middle classes," wrote Amherst College American Studies professor Allen Guttman in his 1992 book "The Olympics: A History of the Modern Games." "Its freely acknowledged purpose was to exclude the 'lower orders' from the play of the leisure class ... (and) through most of the 20th century, amateurism was defended with the argument that fair play and good sportsmanship are

possible only when sports are an athlete's *avocation*, never his or her *vocation*."

Guttman noted, "the avocation-vocation distinction seemed madly irrational to almost everyone except those whose power and privilege enabled them to define reality."

The bias against the poor — those in the "lower orders" who couldn't afford the luxury of training and competing without compensation — was obvious and arguably deliberate. And today we see this bias played out when star college athletes from disadvantaged backgrounds barely scrape by while their coaches pull in seven-figure salaries and their schools rake in tens of millions of dollars based on their athletes' talents.

The proposal in Springfield and Tuesday's resolution from the NCAA would not allow schools to pay athletes directly — though I can think of no principled argument against that. They simply allow student athletes to take advantage of their talents on the free market while still representing their schools in competition, as long as their endorsement deals don't conflict with deals already struck by the schools.

The NCAA's about-face may have been inspired by a looming crisis. At first it announced that if California's law went into effect, the state's 58 NCAA-affiliated colleges and universities would not be eligible for postseason tournament play because they would have unfair recruiting advantages over schools in states that could not lure athletes with the promise of endorsement money.

But the dam is starting to break elsewhere, and not just in Illinois, with its 40 NCAA-affiliated colleges and universities. Sports Illustrated reported earlier this month that legisla-

tors in eight other states — including New York (103 NCAA schools) and Pennsylvania (97 NCAA schools) — have introduced or are planning to introduce nearly identical proposals, leaving open the prospect of numerous prominent schools coast to coast being blocked from tournament play.

There was also news that Republican U.S. Rep. Anthony Gonzalez of Ohio will soon introduce a bill to impose a federal ban on colleges blocking student athletes from cutting deals with sponsors.

Illinois HB 3904, which will now be considered by the full House, has two Republican co-sponsors. But House leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs announced his opposition to the idea on Pearson's program, "The Sunday Spin," for the weakest of reasons: "I still believe in the concept, even though it seems to be waning, of the scholar athlete," he said.

I do too. But scholar athletes making outside money off their talents is no more incongruous, contradictory or corrupting than scholar musicians (like my younger son) making outside money off their talents.

There's a risk, I suppose, that eager boosters will offer lucrative but essentially meaningless "endorsement" deals to lure top athletes and that schools in major media markets will gain an advantage over schools in remote areas. Coaches and athletic departments may lose sponsorship deals to individual players.

Yes, but the unfairness in the current system has had its negative consequences over the years too.

Everyone else is cashing in on college sports. It's time — well past time — to let the players do the same.

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Rush to profit from legal marijuana leaving black neighborhoods in the dust. Chicago's Black Caucus, others should keep pushing.

BY KEVIN SABET

In Illinois, the campaign to legalize marijuana marched in on a platform of social justice, drowning out the concerns of black community leaders and pleas from the NAACP. Today, the same corporate entities and advocacy groups close the doors to prosperity as they build barriers to entry for minority business owners in a marijuana industry that's worth billions.

Feigned empathy by addiction profiteers was nothing but a ruse to buy votes for legalization. But now people of all colors are pushing back on the will of the few. It began in earnest this month when black leaders in Chicago stood up to big marijuana and said, "Enough!" The City Council's Black Caucus, led by Ald. Jason Ervin, threatened to delay Chicago's legalization process until business opportunities opened up to more people of color. Among the city's 11 existing dispensaries, minority representation is a dismal zero percent.

America's rushed and haphazard experiment in corporate marijuana has left behind economic opportunities for minor-

ities. It's no wonder people are angry. Advocacy groups NORML and Drug Policy Alliance have upped the ante on community and economic upheaval with failed promises of social equity. Almost two years after California's market first opened, the illicit trade is more prosperous than its official equity programs, while Massachusetts companies have failed to follow through on promises of diversity.

Corporate marijuana is another for-profit addiction industry concentrated in poor, minority communities. In Denver, Los Angeles and Oregon, pot shops are disproportionately located in disadvantaged areas. It's a striking message of exclusion that demonstrates a willingness to take money from black and brown people and to redistribute harm.

Advocates point to lower rates of arrests as a measure of success, but they neglect the incarceration burden minorities bear in post-legalization states like Colorado and California. They talk of economic opportunity even as regulators fail to rein in the burgeoning illicit trade. In the same sweeping breath, marijuana supporters

blame the ongoing pot vaping crisis — responsible for more than 1,600 cases of severe respiratory illness and several dozen deaths from both legal and illegal products — on the illicit market without mention of how legal marijuana can fuel the underground trade.

Today's highly potent strains of marijuana, including concentrates with up to 80% pure THC, are a new breed of drug that delivers a net harm to these neighborhoods. Well-to-do white folks created a marijuana utopia for themselves. Just don't look behind the curtain.

Ald. Ervin's stand against the greed of the canna-executive class is becoming a chorus of its own. Black leaders have become wary of the industry's broken promises. Last month, for example, Maryland's Black Caucus requested a pause on marijuana licenses, citing concerns over a lack of minority ownership. Earlier this year, politicians in New York and New Jersey were part of a broader effort to halt legalization. They knew that the industry would railroad black communities in favor of profits.

We should applaud these lone voices for having the moral courage to stand up to the false prophets of the so-called green rush. For too long, marijuana proponents propped up people of color then tossed them aside without thought to the personal, economic and communal costs they would bear.

Marijuana's failed promises of social equity threaten to halt years of progress made in combating the drug war's harms. But a smarter approach to marijuana that seeks to decriminalize rather than corporatize can achieve what advocates and industry insiders have failed to for so long. We can reform our nation's drug policy with everyone in mind.

As for Chicago, the fight against the white men in suits turns to the local level. It is up to local leaders such as Ald. Ervin to shut the door on this addiction-for-profit industry.

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PERSPECTIVE

Here's how big business can make America stronger

BY DAN TIERNEY

Corporate America is waking up to the realization that income inequality, taken to its logical extreme, spells the death of capitalism. Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff, the Business Roundtable, BlackRock's Larry Fink, JPMorgan Chase's Jamie Dimon and others deserve credit for advancing a long overdue conversation about corporate social responsibility and income inequality.

Calling on the wealthy to give back more in charity and taxes, and asking corporations to consider employees and communities as among their stakeholders, are important steps. But we will not reduce inequality just by redistributing wealth on the back end. We also must create more opportunity on the front end.

Let's start with a few basic principles of what some call Smart Capitalism:

■ Government is not the enemy of business, but rather a critical partner — one that can address social challenges left unsolved by markets.

■ Rather than framing public expenses as a cost, we must view many of them as investments and evaluate them based on returns.

■ We maximize returns on public investments when we invest in all Americans, not just some. Too much focus on propping up the stock market has primarily benefited the 15% of Americans who own 85% of the financial assets, while too little strategic investment has moved opportunity further out of reach for the rest.

What would these investments be? Start with the obvious: America once led the way with K-12 education for all. This produced the best educated and most productive workforce in the world. This wasn't a cost; in fact, it generated a huge return and made us strong.

Today, global competition demands that our education investments be smarter: early childhood, results-based K-12 education systems, two-year community college programs with certifications for good-paying jobs, state university tuition, trade school programs, job re-training and apprenticeships.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Salesforce's Marc Benioff calls on CEOs to lead a revolution that puts the welfare of people and the planet ahead of profits.

What else? Our roads, bridges, trains, subways, airports, water systems and energy grids all need massive upgrading — and we must build a new digital infrastructure for the 21st century. A renewed infrastructure will make it easier to create economic value across all industries for businesses large and small. Infrastructure investment spreads opportunity broadly and connects rural communities into the network of opportunity enjoyed by urban hubs.

The computer chip, the internet, global positioning satellites, vaccines and many lifesaving drugs and medical devices came about because of U.S. government investment in basic science research. The return has been so world-changing that it is incalculable. Yet, America has significantly decreased R&D investment as a percentage of our economy. It's time to put government back in the research business, or we will soon find America's centurylong domination in technology and innovation eclipsed by our competitors.

By broadening access and increasing portability of health care, we can improve productivity and economic mobility. Creating a public option for health insurance will foster competition that leads to increased coverage and reduced costs. Healthier employees who are not afraid of going bankrupt from unforeseen illness are more productive.

Arguments over climate change obscure the opportunities inherent in new forms of energy. The old energy paradigm benefited from government investments and regulation when it was key to our economic

growth. Now we need new forms of energy that are healthier for our planet, cheaper, decentralized and inexhaustible. The pursuit of alternative energy will itself create new industries and better-paying jobs. A long time ago, America led the world into a new energy paradigm, and now we have an opportunity to do it again.

Our country is stronger when we have healthy levels of competition and a balance of power. We must create a more level playing field between labor and capital, and small versus large companies. We can ease the burden on the bottom 85% by reducing the regressive payroll tax and expanding the earned income tax credit. And we must update antitrust laws to meet the needs of the age of technology and globalization, while requiring big companies to treat workers better. Big companies are not the enemy, but as I tell my kids: With greater power comes greater responsibility.

This agenda is not about altruism, but rather proceeds from the understanding that our economy — our society — is an ecosystem. When one part suffers, the whole is affected. Empowered citizens result in a stronger nation of increased economic productivity, more innovation, better health outcomes, a better functioning democracy and more cohesive communities. Economic policy that benefits primarily the top 15% has weakened us. America simply does better when we invest in 100% of our citizens.

As business leaders, we cannot cure what afflicts our country by going it alone. We must empower government to play its critical role. Corporations have proven adept at influencing government toward their own benefit. Now it's time to use that influence to get government to make the strategic investments, and enact smart regulation, that will make our nation truly strong again. We need to remember that the greatest return comes from government and business working together to invest in all Americans.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

'Brothers in blue' let down Eddie Johnson

It has always been a source of pride for me to hail from a large, multigenerational law enforcement family. While not a peace officer myself, I was raised to embrace the traditions that are so much a part of the law enforcement culture — honor, pride, tradition and sacrifice. One thing I always knew was that the "real police" had each other's backs.

You can imagine my dismay when I listened to President Donald Trump berate Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson during his address Monday at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Chicago and those supposed "brothers in blue" sat there like cowards and did nothing to support their colleague. It was shameful, to say the least.

How this organization can use the word "police" in its name and not feel embarrassed is beyond me.

— Thomas A. Mulcrone, Chicago

Snub of Trump glaringly hypocritical

Despite decades of corruption and public policy failures, the major actors in Chicago's political hierarchy believe they are much too ethical to compromise their values by greeting the elected president of the United States.

This is a pure symptom of government gone wrong.

— Jon Skar, Elgin

Trump is no expert on what ails Chicago

Say what you want about Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, and many do, including the president of the United States in his speech before the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

One thing is perfectly clear. Johnson is not naive enough to listen to a random guy on a motorcycle who claims to be able to solve Chicago's violence in one day. Indeed, one would have to be almost bordering on idiocy to truly believe such a complex issue could be solved by one person who seems to be a phantom.

Johnson decided to boycott the president's speech in front of his peers from across the nation, stinging some folks and provoking many others. It's silly to say he could have learned something by listening to a speech that includes a supposed conversation with an unidentified motorcyclist being in possession of such knowledge. Maybe if the president listened to the superintendent, a man raised in the Cabrini-Green housing project and who has over 30 years of experience working Chicago's streets, both as a street cop and a command supervisor, he himself could learn something.

Those of us who have dedicated ourselves to fight the good fight (as police officers) are insulted to hear an outsider who has probably never stepped foot in any of Chicago's troubled neighborhoods tell us that we might learn something by listening to him.

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

Johnson smart to skip speech

Donald Trump's speech at the police chief conference was basically one of his partisan racist-rhetoric rally speeches with moments of policing policy statements awkwardly pasted in. The most appalling part was when members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police enthusiastically applauded proven falsehoods President Trump has been repeating at his partisan rallies. Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson did the right thing to skip Trump's pandering speech.

— Doris Shutko, Lombard

Shocking disrespect to president

I was born and raised in Chicago, part of the fifth generation of an Irish immigrant family that chose this area to be its new home. I would like to apologize to President Donald Trump for the behavior of Mayor Lori Lightfoot and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson. Etiquette was not devised by a few meanies to oppress the masses. The shocking lack of respect demonstrated to the presidential office de-mans it, them and all of us.

— Mara McHugh, Elgin

Shame on Cubs co-owner Ricketts

I had been a Chicago Cubs fan my entire life; I've followed them through 67 years of ups and downs. I even recently resolved myself to pay the fee for the privilege of watching them on TV next season. But for an owner of the Chicago Cubs, Todd Ricketts, to run a fundraiser for President Donald Trump, who came here to denigrate Chicago's police chief and refer to Chicago using a variety of negative terms, is the last straw for me. I will be switching my allegiance to the White Sox whose owners keep their politics out of baseball, recognizing that their fans are Democrats, Republicans, Trumpicans and Chicagoans.

— George Recchia, Oak Park

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Joaquin Phoenix plays the title role in "Joker," about a mentally ill, middle-aged man.

'Joker' movie shows audiences the painful truth about the impact of childhood trauma

BY CRISTINA PACIONE-ZAYAS

What does the DC Comics feature film "Joker" have to do with early childhood mental health? In a word: everything.

"Joker," the highest-grossing R-rated film in history, masterfully chronicles the devolving trajectory of the infamous villain in the Batman series. The movie injects elements of humanity and social commentary as it relates to mental illness. As an early childhood mental health advocate at the Erikson Institute, a Chicago graduate school and policy hub focused on young children, I was reminded of the enduring impact of early childhood experiences. The importance of relationships and the critical impact clinical programs and services make were apparent throughout the film.

Young children experience the world through relationships, and Joker did not receive the love and support we all need. He experienced physical abuse and neglect by his stepfather. He was adopted by a woman who was living with her own mental illness, which prevented her from being the nurturing force he needed. These relationships could have made him feel safe and protected and buffered his trauma but instead were limited and empty.

Toxic stress had a profound impact on

shaping Joker into a man all too quick to commit violent, unspeakable acts. When the brain's and body's stress response system is overactivated by danger and survival during childhood, the effect can be devastating.

Decades of brain science have proven that early and chronic exposure to trauma can literally get under our skin. Biological memories are formed that can harm the architecture of our brains. This is especially true in the first five years of life, when 90 percent of the brain is developed.

Trauma comes in many forms, but it often shows up as toxic stress through exposure to community violence. Analysis from Erikson's Community Data Lab shows that in 2018, the majority of children under 5 in Chicago live in communities where 90% of the city's homicides occur. Yes, trauma and stress are felt and experienced by children even if they do not directly witness a violent incident in their midst.

The film also provides a nuanced analysis of the role of clinical supports provided by public entities. In one exchange between Joker and his social worker, she explains that because of budget cuts, her services and his access to medicine would end. His pleas for help are met with her own frustrations in the broken system.

From that point forward, his fragile world begins to further unravel. He is unable to maintain his job, which has an impact on his ability to care for his mother. This increases his need to manage stress, yet the previous resources he relied on were no longer available. Unfortunately, this is not just a fictitious scenario that happens to movie villains. Restricted access to public mental health services is happening too frequently.

We have a duty to craft and implement plans that put the well-being of young children at the forefront. Mayor Lori Lightfoot's 2020 budget begins to lay the groundwork to invest in mental health services. Our ask takes it a step further, specifically calling for funds to support the mental health needs of children starting from birth. The science provides evidence of the benefits and effectiveness of intervening early, an idea that draws bipartisan support.

As millions of moviegoers watch "The Joker," they see how all too often we are willing to tolerate systems and services that fail to address the mental health needs of children — and how they and others ultimately suffer the consequences.

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Senators grill Boeing CEO over crashes

Families of victims carry pics of loved ones at hearing

BY DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg faced withering questions from senators Tuesday about two crashes of 737 Max jets and whether the company concealed information about a critical flight system.

"We have made mistakes, and we got some things wrong," Muilenburg conceded.

Some members of the Senate Commerce Committee cut Muilenburg off when they believed he was failing to answer their questions about a key flight-control system implicated in both crashes.

Boeing successfully lobbied



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Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg prepares to testify Tuesday as people holding photos of loved ones who died in crashes of jets sit behind him.

regulators to keep any explanation of the system, called MCAS, from pilot manuals and training. After the crashes, the company tried to blame the pilots, said Sen. Richard

Blumenthal, D-Conn.

"Those pilots never had a chance," Blumenthal said. Passengers "never had a chance. They were in flying coffins as a result of

Boeing deciding that it was going to conceal MCAS from the pilots."

Muilenburg denied that Boeing ever blamed the pilots. Several times this spring and summer he said the accidents were caused by a "chain of events," not a single factor.

The comments were widely seen as deflecting blame, including to the pilots.

The CEO told senators Tuesday that Boeing has always trained pilots to respond to the same effect caused by an MCAS failure — a condition called runaway trim — which can be caused by other problems.

Muilenburg and Boeing's chief engineer for commercial airplanes, John Hamilton, spent about 80 minutes at the witness table.

The committee then heard from two safety officials who helped shape reports about the Boeing plane.

The hearing took place one year

after a 737 Max crashed off the coast of Indonesia and more than seven months after a second crash in Ethiopia.

In all, 346 people died. Muilenburg's testimony was the first by a Boeing executive since the crashes. The CEO is scheduled to testify before a House committee Wednesday.

Indonesian investigators say Boeing's design of MCAS contributed to the crash of a Lion Air Max last October.

Ethiopian authorities are continuing to investigate the second crash, involving a plane flown by Ethiopian Airlines, which led to a worldwide grounding of the plane.

"Both of these accidents were entirely preventable," committee Chairman Roger Wicker, R-Miss., said.

More than a dozen relatives of passengers who died in the acci-

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Students practice with a Butterfly iQ hand-held ultrasound device during a class at Indiana University medical school.

Scoping the future

High-tech devices may usurp stalwart that relies on ears

BY LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two centuries after its invention, the stethoscope — the very symbol of the medical profession — is facing an uncertain prognosis.

It is threatened by hand-held devices that are also pressed against the chest but rely on ultrasound technology, artificial intelligence and smartphone apps instead of doctors' ears to help detect leaks, murmurs, abnormal rhythms and other problems in the heart, lungs and elsewhere. Some of these instruments can yield images of the

beating heart or create electrocardiogram graphs.

Dr. Eric Topol, a world-renowned cardiologist, considers the stethoscope obsolete, nothing more than a pair of "rubber tubes."

It "was OK for 200 years," Topol said. But "we need to go beyond that. We can do better."

In a long-standing tradition, nearly every U.S. medical school presents incoming students with a white coat and stethoscope to launch their careers. It's more than symbolic — stethoscope skills are still taught, and proficiency is required for doctors to get their licenses.

Over the last decade, though, the tech industry has downsized ultrasound scanners into devices resembling TV remotes. It has also created digital stethoscopes that can be paired with smart-

phones to create moving pictures and readouts.

Proponents say these devices are nearly as easy to use as stethoscopes and allow doctors to watch the body in motion and actually see things such as leaky valves. "There's no reason you would listen to sounds when you can see everything," Topol said.

At many medical schools, it's the newer devices that really get students' hearts pumping.

"Wow!" "Whoa!" "This is awesome," Indiana University medical students exclaimed in a fall class as they learned how to use a hand-held ultrasound device on a classmate, watching images of his lub-dubbing heart on a tablet screen.

The Butterfly iQ device, made by Guilford, Connecticut-based Butterfly Network Inc., went on the market last year. An update

will include artificial intelligence to help users position the probe and interpret the images.

Students at the Indianapolis-based medical school, one of the nation's largest, learn stethoscope skills but also get training in hand-held ultrasound in a program launched there last year by Dr. Paul Wallach, an executive associate dean. He created a similar program five years ago at the Medical College of Georgia and predicts that within the next decade, hand-held ultrasound devices will become part of the routine physical exam, just like the reflex hammer.

The devices advance "our ability to take peek under the skin into the body," he said. But Wallach added that, unlike some

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Rivals eat away at Grubhub's meal ticket

Stock slides 40% amid tales of fierce fight for customers

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Grubhub is fighting for orders among "promiscuous" diners, and that could mean more restaurant options and better deals for consumers who want to eat restaurant-prepared meals on their couch.

Shares in the Chicago-based company closed down more than 40% Tuesday after Grubhub cut revenue expectations for the year and warned that the online food ordering and delivery marketplace was getting too crowded.

Rivals such as Uber Eats, DoorDash and Postmates also are looking for ways to stand out in a segment in which it can be hard to find a competitive advantage, analysts say. Some seek partnerships outside the food industry, and Uber Eats, for example, leverages customers from its ride-share business.

New customers and new cities previously fueled Grubhub's growth, but that's not enough anymore, CEO Matt Maloney said during Grubhub's earnings call.

Grubhub's challenge is retaining its own customers while luring those from rivals. It wants to add restaurant options and customer loyalty programs, which Maloney said could result in lower prices for customers.

"The winner in this space clearly has to have a differentiated experience for the diner," he said. "Once we've closed the gap on restaurants, there will be no reason for consumers to go elsewhere."

Keeping those customers on Grubhub's platform is paramount, especially as "online diners are becoming more promiscuous," Grubhub executives wrote in a letter sent to shareholders Monday evening, after earnings were released.

Though Grubhub's longtime diners are brand loyal, newer customers aren't as much and order food from competitors too, Maloney said Tuesday.

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Country Club Hills drops bid for casino license

Throws support behind Matteson proposal as filing deadline hits

BY MIKE NOLAN

Country Club Hills dropped out of the crowded field competing for a coveted south suburban casino license, as other communities filed applications touting multimillion-dollar developments with the Illinois Gaming Board to meet Monday's deadline.

Country Club Hills, which last week had approved plans to seek

a casino license, since has reversed course and is instead backing a proposal filed Monday by Matteson, according to Matteson Mayor Sheila Chalmers-Curran. Country Club Hills Mayor James Ford did not return a message seeking comment.

In a statement, Chalmers-Curran said she and Ford had discussed the casino license issue over the weekend.

The south suburban casino license is earmarked for a location in one of six townships: Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich, Thornton or Worth.

Revenue sharing from any

south suburban casino would benefit the host community as well as dozens of other area suburbs, according to the new state law expanding gambling throughout Illinois.

A gaming board spokesman said applications filed Monday needed to be checked for completeness, but Monday's deadline means no new proposals will pop up. Under the law, the gaming board has up to a year to consider the applications. New casinos are also allowed for Chicago, Rockford, Waukegan and in two downstate locations.

Here are snapshots of the south

suburban casino plans publicly disclosed in recent weeks.

Calumet City

Calumet City hopes a \$275 million casino-anchored development will spur a rebirth for the struggling River Oaks shopping center.

The city is teaming up with Southland Live Casino, a partnership that includes the privately held firm Delaware North, which operates a casino in Illinois. A vacant Carson Pirie Scott store at the shopping center, southeast of Torrence Avenue and 159th

Street, just east of Interstate 94, would be used as a temporary casino while a 150,000-square-foot permanent structure is built, according to plans.

Crestwood

Crestwood officials said they are working with neighboring Robbins to land a casino on property owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District on the south side of the Calumet Sag Channel and east of Cicero Avenue.

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Analysts: Retailers may blame short holiday season

BY ANNE RILEY MOFFAT
Bloomberg News

Retailers like blaming weather for poor results during the holidays. This year, they have another scapegoat: the calendar.

With Thanksgiving falling on its latest possible date, there are only 26 shopping days between then and Christmas — compared to 32 last year. That has some companies in a panic, with toymaker Hasbro Inc. telling investors it's teaming up with stores to buoy demand in a "holiday season that has six fewer shopping days than last year." Dollar Tree warned shareholders way back in March that the six-day-shorter period would negatively impact year-end sales.

But analysts say that's just a convenient excuse, one that investors are likely to disregard. Even though holiday shopping was once exclusively between Black

Friday and Christmas Eve, stores have been starting promotions earlier and earlier for years, including pushing into Halloween. And consumers are forecast to spend more this holiday period, no matter when Thanksgiving hits.

"The reason some retailers are caught up on this is that in the olden days, meaning long before internet, even before TV advertisements, the traditional Christmas shopping season began the day after Thanksgiving," said Craig Johnson, president of Customer Growth Partners. "Of course the internet and 24/7 shopping has made those old formulas obsolete."

To be sure, the later Thanksgiving holiday may mean more condensed spending in December, with a Deloitte survey finding nearly 70% of shoppers planning to spend in the first half of December, up from just 53% last year,



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Target is adding nearly \$50 million in payroll to help with the holiday shopping crunch.

when many started their gift hunts earlier.

But overall spending should continue to rise, Thanksgiving timing be damned, with Johnson forecasting a rise of about 5%, about on par with Deloitte and International Council of Shopping Centers' own projections. PwC is expect-

ing a more modest 2.7% rise compared with last year.

"Statistically, the holiday shopping season is November and December, and unless I'm mistaken, that means it's 61 days every year," Johnson said. So when retailers talk about a shortened holiday, "they're using it as an excuse."

After Cyber Monday, "there's usually a lull for two weeks because people know they have time to finish all the shopping. While they're casually buying and browsing online, they're not in a rush to get their gifts. So you could argue that because it's shorter, it takes the lull out," she said.

But that won't impact overall spending. "You're going to buy gifts, whether you buy them on Thanksgiving or you buy them on Christmas or you buy them in between," Goyal said. "There's a number of gifts you're going to buy, and you're going to buy them."

Of course, that lack-of-a-lull may mean a busier in-store experience in December. Steve Bratspies, chief merchandising officer for Walmart Inc. in the U.S., predicts the shortened calendar will add "an intensity inside the stores." Target Corp. is adding nearly \$50 million in payroll to help with the crunch.

To help encourage shoppers to get an earlier start this year, Walmart said it's beginning some online seasonal promotions on Oct. 25. "We've been through this before; even though every season is unique, it's not the first time we've dealt with this," Bratspies said.

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Earlier this month, the district approved a 99-year lease with the village on the site, which is just under 45 acres, according to a district spokeswoman. To the west of Cicero along the Cal Sag, the village leased another plot of MWRD land for commercial development.

Several years ago, Crestwood, under then-Mayor Chester Stranczek, had floated an idea of a riverboat casino for the suburb on the waterway.

East Hazel Crest/Homewood

East Hazel Crest and Homewood are partnering with a company affiliated with Alabama's Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Wind Creek Hospitality wants to build a 64,000-square-foot casino on a 24-acre site southwest of the interchange of Interstate 80 and Halsted Street, spending nearly \$300 million on an initial phase that also would include an entertainment center. A second phase would include a 21-story hotel. The site used to be home to two hotels and is in both suburbs.



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As many as six south suburban casino proposals were expected to be filed with the Illinois Gaming Board by Monday's application deadline.

Lynwood

The Ho-Chunk Nation, which operates casinos in Wisconsin, is partnering with Lynwood to develop a \$300 million casino and hotel on land the nation owns just east of Illinois 394 and north of the highway's interchange with Glenwood-Dyer Road.

The Ho-Chunk have more than 120 acres and operate Southland Center,

an indoor and outdoor sports facility. Plans call for a temporary casino to be operated while the permanent facility is being built.

Matteson

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is partnering with the village on a casino development at the northeast corner of U.S. 30 and Harlem Avenue. The first phase would be a 123,000-

square-foot casino, with a 200-room hotel and convention center being built later on. The tribe estimates the total development could represent an investment of \$300 million.

The Choctaw operate seven casinos plus 15 mini-casinos that are part of travel centers in Oklahoma.

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Grubhub

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Adding more restaurant options and loyalty programs can help customers remain on Grubhub, he said.

"As diners are starting to sample multiple platforms, we want to make sure there's no reason for a diner to slip back to a previous platform once we've effectively stole them from a competitor," Maloney said.

Grubhub has more than 140,000 partner restaurants, according to the shareholder letter. The company plans to hire an unspecified number of employees to recruit restaurants, Maloney said.

Costs cannot be driven down just by increased volume, Maloney said. Delivery drivers still need to get paid, and sneaking in delivery or service fees won't work either.

"Consumers are smart, they figure it out," he said. "It's very hard to trick a consumer to pay more than they want to pay."

Grubhub had an advantage because it was one of the first food delivery companies, and built loyalty with its customer base, said Darren Tristano, CEO at Chicago-based food industry research consultancy FoodserviceResults.

"But those advantages can go away very quickly," he said. "Even if you are the leader, you're still at the mercy of what is coming."

Ali Mogharabi, a senior equity analyst at Morningstar, agreed.

"The customers still have many other options," he said. "A lot of those companies, actually specifically Uber, they've got a lot of capital at hand that they could match prices."

GrubHub's third-quarter earnings totaled \$1 million, or 1 cent per share. The company's stock closed at \$33 a share Tuesday, a 52-week low.

The company employed about 2,700 people as of April, about 1,200 of whom are in Chicago.

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Devices

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of his colleagues, he isn't ready to declare the stethoscope dead. He envisions the next generation of physicians wearing "a stethoscope around the neck and an ultrasound in the pocket."

Modern-day stethoscopes bear little resemblance to the first stethoscope, invented in the early 1800s by Frenchman Rene Laennec, but they work essentially the same way.

Laennec's creation was a hollow tube of wood, almost a foot long, that made it easier to hear heart and lung sounds than pressing

an ear against the chest.

Rubber tubes, earpieces and the often cold metal attachment that is placed against the chest came later, helping to amplify the sounds.

When the stethoscope is pressed against the body, sound waves make the diaphragm — the flat metal disc part of the device — and the bell-shaped underside vibrate. That channels the sound waves up through the tubes to the ears.

Conventional stethoscopes typically cost under \$200, compared with at least a few thousand dollars for some of the high-tech devices.

But picking up and interpreting body sounds is subtle and requires a sensi-

tive ear — and a trained one.

With medical advances and competing devices over the past few decades, "the old stethoscope is kind of falling on hard times in terms of rigorous training," said Dr. James Thomas, a cardiologist at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago. "Some recent studies have shown that graduates in internal medicine and emergency medicine may miss as many of half of murmurs using a stethoscope."

Northwestern is involved in testing new technology created by Eko, a Berkeley, California-based maker of smart stethoscopes.

To improve detection of heart murmurs, Eko is developing artificial intelli-

gence algorithms for its devices, using recordings of thousands of heartbeats. The devices produce a screen message telling the doctor whether the heart sounds are normal or if murmurs are present.

Chicago pediatrician Dr. Dave Drelicharz has been in practice for just over a decade and knows the allure of newer devices.

But until the price comes down, the old stalwart "is still your best tool," Drelicharz said. Once you learn to use the stethoscope, he said, it "becomes second nature."

"During my work hours in my office, if I don't have it around my shoulders," he said, "it's as though I was feeling almost naked."

Boeing

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dents attended the hearing. Wicker invited them to stand and hold up large photos of their relatives, which they had carried into the room.

Muilenburg turned in his seat to look at them.

In Indonesia, the CEO of Lion Air vowed Tuesday to follow recommendations from a probe into the disaster. Relatives of victims scattered flowers on waters where the aircraft went down a year ago.

Muilenburg told senators that Boeing is in the final stages of updating flight software to improve safety by adding redundancy — tying MCAS to a second sensor and second computer at all times, and making the system's ability to push a plane's nose

down less powerful.

Chicago-based Boeing hopes to win Federal Aviation Administration approval by year end to return the plane to flight.

The FAA is also coming under scrutiny for relying on Boeing employees to perform some certification tests and inspections. It's an approach FAA has followed for many years.

"We need to know if Boeing and the FAA rushed to certify the Max," Wicker said.

The committee didn't get an answer to that question.

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., indicated he won't wait for one, accusing Boeing of cutting corners on safety.

"I would walk before I was to get on a 737 Max," Tester told Muilenburg. "When issues like this happen, it costs your company huge."

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Low prices on trucking apps squeezing drivers

BY DINA BASS
Bloomberg

Amit Sekhri took up trucking in the thick of the Great Recession, drawn in part by the freedom of driving the open roads. He was prepared for long hours and weeks away from home. But two of his biggest—and least expected—gripes were the constant phone calls and late payments. Like many truckers, Sekhri booked his jobs through freight brokers, a class of intermediaries who do most of their business by phone. And many have a bad habit of paying late.

Then he discovered an app called Convoy. It lets him select nearby loads listed by shippers and get paid a day or two after completing a trip. It uses a phone's GPS to estimate a driver's arrival time for pickup and tracks where he is throughout the route. For these reasons, Convoy is often described as "Uber for trucking" — a moniker that took hold before the real Uber set up a competing business and was gripped by a corporate crisis.

Sekhri, 30, now drives his own truck and serves as a dispatcher for four drivers who deliver orders through Convoy, traditional job boards and occasionally Uber Freight. He credits Convoy with solving some of his main grievances with the job. "It's pretty easy. You like the price, you accept it, you assign it to a driver, and you can track them. I don't have to call the driver and say, 'Where you at?'" Sekhri says. Convoy also lists accurate pickup times, letting him squeeze in a shower or meal outside his truck.

But Sekhri has a bigger problem: Job rates are declining fast. App reviews for Convoy are riddled with complaints from drivers about low prices. Sekhri and two other Convoy drivers who spoke to Bloomberg echoed those concerns. One of them shut down his business in March. Sekhri says he uses Convoy for 10% to 15% of his loads — only when prices meet his needs. "I've got four kids to support," he says. "I'm still hanging in and hoping it will get better."

This isn't unique to Convoy. Rates are falling across North America after two years of increases. Spot demand, which excludes long-term freight contracts, plummeted 27% through Oct. 25, and most drivers aren't expecting business to improve over the next six months, according to market research from Bloomberg and Truckstop.com. Those who bought flatbeds during the surge are now struggling to find work and make auto payments.

For Convoy, the company risks drawing comparisons



Trucker Amit Sekhri checks his smartphone Oct. 7 looking for possible jobs and bids using the Convoy application in his truck in Patterson, Calif.

to Uber in less flattering ways: drivers grouching about getting squeezed and a business model that has yet to turn a profit. One possible remedy is a dramatic expansion of its bidding system that Convoy plans to announce Tuesday. It would create a sort of eBay for freight, where drivers can submit offers for a vast number of jobs listed by shippers. Convoy says this will allow drivers to find more work and reduce trips without a load, but the theory isn't proven. It could just as easily drive down prices and exacerbate the pay problem.

Yale grad started Convoy

Dan Lewis, the chief executive officer, says he's sympathetic to concerns from drivers, especially small trucking companies that are often hit the hardest. He says he can't control the market, but Convoy can help make it more efficient for drivers. "They're just thinking in their head, 'Hey, I did this job last year, and I got \$1,000. Now I'm getting paid \$900. Why am I being paid less?'" Lewis says. "What we want to do is help them reduce their costs."

Lewis doesn't exactly fit in at a truck stop. The 38-year-old is a graduate of Yale University and worked at Microsoft, Google and Amazon.com. Before starting Convoy in 2015, he hung out at service stations along Interstate 5 for research. He says he talked at length with drivers, learned the lingo and listened to what frustrates them. Lewis realized technology could solve some of the trucking business's arcana.

The industry didn't get it initially, Lewis says. Technology doesn't usually elicit happy thoughts for truck drivers, amid talk of autonomous vehicles displacing their jobs. "Tech doesn't

move freight," Lewis would often hear. "People move freight."

But rich people got it, taken with the potential to remake a \$141 billion market for the better. The company has raised about \$275 million in venture capital from a roster of investors that reads like a guest list at Davos. Among them are Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates and Marc Benioff. Dara Khosrowshahi invested personally before becoming CEO of Uber Technologies. (He has since sold his stake.)

The trucking market was accelerating in tandem with Convoy and Uber Freight. By the end of last year, Convoy was generating about \$300 million in revenue on an annualized basis, and Uber Freight was on track for \$500 million, estimates Silpa Paul, an analyst at research firm Frost & Sullivan. The tech companies' growth has come at the expense of smaller, traditional brokers, says Lee Klaskow, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence. "You have these old-school guys smoking a cigarette with a Rolodex and a phone," he says, though some are finally waking up to the need to modernize.

Travis Washington, a trucker based outside Atlanta, says he once called to arrange a job with J.B. Hunt Transport Services and was told to hang up and book through the company's app. The broker gave him an extra \$10 for doing so. But he still uses Convoy's app daily, including a service called Convoy Go. It lets drivers bring only the cab of their truck and hook up to a trailer pre-filled with cargo at pickup. It can also save on fuel and other costs associated with a trailer. But Washington says Convoy's prices for the return trip are typically too low, and so he loads the Convoy trailer with freight booked through a traditional broker. It's not a

great outcome for Convoy, but the company doesn't discourage the practice, as long as the trailer is returned within a few days.

This year, more drivers are having to find creative ways to cut costs. The start-up that wants to be the new face of the trucking business has suddenly become for some drivers a symbol of a pricing crunch. Lewis recalls a difficult series of conversations in March at the Mid-America Trucking Show in Kentucky with drivers concerned about pricing. Lewis says Convoy is trying to show drivers how it can help, even when prices are low.

No one completely satisfied yet

It wasn't enough to keep Ira Lawrence in business. He bought a truck in 2017 and signed up to drive for Convoy after taking a retirement package from the Canadian Navy. He and his wife in Oak Harbor, Washington, discovered that making a living wage was a lot harder than they expected, even during the boom. Weekly fuel costs were \$2,400 to \$3,000. Insurance was more than \$1,600 a month. They managed to pay off the truck and trailer, but monthly maintenance costs exceeded \$1,500. "The overall cost of owning a truck is through the roof," Lawrence says. "We thought it would be this glorified life of: Get a load; stay there for a few days; and then get a load to somewhere else."

Four out of 5 jobs for Lawrence came through Convoy. The ability to get paid within 48 hours of completing a trip helped them stay afloat for a few years. He was forced to shut down his trucking business in March, when he was unable to cover insurance

costs. These days, Lawrence gets paid to train other drivers. He warns them about the risks, he says. But he still recommends the Convoy app and frequently dons his Convoy T-shirt, sweater and trucker hat.

There are three types of people Lewis needs to please with Convoy: drivers, who want to get paid more; shippers, who want to pay less; and investors, who want to get paid the most. No one is completely satisfied right now, but Convoy says technology can solve everybody's needs by wringing inefficiencies out of the market.

Part of the original mission was to eliminate long return drives without a load. An automated service the company introduced three months ago bundles multiple loads and is now available for the majority of trips in Atlanta and Los Angeles. The app has since added other data to improve transactions and waste less driver time, including grading shippers based on how quickly they load a shipment. Companies with slow loading docks pay a premium because fewer drivers want the job, Lewis says.

As for someday turning a profit, Lewis says the business is "built to reach better-than-industry economics on each market we enter." Working in Convoy's favor, he says, is that freight brokerage has a long tradition of generating profits.

The goal for Convoy, in other words, is to out-Uber the larger, more established trucking companies — as well as Uber itself. Last month, Uber said it would spend \$2 billion to expand freight operations in Chicago.

Auction service

Convoy's newly expanded auction system, called Direct to Shipper, is part of that strategy. In the

past, Convoy showed drivers a limited number of jobs, only the ones the company thinks it could fulfill. With the new service, Convoy will list every single load and allow drivers to bid on each one. If it works as intended, drivers should be able to line up more jobs on routes they want and at rates they like, meaning less empty time and more money, says Ziad Ismail, the chief product officer at Convoy. It's more eBay than Uber and could increase options for drivers by a factor of 10, he says.

In a less optimistic scenario, pitting drivers against one another to offer the lowest rate could end up further depressing prices. Echoing a mantra in Silicon Valley, Ismail suggests truckers could make up for an earnings shortfall in volume. "Drivers are trying to fill up their schedule," he says. "If we can 10X the number of shipments they have available to them, the likelihood they can find a shipment that is closer to them or has less waiting time increases exponentially."

For shippers, especially smaller ones, Convoy has saved them a lot of money, while giving them the sort of attention other companies can't afford to provide. Waiakea Springs, a Hawaiian maker of bottled water, uses Convoy for three-quarters of its shipments, from 10% almost two years ago. Convoy assigned the company a dedicated account representative to find the best prices and ensure smooth service, something Uber Freight wouldn't do for such a small customer, says Alexandra Alegria, the director of supply chain and logistics for Waiakea Springs. Convoy also agreed to help the water company achieve an environmental goal of switching to all-electric vehicles starting next year, by connecting them with green trucking companies.

Waiakea Springs sends as many as 10 trucks a week from California to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, mainly to the convenience store chain Wawa. That used to cost as much as \$8,000, but the price on Convoy usually tops out at \$5,300, Alegria says. But a few times, low-ball offers attracted poor drivers, she says. Convoy solved the issue in a very low-tech way. She called her account rep, who lined up a trucking company with a large fleet that's now dedicated to shipping all of Waiakea Springs' orders. "The majority of other brokers I've worked with send you to one of their giant call centers," Alegria says. "We haven't had anyone who has been as invested in our growth as Convoy has."

Coal giant Murray Energy seeks bankruptcy protection

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A major U.S. coal mining company is seeking bankruptcy protection, despite a flurry of regulatory breaks that its CEO pushed for — and received — from the Trump administration.

Ohio-based Murray Energy filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization Tuesday, joining a growing list of struggling miners as utilities switch away from coal to cheaper and less-polluting renewable energy or natural gas.

The filing marks a significant political failure for Trump, who had sought to end what he called a "war on coal" by Democrats as a key part of his campaign and early presidency.

Murray Energy was the country's fourth-largest coal producer in 2018, accounting for 6% of total production, according to the Energy Information Administration. Other major producers that have sought bankruptcy protection this year include Blackjewel Mining in West Virginia and Cloud Peak Energy in Wyoming.

Murray Energy's move was necessary to access cash and best position it for

long-term success, said former CEO Robert Murray.

The company's operations span Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Utah and West Virginia, as well as Colombia in South America.

Government preference for gas and renewable energy to replace coal-fired power generation, combined with a recent severe reduction in coal exports, delivered a one-two punch that an overextended Murray Energy could not withstand, said Cecil Roberts, president of United Mine Workers of America.

"Now comes the part where workers and their families pay the price for corporate decision-making and governmental actions," Roberts said in a statement. "But that does not mean we will sit idly by and let the company and the court dictate what happens to our members and our retirees. We have high-powered legal, financial and communications teams in place that will fight to protect our members' interests in the bankruptcy court."

West Virginia Senate President Mitch Carmichael said the bankruptcy filing was surprising even with the evident struggles in the coal business, adding that he's concerned about pensions and worker

protections for Murray Energy's nearly 7,000 employees.

Sen. Joe Manchin, a West Virginia Democrat, said on Twitter that Murray Energy must continue meeting its obligations to pay into pension plans for union miners.

The coal giant had signaled that it wasn't immune to the industry's downturn earlier this month when it announced it missed loan and interest payments to its lenders.

Brian Lego, a research assistant professor at West Virginia University, said the bankruptcy of such a large company is a heavy blow to an already beleaguered sector.

"It doesn't bode well as far as the overall state of the industry is concerned," he said.

As CEO, Murray was averse to filing bankruptcy and in recent years he criticized other coal operators that chose to streamline.

Murray, who on Tuesday was replaced as CEO by Robert Moore, has tied his fortunes to Trump. He hosted a fundraiser for the president in July, which had been expected to raise \$2.5 million.

He has flexed his influence at the local level as well, donating thousands of dollars to the 2020 cam-

paign of West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice and successfully pushing for a tax cut on steam coal in the economically depressed Mountain State.

In March 2017, Trump

signed an executive order pledging to kill off President Barack Obama's effort against climate change.

"We are putting our great coal miners back to work," Trump said to applause and

cheers at a 2018 rally in West Virginia, where the president also attended a big-money GOP fundraiser hosted by Murray.

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Previous 8,325.98	Previous 3,039.42	Previous 1,571.93

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.02 to 1.83%	-6.50 to \$1,485.90	-.21 to 108.81/\$1	-.0010 to .9001/\$1	-.27 to \$55.54

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.06	NASD +2.13	S&P +1.37	DOW +1.88	NASD +4.66	S&P +3.29	DOW +8.83	NASD +15.57	S&P +13.21

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	513	516	508.25	511.50	-.25
		Mar 20	519	521.75	514.50	517.50	-.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	383.50	387.50	382	386.25	+2.25
		Mar 20	393.75	397	392	396	+1.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 19	921	925.25	916	918.25	-2.50
		Jan 20	935.50	940.25	931	933.50	-.2
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	30.78	31.13	30.62	31.00	+2.2
		Jan 20	30.99	31.34	30.84	31.22	+2.2
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	304.10	305.80	302.20	303.00	-1.00
		Jan 20	306.50	308.20	304.70	305.60	-.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Dec 19	55.80	55.91	54.61	55.54	-.27
		Jan 20	55.88	56.04	54.74	55.68	-.22
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Nov 19	2.459	2.640	2.449	2.522	+0.076
		Dec 19	2.562	2.704	2.555	2.639	+0.084
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Nov 19	1.6726	1.7008	1.6512	1.6857	+0.0129
		Dec 19	1.6344	1.6572	1.6121	1.6416	+0.0072

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.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	83.45	+7.9	Equity Commonwith	N	31.77	+2.6	Middleby Corp	O	120.97	+1.97
AbbVie Inc	N	78.47	+1.4	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	68.83	-0.4	Mondelez Intl	O	52.83	+4.2
Allstate Corp	N	108.22	+1.62	Equity Residential	N	87.57	+0.2	Morningstar Inc	O	153.17	+3.47
Aptargroup Inc	N	118.51	+6.7	Exelon Corp	O	45.86	+2.6	Motorola Solutions	N	164.75	+1.93
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.51	+2.1	First Indl RT	O	43.70	...	Navistar Intl	N	32.29	+0.4
Baxter Intl	N	77.86	+0.1	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	60.73	+0.6	Nisource Inc	N	27.31	-1.4
Boeing Co	N	348.93	+8.05	Gallagher AJ	N	89.94	+2.4	Nthn Trust Cp	O	102.35	-1.8
Brunswick Corp	N	59.51	-5.6	Grainger WW	N	312.94	-3.45	Old Republic	N	22.45	-2.1
CBOE Global Markets	N	113.84	+6.2	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	101.25	+7.3	Packaging Corp Am	N	111.58	-93
CDK Global Inc	O	50.02	-1.6	IAA Inc	N	37.94	+4.0	Payload Hldg	O	102.86	+1.55
CDW Corp	O	126.18	+1.9	IDEX Corp	N	162.28	+2.92	RLI Corp	N	97.93	+1.15
CF Industries	N	46.87	+1.04	ITW	N	172.43	+2.49	Stericycle Inc	O	53.44	-7.3
CME Group	O	201.00	+3.4	Ingredion Inc	N	81.35	+8.2	TransUnion	N	81.77	-4.4
CNA Financial	N	44.72	+5.9	John Bean Technol	N	107.67	-1.14	US Foods Holding	N	40.22	+0.6
Cabot Microelect	O	157.19	-1.46	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	148.27	+1.1	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	242.11	+3.7
Caterpillar Inc	N	141.33	+1.27	Kemper Corp	N	74.82	+1.01	United Airlines Hldg	O	91.03	-1.16
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	27.49	+1.9	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.14	-2.3	Ventas Inc	N	63.92	-7.2
Deere Co	N	174.11	+7.6	LKQ Corporation	O	31.61	-0.6	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	56.27	+4.7
Discover Fin Svcs	N	81.22	-2.1	Littelfuse Inc	O	189.00	+0.3	Wintrust Financial	O	66.35	-1.7
Dover Corp	N	105.04	+8.3	McDonalds Corp	N	192.62	+8.4	Zebra Tech	O	237.64	+14.81

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
PG&E Corp	5.03	+1.23
Nokia Corp	3.55	-0.4
Chesapeake Energy	1.47	...
Bank of America	32.07	+2.3
GrubHub Inc	33.11	-25.28
Gen Electric	9.07	...
Sprint Corp	6.19	-1.3
Fitbit Inc	6.05	+4.1
Ford Motor	8.64	+0.3
Fiat Chrysler Auto	14.23	+1.00
Transocean Ltd	5.11	+3.9
Pfizer Inc	38.21	+9.3
AT&T Inc	38.06	-4.3
Sthwstn Energy	2.23	+0.8
Infosys Ltd	9.31	+1.5
Wells Fargo & Co	52.17	+5.2
Snap Inc A	14.64	-0.4
Teva Pharm	8.38	+2.1
Twitter Inc	29.85	-2.1
EnCana Corp	4.33	+1.6
General Motors Co	38.21	+1.57
Petrobras	16.04	+0.4
Ambev S.A.	4.36	-0.1
Antero Resources	2.84	+2.4

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.06	-4.3
Alibaba Group Hldg	176.89	-1.79
Alphabet Inc C	1262.62	-27.38
Alphabet Inc A	1260.66	-28.32
Amazon.com Inc	1762.71	-14.37
Apple Inc	243.29	-5.76
Bank of America	32.07	+2.3
Berkshire Hath B	213.01	+1.5
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.44	-2.0
Facebook Inc	189.31	-0.9
HSBC Holdings prA	26.35	-0.1
JPMorgan Chase	126.43	-0.8
Johnson & Johnson	129.12	-0.6
MasterCard Inc	274.29	-1.64
Microsoft Corp	142.83	-1.36
Procter & Gamble	123.60	+1.2
Taiwan Semicon	51.47	+1.6
Visa Inc	177.63	-2.21
WalMart Strs	117.15	-2.07

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.29	+0.3	+12.9	
American Funds AmcnBAlA m	28.04	+0.2	+12.8	
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	49.69	+0.3	+15.5	
American Funds CptllncBldrA m	61.87	+0.2	+11.5	
American Funds FdmtllnvsA m	60.91	-0.4	+14.9	
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	50.77	-0.4	+15.2	
American Funds InvCamrCA m	23.07	+0.3	+12.6	
American Funds InvCamrCA m	38.57	+0.4	+10.8	
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	45.61	-0.6	+19.1	
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	47.13	+1.2	+16.0	
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.09	+0.1	+9.7	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.85	+1.1	+12.2	
Dodge & Cox Stk	192.42	+1.0	+10.6	
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.71	...	+7.5	
Fidelity 500ldXlnsPrm	105.64	-0.6	+17.3	
Fidelity Contrafund	13.17	-0.4	+16.0	
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.55	+0.1	+10.5	
Fidelity TtlMktldXlnsPrm	86.25	-0.3	+16.6	
Fidelity US500ldXlnsPrm	11.91	+0.1	+10.3	
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.32	+0.1	+9.2	
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.99	...	+10.3	
PIMCO Inc2	11.95	...	+6.4	
PIMCO Incnstl	11.95	...	+6.5	
PIMCO TtlRetltns	10.43	...	+9.5	
Schwab SP500ldX	47.18	-0.1	+17.4	
T. Rowe Price BCGr	116.00	-1.5	+18.5	
T. Rowe Price GrStk	69.13	-1.3	+17.8	
Vanguard 500ldXAdmrl	280.67	-0.9	+18.4	
Vanguard BalldXAdmrl	37.94	...	+14.4	
Vanguard DivGrInV	30.14	+1.2	+21.6	
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	77.62	+2.2	+15.6	
Vanguard GrldXAdmrl	87.50	-3.9	+21.4	
Vanguard HCAdmrl	86.10	+7.3	+9.3	
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.42	...	+8.2	
Vanguard InslldXlns	275.22	-0.9	+17.4	
Vanguard InslldXlnsPlus	275.24	-0.9	+17.4	
Vanguard InstSMllnPls	65.29	...	+16.7	
Vanguard MDCpldXAdmrl	210.84	+2.3	+18.6	
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	143.62	-2.3	+14.6	
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.72	...	+5.9	
Vanguard SmCpldXAdmrl	75.59	+1.6	+12.4	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020lnv	32.59	-0.1	+12.6	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025lnv	19.60	...	+13.6	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030lnv	35.79	...	+14.0	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035lnv	22.00	-0.1	+14.3	
Vanguard TtlBldXAdmrl	11.04	...	+10.3	
Vanguard TtlBldXlns	11.04	...	+10.3	
Vanguard TtlBldXAdmrl	23.26	...	+9.7	
Vanguard TtlBldXlns	34.91	+0.1	+9.7	
Vanguard TtlBldXlnv	11.64	+0.1	+9.7	
Vanguard TtlBldXAdmrl	28.64	-0.1	+13.6	
Vanguard TtlBldXlns	114.55	-0.3	+13.7	
Vanguard TtlBldXlnsPlus	114.58	-0.2	+13.7	
Vanguard TtlBldXlnv	17.12	-0.1	+13.6	
Vanguard TtlSMldXAdmrl	75.14	...	+16.6	
Vanguard TtlSMldXlns	75.15	-0.1	+16.7	
Vanguard TtlSMldXlnv	75.11	...	+16.5	
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	73.96	+0.1	+15.8	
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	65.91	+0.7	+13.7	
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	66.19	+0.7	+13.7	

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.58	1.62
6-month disc	1.59	1.61
2-year	1.63	1.64
10-year	1.83	1.85
30-year	2.33	2.35

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1487.40	\$1490.00
Silver	\$17.776	\$17.816
Platinum	\$925.10	\$914.70

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)	59.3718	
Australia (Dollar)	1.4567	
Brazil (Real)	4.0015	
Britain (Pound)	.7775	
Canada (Dollar)	1.3090	
China (Yuan)	7.0658	
Euro	.9001	
India (Rupee)	70.897	
Israel (Shekel)	3.5255	
Japan (Yen)	108.81	
Mexico (Peso)	19.1307	
Poland (Zloty)	3.84	
So. Korea (Won)	1167.96	
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.51	
Thailand (Baht)	30.24	

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2954.18	-25.9/-0.9
Stoxx600	398.37	-6/-1.2
Nikkei	22974.13	+106.9/+0.5
MSCI-EAFE	1946.49	+2.3/+0.1
Bovespa		

OBITUARIES

HILDEGARD BACHERT 1921-2019

Refugee introduced Grandma Moses, Klimt to American art scene

BY EMILY LANGER
The Washington Post

Hildegard Bachert, a refugee of Nazi Germany who became a vital behind-the-scenes force in the New York City art world, introducing American collectors to German and Austrian Expressionists including Gustav Klimt and the Upstate New York farm wife who became known as Grandma Moses, died Oct. 17 at a hospital in Brattleboro, Vermont. She was 98.

The cause was a ruptured colon, said Jane Kallir, director of the Galerie St. Etienne in Manhattan, where Bachert worked for more than three quarters of a century. She was hired in 1940 as an assistant to the founder, Otto Kallir, an Austrian Jew who also had fled Nazi Europe, and after his death in 1978 served as co-director with his granddaughter Jane.

Bachert, who dedicated nearly her entire life to cultivating the legacies of artists who might otherwise have gone unnoticed or underappreciated, once remarked that she developed her "consciousness of art" only after arriving in the United States when she was 15. "After all," she said, before that time "there were other concerns."

She was 12 when Hitler came to power in Germany in 1933 and initiated his campaign of anti-Semitic persecution. Three years later, according to an account of her life that she gave to the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Art, she was expelled from her school because she was Jewish.

Jews were banned from the Kunsthalle Mannheim, the art museum in her hometown. Her youth notwithstanding, she said, she understood that modern art, deemed "degenerate" under National Socialism, had become taboo.

Her father, a lawyer, saw the "handwriting on the wall," Bachert said in the 1993 Smithsonian oral history, and sent her and her older sister to the United States, where a relative had agreed to help support them. In New York, Bachert

learned English, completed high school and reveled in the cultural offerings of the city's libraries and concert halls.

Bachert also frequented the city's art galleries and worked for Karl Nierendorf before Otto Kallir hired her.

Kallir had run the Neue Galerie in Vienna, where he showed the works of artists including Vincent van Gogh and Edvard Munch. In the United States, Kallir encountered an art world where "French art was 'in' and German art was 'out,'" Bachert once told the online art publication NeotericArt.

At Galerie St. Etienne, Kallir, with Bachert's help, mounted the first solo shows in the United States of Schiele and Klimt/Today, both are recognized as giants of modernism and command accordingly giant sums.

In 2006, Ronald S. Lauder, the cosmetics heir and art collector, paid a reported \$135 million for a shimmering gold Klimt portrait of the Viennese hostess Adele Bloch-Bauer. The painting had been the subject of one of the most high-profile restitution claims involving artwork looted during the Holocaust. The painting is housed in Lauder's Neue Galerie in Manhattan, whose name is an homage to Kallir's Viennese gallery.

Other Austrian and German artists that Bachert helped promote included Oskar Kokoschka, Alfred Kubin, Paula Modersohn-Becker and Käthe Kollwitz.

Grandma Moses — her real name was Anna Mary Robertson Moses — was brought to Kallir's attention by Louis Caldor, an amateur collector who had stumbled on a sampling of her bucolic folk art at a drugstore in Hoosick Falls, New York.

Moses had taken up painting well into her older age and pursued her hobby in obscurity until Caldor promised to make her famous.

Kallir loved America "as only a refugee can," according to the gallery, and saw in Moses "an artist capable of capturing the authentic spirit of his new homeland." Galerie St. Etienne gave Moses her first one-person show in 1940, a month

before Bachert was hired, when Moses was 80. Thus began a relationship that lasted until Moses died at 101, so famous that she was often compared to Norman Rockwell.

Bachert became the gallery's chief contact for Moses and recalled going strawberry-picking with her, as well as assisting her with her autobiography, "My Life's History," which Kallir edited.

Hildegard Gina Bachert was born in Mannheim on April 3, 1921. Her parents survived the Nazi attacks of Kristallnacht before joining their daughters in the United States, where her father, a former lawyer, became blind, and her mother helped support the family as a seamstress.

Even with a scholarship to Oberlin College in Ohio, Bachert did not have enough money to pursue university studies. She took free classes at Hunter College in New York City while working. Her first job was as a housekeeper and nanny for a doctor's family. "I lasted three days," she said in the Smithsonian oral history. "Luckily for art."

Jane Kallir credited Bachert with assisting the gallery in its efforts to help return artwork looted by Nazis to their former Jewish owners or their heirs.

"She was someone who had actually lived through part of the Nazi time in Germany and who knew all of these people who had been robbed by the Nazis," Jane Kallir said in an interview. Speaking of the German and Austrian Expressionist artwork that Bachert had sought to preserve, Kallir observed that "both for Hildegard and for my grandfather, this was an important part of their heritage that the Nazis had tried to destroy."

Bachert never married and had no immediate survivors. She stayed so long with Galerie St. Etienne, she said, because "I felt fulfilled."

"I felt that my potential was tapped," she said in the Smithsonian oral history, "that I was able to give... And that's what I wanted to do."

British au pair Louise Woodward of second-degree murder in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eapen. (The judge later reduced the verdict to manslaughter and set Woodward free.)

In 1999, 55 people were killed in a fire at an illegal bar in Inchon, South Korea.

In 2001, Ford Motor Co. chairman William Clay Ford Jr. took over as chief executive after the ouster of Jacques Nasser.

In 2003, the House approved an \$87.5 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2012, the Walt Disney Company announced plans to acquire Lucasfilm for \$4.05 billion in a surprise deal that gave the media giant control of the "Star Wars" franchise.

In 2013, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius apologized to Americans for problems with the launch of Obamacare's website, HealthCare.gov. "You deserve better," Sebelius said in testimony at a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing.

In 2014, Pennsylvania authorities captured survivalist Eric Frein, 31, after a 48-day manhunt. He was charged with killing a state trooper and wounding another Sept. 12.

In 2016, the Cubs beat the Indians 3-2 in Game 5 at Wrigley Field in the first World Series win for the home team at the North Side ballpark since Oct. 8, 1945.

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In Memoriam



Donald P. Jacobs

In loving memory of my husband Donald P. Jacobs, who died October 30, 2017
"Love doesn't die, people do."
I miss you every day and treasure the memories of our time together, almost 40 years.
Dinah Jacobs
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Eleanore S. Tripam

Our dearest Eleanore, its been two years since you left us and went to Heaven. We miss and think of you every day.
Love, Karl and Lauren
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Death Notices

Burns, James K.

James K. Burns, age 94, WWII Navy Veteran, formerly of LaGrange Park, living in Fort Meyers. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn Burns (nee Larson). Loving father of Kevin (Carol), Timothy (Mollie), Jamie (Cindy), Kathleen (Eric) Bauer, Chuck (Lorraine), and Dennis (Loretta) Burns. Eight grandchildren, Eileen (Ben Caparoso), Patrick (Delaney), Valerie (Rob Coiner), Audrey (Patrick Barry), Evan Bauer (Jennifer), Elan, Anna and Barbara. Cherished great-grandfather of 5. Fond uncle and friends of many. James worked in public warehousing and eventually started his own companies — Midwest Motorcycle Setups and Contemporary Distribution for the past 47 years. Visitation 4 to 8pm Sunday, November 3rd at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family and friends are invited to meet directly at St. Francis Xavier Church, 124 N. Spring Ave., LaGrange on Monday, November 4th for 10am Mass. Interment to follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For further info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com



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Floyd, Rachel

Rachael Ann Floyd, 31, of Fayetteville died Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Rachael graduated from Brenau Academy of Gainesville, FL and attended college at UNC-Greensboro. She grew up in Fayetteville with her family living also in Raleigh, Wilmington, and Greensboro.

Rachael was loved deeply by her mother, father, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and friends. They will always remember her incredible talents in music, art, and athletics, and cherish their childhood family memories.

Rachael was preceded in death by her loving mother, Mary Eleanor Floyd; grandparents, Lt. Col Albert Edward Williams (R) and Penelope Karotis Williams; and grandmother, Lillian Ruth Floyd.

She is survived by her father, Gregory W. Floyd; sisters, Christina, Kathryn, and Laura; brothers, Jonathan, Christopher, and Nathan; grandfather, Hennard Stephen Floyd; uncles, Steve, Doc, Tomas, Eddie and Leo; brother-in-law, Graham Moore; sister-in-law, Kelly Floyd; and nephews, Oliver, 2, and Eli, 4 months.

Our dear Rachael, we will always remember the good times. May the Lord draw you near to Himself and watch over you forever.

Arrangements by Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home, 545 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC 28301
Online condolences may be sent to <http://www.jerniganwarren.com>

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Friedlander, Daniel Simon 'Jacobson'

Daniel Simon Friedlander, age 86 passed away on Tuesday October 29, 2019.

Beloved husband of the late Shirley Elaine Friedlander nee Tishcoff. Loving father of Alan (Danna) Friedlander, Janet (David) Walker, and Robert Friedlander. Dear grandfather of Max, Gabrielle, Benjamin, Justin, and Marissa Friedlander. Cherished brother of the late Nan Goldsmith.

Daniel was a newspaper man. He grew in the South Shore neighborhood of Chicago where he was a boy scout and attended Hyde Park HS. Dan was described by his grade school pals as always ready to play ball. He was a newspaper delivery boy and talked about having to protect his turf against other paperboys. He graduated from The University of Colorado with a degree in Journalism. His first job out of college was the Chicago City News Services where he was assigned to be the overnight reporter on the police beat. Dan owned the Warren-Newport Township Press newspaper in Gurnee, IL with Shirley before selling it in November of 1962. Dan and Shirley were involved in the Semi-pro basketball team the Lake County Lakers and the Semi-pro football team the Lake County Rifles. Dan shared ownership of his Public Relations Firm, Friedlander Communications with his wife Shirley. He was a long-term resident of Waukegan IL where he was a member of Congregation Am Echod, B'nai Brith, coached his son's youth baseball team, and participated on many charitable / community boards. Dan was active in local politics and political campaigns. He ran for public office. Service Wednesday 12:00 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove (One block North of Lake Cook Road), Buffalo Grove. Interment Am Echod Jewish Cemetery in Waukegan, Illinois. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Am Echod in 15 Commerce Drive, Suite #115, Grayslake, IL 60030, or a charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.



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Friedlander, Shirley Elaine

Shirley Elaine Friedlander nee Tishcoff, 81, passed away on Wednesday October 17th. Shirley was the beloved wife of the late Daniel Simon Friedlander. Loving mother of Alan (Danna) Friedlander, Janet (David) Walker, and Robert Friedlander. Dear grandmother of Max, Gabrielle, Benjamin, Justin, and Marissa Friedlander. Cherished sister of the late

Marvin (Herta) Tishcoff and the late Sandy (Hazel) Tishcoff. She grew up in South Bend, IN and attended Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Shirley started several Virtual Office Support Services companies including The Backyard Office Center, The Office Center of Lincolnshire, and The Office Center of Gurnee. She shared ownership of her businesses with Daniel Friedlander. Shirley and Daniel owned the Warren-Newport Township Press newspaper in Gurnee, IL before selling it in November of 1962. She was a long-term resident of Waukegan IL where she was a member of Congregation Am Echod, participated on many charitable / community boards including B'nai Brith, Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, Waukegan Downtown Association, The Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and The Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club, among many other political and community organizations. Shirley was a team member on The Wal-Jacks Ladies Thursday Morning bowling league. Shirley was active in local politics and ran for public office. Shirley and Dan were the helpers behind many business ventures in Lake County IL. Service Wednesday 12:00 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (One block North of Lake Cook Road), Buffalo Grove. Interment Am Echod Jewish Cemetery in Waukegan, Illinois. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Am Echod at 15 Commerce Drive, Suite #115, Grayslake, IL 60030, or Lincolnshire Rotary Charitable Fund, PO Box 755 Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

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Gubbins, Phyllis O.

Gubbins, Phyllis (nee O'Brien) Beloved wife of 54 years to the late Michael Gubbins. Devoted mother of Kevin (Debbi), Pat (Sue), Tim (Lien), and Maureen (Jeff) Hill. Proud grandmother of Sean, Cara, Anna, Emma, Matt, Mitchell, Elise, Michael, Jack and Clare. Loving sister of the late Patricia and the late Gertrude. Visitation Friday from 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 10:15 a.m. from **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Maryknoll Sisters, Box 311, Maryknoll, NY 10545 www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Haderspeck, Karolina

Karolina Haderspeck, nee Schmid, age 86. Devoted wife of the late Thaddaus; beloved mother of Karolina (Nicholas) Grib, Helga (Jim) Jarosz, Anna (Paul) Draniczarek, Erwin (Anne) Haderspeck and Karl (Carolyn) Haderspeck; loving grandmother of Laura, David (Danielle), Andrew, Steven (Julia), Robert (Melissa), Julie (Marty), Jennifer (Vinnie), Michael (Fiancée Kaylee), Melissa (Fiancée Michael), Kaitlin (Fiancée Stefan), Kevin, Amy, Matthew, Daniel, Elysia and Kirsten; great grandmother of Shayna, Gianna, Luke and Isabella; dear sister of Rita (the late Josef) Riedhammer, Anna (the late Max) Schneider; the late Adolf Schmid, Lotte (Alfred) Hilgart and Willi (Ingrid) Schmid; fond aunt of many. Visitation Friday November 1, 2019 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral services begin Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to Immaculate Conception Church in Chicago for Mass at 9:00 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org, would be greatly appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Kahn, Bert L.

Loving husband of Erika Kahn. Beloved father of Mitchell (Ilana) Kahn, Abby (Rimon) Barr and the late Rita Kahn. Proud grandfather of Aurelia, David, Gabriel, Rafi, Dani and Elijah. Dear brother of Helen (William) Petashnick, Sandra (Robert) Kramer and

Aaron (Miriam) Kahn, Service Wednesday 10:30AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**. 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment at Second Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI. Memorials in his memory to Religious Zionist of Chicago, 3740 W. Dempster, Skokie, Illinois 60076, www.rzcc.us would be appreciated. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Kennedy, Dolores M.

Dolores M. Kennedy, Age 85 nee Daly. Beloved wife of the late Austin Kennedy. Loving mother of Debra (John) Hogan, Scott (Mary), Laura, Michael (Kristen) and the late Steven Kennedy. Devoted grandmother of Brian, Brittany, Nicole, Austin and Kaitlyn. She was preceded in death by her three brothers, Clarence, Robert and Donald Daly. Visitation Thursday October 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge and then we will proceed to St. Francis Borgia Church for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Londos, Thomas

Thomas Londos, of Hinsdale, age 97; beloved husband of the late Virginia M. Londos, nee Barsotti; loving father of James T. Londos; dear brother of the late Betty (the late Jack) Ryan, Theodore (the late Mabel), William, Andrew, George (Erica), and Christ (the late Dolores) Londos; fond uncle, great-uncle and grandpa Tom to many. He was loved and will be missed by all. Visitation Friday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Funeral Saturday 10:00 AM at **Sullivan Funeral Home**, 60 South Grant St. Hinsdale, IL. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. www.sullivan-funeralhomehinsdale.com 630-323-0275



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ON OCTOBER 30 ...

In 1938, the radio play "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS. (The live drama, which employed fake news reports, panicked some listeners who thought its portrayal of a Martian invasion was true.)

In 1953, Gen. George C. Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and Dr. Albert Schweitzer belatedly received his 1952 Nobel.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb with a force estimated at 58 megatons.

In 1974, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round match in Kinshasa, Zaire, to regain the world heavyweight boxing title.

In 1975, Prince Juan Carlos became king of Spain after the death of Francisco Franco.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter nominated Shirley Hufstедler, a federal appellate judge, to head the newly created Department of Education.

In 1989, Mitsubishi Estate Co., a major Japanese real estate concern, announced it was buying 51 percent of Rockefeller Group Inc. of New York.

In 1994, Pope John Paul II named 30 new cardinals, including the archbishops of Baltimore and Detroit and the first-ever from Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and two former East Bloc states, Albania and Belarus.

In 1996, after a four-hour trial, a Chinese court sentenced pro-democracy activist Wang Dan to 11 years in prison for "conspiring to subvert the Chinese government." (Wang was freed in April 1998 and sent into exile in the United States.)

In 1997, a jury in Cambridge, Mass., convicted

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Oct. 29
Mega Millions
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Mega Millions jackpot: \$105M
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Pick 4 midday 8766 / 0
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04 08 18 31 35
Pick 3 evening 094 / 5
Pick 4 evening 7120 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto evening
08 09 16 23 37

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Oct. 29
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Daily 4 midday 6878 / 1
Daily 3 evening 233 / 6
Daily 4 evening 3647 / 6
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Lucchese, Frank

Frank Lucchese, of Northbrook, IL passed away on October 26, 2019 surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of 68 years to the late Betty; his children, Neil (James Tucker), Lynn Lucchese-Soto (Robert Soto), and Dawn (Gianfranco) Isaia. Frank has nine grandchildren: Gianna, Matthew (Ashley), and Thomas Isaia; Zachary (Nina), Frank, and Elizabeth (Jennifer) Lucchese-Soto; Brooks and Rheaves Thomas; and David Pereira. A visitation will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9:00 am until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 am at Saint Patrick Church, 950 W. Everett Rd., Lake Forest, IL. Interment Private. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN. 38105 donors@stjude.org. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Makowski, Leon Paul

Leon Paul Makowski Age 84. Born Dec 22,1934 Passed away Oct 28,2019. Devoted husband of Carol for 61 years. Loving father of Leo, Peter (Lynda) and the late Roger, also devoted to Sam (Ann) Buonauro and grandchildren Isabella, Gabriella and Anthony. Leon was a friend to all and one of the most helpful people you would ever meet. He will be dearly missed. Funeral Thursday Oct 31, 2019 prayers 10:15 am at Matz Funeral Home 3440 N. Central Ave for 11:00 am mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Interment Private. Visitation Wednesday 3 to 9 pm. Info 773-545-5420 or www.matzfuneralhome.com.

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Marks, John David

John David Marks died peacefully on October 20, 2019 in Highland Park, Illinois at the age of 59. John is survived by his wife Ruth Goldfinger Marks, children Matthew, Joseph, and Elizabeth, and brother Bob (Michelle) of Atlanta, GA, cousins David, Danny and Julie Sinykin and Aunt Suzie Sinykin. John was also loved by his sister in laws Karen Goldfinger Baker and Stacey Goldfinger, brother in laws David Baker and Ronnie Goldfinger, nephews and niece Jacob Goldfinger, Rachel Goldfinger, Samuel Baker and Gabriel Baker. He is preceded in death by mother Joy Zuckert and step father Jack Zuckert. John was born on December 20, 1959 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from Nicolet High School, and from Indiana University with a degree in General Studies. John married Ruth, in 1991. After moving to Chicago, John began working as a sales rep for MPK Computing a startup which later became CDW(Computer Discount Warehouse) where as a founding partner. John held various positions including Executive Vice President of Marketing, Procurement and Sales. John later joined Elek-Tek, another Chicago based company as Director of Corporate Sales, Marketing and Executive Management and Hartford Computer Group where his role was similar. In each company he helped to change the course of business through his dynamic understanding of marketing, vendor relationships and had a sales acumen to not just nurture a sales organization to its highest revenues but personally helped a number of today's entrepreneurs in taking a chance to go out on their own. John started JDM Infrastructure in 2001 in his basement and grew the company to \$80 million dollars and offices around the US. While growing his businesses the Marks family also grew and Ruth and John welcomed 3 children into their home and Matthew, Joey and Elizabeth followed faithfully by Stella their beloved Labradoodle. His children remember him as a driven & humorous father who encouraged them to pursue their goals. John was a visionary and touched many lives. A lover of overnight camp (Timberlane), community activities including co-founding Deerfield's Wooden Bat Baseball Tournament, John was generous, witty and dedicated. He loved his family and was passionate about his sports teams including the Green Bay Packers, all Wisconsin sports, any team his kids were on, the Chicago Blackhawks and Bulls and Kopp's Custard. Services were held at Am Shalom Synagogue in Glencoe, IL at 11 AM on Wednesday, October 23rd. The service was beautifully officiated by rabbi Steven Lowenstein. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Friends of the IDF (IsraelDefense Forces) www.IDF.org, in John's honor. The family would also like to thank the Hospice care of Suncrest Hospice and the fabulous team at Warren Barr North Shore and all of our friends and family who offered support and love by visiting John during the past 5 years. For info please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Meinen (Retired), Staff Sgt. Robert W.

He passed away on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Visitation and funeral on Friday at the **Thomas C. Strickland & Sons Funeral Home** in Pooler, GA with burial to follow at Hillcrest Abbey West Cemetery. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Novak, Opal D.

Opal D. Novak, age 96, formerly of Lyons, beloved wife of the late Edward. Loving mother of Edward (Jeanne) Novak, Roxanne (William) Rowatt, Glen (Pati) Novak and the late Linda Banks. Cherished grandma of 11; dearest great-grandma of 11; great-great grandma of one. Beloved sister of Earl Kinder and Loretta Banter. Loving aunt of many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Friday 10am until time of service 12 Noon at **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Holy Family Villa, where Opal was a longtime resident, are appreciated. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries



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Phelps, Kenneth

Kenneth D. Phelps, 90, of Burbank, died peacefully at home Saturday, October 26, 2019. He was born in Chicago January 28, 1929, the son of Wallace and Cecelia (Corbett) Phelps. Ken was a Truck Driver for TEAMSTERS Local 734 for 32 years. He was a Veteran of the Army during the Korean War. Ken married Amelia Dabicci in Chicago January 23, 1954. She preceded him in death. Also preceded in death by 3 brothers; 2 sisters. Dearly missed by his children Michael (Lynda) Phelps, Jean (Robert) Matyskiel, Margaret Abel, Mildred (Michael) David, Dorothy (John) Rosier and Wallace (Jonna) Phelps; beloved father-in-law to Mark Klein and Joseph Berardi; cherished by 9 grandchildren Michelle (Nick) Panico, Kimberly Phelps, Ryan (Paige) Phelps, Michael (Amanda) Lynch, Jonathan (Jamie) Klein, Frank (Perin) Klein, Paul Lipka, Lucas Phelps, and Amelia Phelps, and 4 great-grandchildren Austin, Madelyn, Alyssa, and Lauder; loved by his brother Robert Phelps and sister Peggy (Larry) Barry. Visitation Friday November 1, 2019, 3-9 PM at Schmaedeke Funeral Home. Funeral Saturday November 2, chapel prayers at 10 AM from Schmaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 S. Harlem, Worth. Mass 11 AM at St Louis de Montfort Church 8808 Ridgeland Ave, Oak Lawn. Interment with Military Honors at St Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park. For information 708-448-6000 or www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com

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Pietryla, Theresa Clara

Theresa Clara Pietryla (nee Bonderski) 95 was welcomed into Heaven on October 27, 2019 after a brave battle with dementia and complications of diabetes. Preceded in death by her beloved husband of 38 years, John J. Pietryla. Deeply loved mother of John (Carol) Pietryla, Maryanne (Duane) Schewe, Michael (Sophia) Pietryla, Joanne (Richard) Janulis, Joseph Pietryla & Theresa (Richard) Samanas. Treasured grandmother to Brian, the late Thomas, & Jeffrey (Kadlec); Angela, Scott, Jacob, Jacqueline, Michael, John, Joshua & Daniel (Pietryla); Jillian, Jonathan, Richard & Joanna (Janulis); and Sara (Rak-Pietryla). Great-grandmother to Miki, Cameron, Samone, Matthew, Luke, Hudson, Sophia, Sonya, Stella, Secelia, James, Jacob, Aubrey, Logan, Jack, Lola, McKayla & Dominic. Lovingly cared for by her nurse Agatha Ciochon. The daughter of Polish immigrants, Theresa was born in Chicago's Brighton Park neighborhood, where she met and married her husband, and they raised their 6 children. A proud Polish American and devoted parishioner of St Joseph & St. Ann Parish (n.k.a. Our Lady of Fatima), Theresa will forever be remembered for her generosity, her unflinching love of family & friends, and her incredible strength of character. Visitation to be held November 1st from 3:00p.m. until 9:00p.m. at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd Street, Oak Lawn. Mass of Christian Burial to be held at St. Christina Catholic Church Saturday November 2nd. Interment to follow.

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Scanlan, Harold J. 'Bud'

Harold J. "Bud" Scanlan. Age 92. Retired C.P.D. and U.S. Navy Veteran W.W. II. Loving father of Michael (Patricia) O'Connor. Proud "Pa" of Michael (Erin) O'Connor, Colleen (Chris) Rose, Jack (Maggie) O'Connor and Megan (Jimmy) Troy. Great-grandfather of 15. Dear son of the late Frank and Nora Scanlan. Fond brother of the late Fran Monreal, Gladys Gaworski, Loretta Connolly, Dorothy Rowan, Jean Labus, Shirley Fornero and Jack Scanlan. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 11:00 A.M. from The **Brady-Gill Funeral Home** 16600 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park to St. Damian Church. Mass 11:45 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 2-8 P.M. 708-614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Siver, Barbara Diane

Wife of the late Mohammed (Moe) Dehnavifar, mother of Masood (Angie), Frieda and Davood, grandmother of Lily and Eli, sister of Esther Siver and Ba Donna Nachman. A private family memorial will be held later. In lieu of flowers please donate to Leukemia Research Foundation.

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Stankoskey, Patricia

Patricia "Pat" Stankoskey nee Strzala, 86 of Addison. Beloved wife of the late Andrew. Loving mother of Andrew (Susanne) and Daniel (Jennifer) Stankoskey. Cherished grandmother of Sara, Kyle, Jack and Maxwell. Dear sister of Roman (Donna) and the late Russell Strzala. Funeral Service Saturday 10:30 AM at Humes Funeral Home, 320 W. Lake St., Addison (2 Mi. W. of Rt. 83, 2 Mi. E. of Rt. 53). Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. Visitation Friday, 2-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 4709 Golf Rd., Suite 1015, Skokie 60076 greatly appreciated. For info, www.HumesFH.com or 630.628.8808

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Strohschein, Edmund

Edmund Strohschein, age 89; beloved husband of Irene; loving father of Manfred (Eileen), Lori, Elly and Kurt; cherished grandfather of Lisa (Jeffrey), Heather (John), J.T. (Christina), Anthony, Liam and Johanna; great-grandfather of Mason, Maddox and John III. Visitation, Friday, 9 a.m. until time of Service 12 p.m. at **Kolbus-May Funeral Home** 6857 W. Higgins Ave. Interment St. Luke Cemetery. For information 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com

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Sturgill, Dr. Michael E.

Michael Eugene Sturgill, 64, passed away to be in peace with the Lord on October 14, 2019. Michael always wanted a family. He was a wonderful man and great husband to Milena Sukovic, who did all she could do to help him. He did all he could to help and protect his family. He was fortunate enough to have five biological children: Ryan Sturgill, Eric Sturgill, Kyra Sturgill, Stella Sturgill, Haley Sturgill; and a stepdaughter Aleksandra Dabic. He loved all of his children unconditionally.

Michael was born and raised in Twin Falls, Idaho to a loving Mormon family who taught him strong moral and hard-working family values. Michael leaves his father Eugene Sturgill, brother Jerry Sturgill, brother David Sturgill, brother Robert Sturgill, and sister Julie Sturgill to join their mother Beverly Sturgill in peace. His mother was raised in the Crowley family, who he loved dearly. In his last seven years he appreciated the love and welcome he received from the Sukovic family.

Michael had a huge heart. He had great friends and colleagues who knew him well. He appreciated what they had done for him, especially in the later years: Andrew Fleming Esq., Bob Erikson MD, and Miles Sukovic Esq. Also, his family: Jerry Sturgill, Rob Sturgill, Julie Sturgill, and Gene Sturgill, did all they could to help him in his later years.

Michael told me, as a young child, he was adventurous and loved the large open spaces of the outdoors, especially the Salmon River. He grew up working hard on the family farm. He loved river rafting so much he was a river guide for about ten years. He shared this love with his youngest brother, Rob, who took over the river rafting duties.

Michael was so popular growing up that he was voted senior class president. He was a quarterback of his football team and also did well in track and field and diving. He received a football scholarship at Brigham Young University (BYU), but instead decided to study to become a neurosurgeon.

He was a highly respected emergency neurosurgeon at Chicago's Mount Sinai Hospital. Chicago summers kept him extremely busy to where he hardly slept through the night. He was a caring surgeon. When a cardiac surgeon, who worked at the same hospital as he did, needed emergency neurosurgery, though it was Michael's weekend with his kids, and so he was not on-call, his colleagues begged him to stay late that Friday and do the surgery. The doctor had a full recovery. Milena recalls her and Michael running into a family of one of Michael's patients at Eddie Merlot's in Lincolnshire. The family of the patient explained how no other surgeon told them their mother had a chance to live, except Michael.

He performed the surgery and their mother recovered. They were so appreciative they bought him gifts including a blue Gucci tie. He had no idea what Gucci was, but he loved to wear the tie as it made him feel very appreciated for being great at what he loved to do, help people.

He greatly respected and appreciated his Physician Assistant, Val Cooper, for keeping his surgery room organized and for being a great friend.

He was such a highly respected neurosurgeon that he was asked to be an expert witness on the topic of neurosurgery at trials.

He was a great loving man who believed in Jesus Christ. He suffered from parental alienation.

Milena is holding a memorial service for Michael on Sunday December 8, 2019 at 4pm at **St Basil Serbian Orthodox Church** at 27450 N Bradley Rd, Mettawa, IL 60045 where he was always welcomed by V. Rev. Fr. Djuro Krosnjak and the members. Please share kind words of Michael with us.

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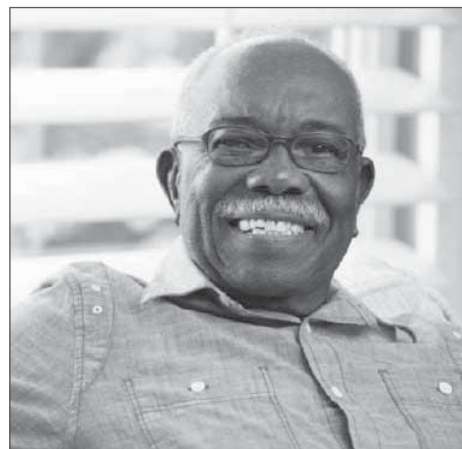
Zylka, Robert William

Robert William Zylka, age 76, of Orland Park, U.S. Navy Vet, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2019. Loving husband of over 40 years to the late Leona Zylka; Beloved father to Scott (Elizabeth) Zylka; Cherished grandfather to Nicholas; Dear brother to Richard (Bernadette) and Mary (John) Ziarko; Uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Funeral Service to begin at 9 AM on Friday, 11/1, at **Orland Funeral Home**, 9900 W 143rd St, Orland Park, proceeding to St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland Ave, Orland Park, for a 9:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Holy Sepulchre to follow. Visitation will be from 4-9 PM on Thursday, 10/31, at the Funeral Home. For more information, please call 708-460-7500.

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Ja'Marius Proter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Keaira Sanders
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00962

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Jack Porter (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 30, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Peter Wilkett in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 11/20/2019, at 11:00 AM IN CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Jerome Calhoun

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Veronica Johnson
(Mother) AKA Veronica Calhoun

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01080

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 26, 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 11/20/2019, 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 of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 2, 2019 6470495

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Miguel Guevara Sebastian Guevara

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Maribel Martinez
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00541 19JA00542

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Miguel Guevara (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 23, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 11/20/2019, at 11:00 AM IN CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 19, 2019 6456058

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Nima Mallory

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Beautiful Mallory
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00715

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Dashon Jones (Father) AKA Dashon Jones, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 08, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 11/20/2019, at 2:30 PM IN CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 08, 2019 6493933

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority"), gives notice that it will hold a public hearing on November 14, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., at the offices of the Authority located at 111 East Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60601, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and in connection with a plan of finance by the Authority to issue not to exceed \$150,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its mortgage revenue bonds, in one or more series, on one or more issue dates during the next three (3) years (the "Bonds").

The Bonds will be issued (i) to finance previously originated (or to-be-originated) qualifying mortgage loans on residences located in the State of Illinois through the purchase of Mortgage Backed Securities owned and held by the Authority in its Administrative Fund or other Authority funds (or participation interests in such Mortgage Backed Securities), (ii) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds, (iii) to pay accrued interest and capitalized interest on the Bonds, if required, and/or (iv) to finance second lien loans for down payment assistance or closing cost assistance that will not be subject to the lien and pledge of the Authority pursuant to which the Bonds will be issued. All interested persons may attend the public hearing to express their views relative to the proposed financing either orally or in writing. Written comments presented prior to the public hearing may be sent to the Authority, attention: Legal Department, at the above address or moahle@ihda.org. Oral comments will be limited to ten minutes per commentator. Accommodation will be made for persons with special needs by contacting the Legal Department at the above address. Further information may be obtained in advance of the public hearing by calling the offices of the Authority, Legal Department, Maureen G. Ohle at 312-836-5339 on regular business days between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Maureen G. Ohle, General Counsel
Illinois Housing Development Authority
10/30/2019 6488029

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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
Rashaad Walker AKA J Williams

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD01489

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, George Garmon (Father), respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on September 17, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Darron Edward Bowden in the 1100 South Hamilton Chicago, Illinois on 11/15/2019 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 61 COURTROOM 6,

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.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
October 10, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
C. Vallulis, S. Auyeung

ATTORNEY FOR:
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton
CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000
ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
October 10, 2019 6485493

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Rashaad Walker AKA J Williams

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD01489

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Roberta Walker (Mother), respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on September 17, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Darron Edward Bowden in the 1100 South Hamilton Chicago, Illinois on 11/15/2019 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 61 COURTROOM 6,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
October 10, 2019

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
October 10, 2019 6485504

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") gives notice that it will hold a hearing on November, 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Authority located at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60601 in connection with the proposed issuance by the Authority of not to exceed \$15,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its tax-exempt bonds and/or notes (collectively, the "Bonds"), in one or more series, pursuant to a common plan of finance. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance or refinance, through a new mortgage loan to the Owner listed below (or an affiliate thereof), (i) the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and/or equipping of the multifamily residential housing property set forth below (the "Development"), and (ii) the costs of issuance, for the Bonds.

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The Authority is a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois created by the Illinois Housing Development Act, as amended [20 ILCS 3805/1] (the "Act"), for the purpose of assisting in the financing of decent, safe and sanitary housing for persons and families of low and moderate income in Illinois. The Authority is authorized by the Act to issue the Bonds to finance the Development described in this Notice. This public hearing is being held to comply with the requirements of Section 147(f) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the relevant regulations promulgated thereunder. Oral comments may be limited to ten minutes. Written comments may also be submitted to, and additional information obtained from, the Authority at its offices at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60601 at any time prior to the public hearing. Maureen Ohle
General Counsel
Illinois Housing Development Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Community Builders, Inc. (TCB) plans to submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a substantial amendment to its Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) program awarded under an allocation of funds provided under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-05/Recovery Act.) for additional activities under Division B, Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-289/HERA), as amended, for the purpose of assisting in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes under the Emergency Assistance for Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes heading in order to allow it to expand funds in certain census tracts in the local area. HUD awarded TCB \$78 million to purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed and/or abandoned multifamily housing or to construct new multifamily housing on vacant land. It seeks authorization to include Census Tract 17031812900, in its target geography in Oak Park, IL.

For more detailed information on proposed use of the funds, please see the draft substantial amendment at <http://www.tcbinc.org/msp2.html>
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Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Center intends to cease operations of its Sub acute Care Unit following receipt of approval to do so from the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("IHFSRB"). It is anticipated that the discontinuation will occur before January 30, 2020. This hospital intends to file the Certificate of Exemption application with the IHFSRB by October 31, 2019, after which additional information relating to the proposed discontinuation may be found on the IHFSRB website at ihfsrb.illinois.gov. 10/30/2019 6493565

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NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD (Firm ID: 38245) Attorneys 105 W. Adams, Suite 1800 Chicago, Illinois 60603 STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK, ss - IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff vs. JERONIMO RIOS CRUZ, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, et. al., Defendants, Case No. 19 CH 10171. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, JERONIMO RIOS CRUZ and UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 11 IN FRANK DE LUGAGH'S 71ST STREET HIGHLANDS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY ACQUIRED BY CONDEMNATION IN COUNTY COURT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN CASE 8854, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN: 19-30-101-014-0000. Commonly known as: 7025 W. 71st Street, Chicago, IL 60638, and which said Mortgage was made by JERONIMO RIOS CRUZ as Mortgagor(s) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 1312941039, and the present owners(s) of the property being JERONIMO RIOS CRUZ, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued by said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, Richard J Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Room 802, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before November 29, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Dated, Chicago, Illinois Clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Last known addresses: 7025 W. 71st Street, Chicago, IL 60638. Defendant Address: 7025 W. 71st Street, Chicago, IL 60638. 10/30, 11/6, 13/2019 6494051

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TO: Michael Kinsch; Roberto Delacelda, Daniel Benami, Damian Antele, and Jose Paul Tremblay; First Midwest Bank; Wheeler Financial, Inc., IRS, U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Briar Trace Condominium Association, Briar Trace Condominium Association, and Byline Bank; Occupant, 1115 E Algonquin Road, Unit 2, Arlington Heights, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003818. FILED: October 11, 2019. TAKE NOTICE: County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 175-0002170. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2011-2014. 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: 1115 E Algonquin Road, Unit 2, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 08-15-402-025-1062. 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 3/25/2020. 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 3/25/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/1/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/25/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Chicago Assets, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 25, 2019. 10/30, 31, 11/1/2019 6491509

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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:

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'Ummmm, I didn't'

— Bears kicker Eddy Pineiro on whether he wanted his game-deciding kick on the left hash

BY DAN WIEDERER

The question was a sincere query as to whether Bears kicker Eddy Pineiro had the ball exactly where he wanted it for Sunday's game-deciding field-goal attempt.

We already know Matt Nagy was confident in Pineiro's ability to connect from inside of 45 yards and therefore forfeited an opportunity, or maybe even two, to push the ball a bit closer for his young kicker.

But with a significant right-to-left wind blowing, what went into determining where Pineiro would prefer to kick from? Left hash? Middle of the field? Right hash?



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"It's just the aiming points," Pineiro said Tuesday. "I mean the left hash is going to be a different kick than (from) the right hash. And it's going to be a different kick in the middle."

For that last kick, though, did Pineiro want the ball on the left hash where the Bears set him up?

"Ummmm," he said. "I didn't. But, I mean, it is what it is?"

Record scratch. Hold up. So where would Pineiro have wanted the ball? Center of the field?

You could feel the kicker's stomach sinking, his regret from that small-but-oh-so-huge revelation washing over him.

"You just got me on that one," he said. "Damn."

Pressed on whether the middle of the field would have given him his best opportunity, Pineiro sighed and shrugged.

"I guess," he said. "I don't know." It goes without saying that Pineiro should be able to consistently make a 41-yard kick from any spot, particularly on a mild fall afternoon at Soldier Field.

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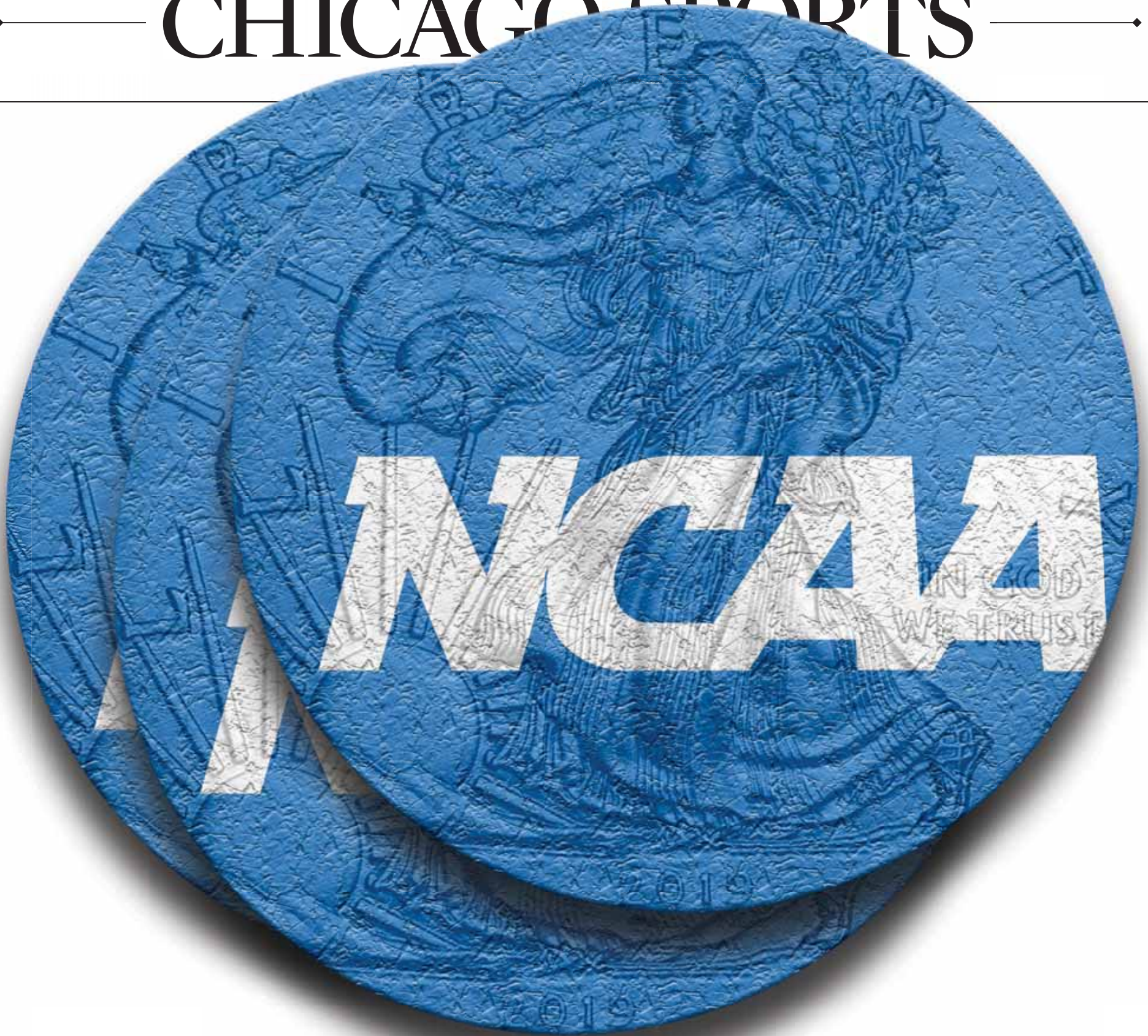
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NCAA FINALLY BREAKS — PLAYERS CAN EARN A BUCK

Major change on way: Athletes soon may profit from their names, images

It's happening. And it's happening quickly.

The NCAA announced Tuesday that its top governing board voted unanimously to allow student-athletes to profit on their names, images and likenesses. The Board of Governors' action calls for each of the NCAA's three divisions to immediately consider updates to their rules and have them in place by January 2021.

"We must embrace change to provide the best possible experience for college athletes," said Michael Drake, the board chair and Ohio State president.



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On colleges

This move seemed inevitable after California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the Fair Pay to Play Act into law a month ago, making it illegal for NCAA schools in that state to bar athletes from being paid for endorsements, autograph signings and other activities. Many other states, including Illinois, have proposed similar bills.

But the California law won't take effect until Jan. 1, 2023, and there were signs that the NCAA's old guard was in no rush to institute sweeping changes.

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Hiring Ross can't be Cubs' biggest change



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

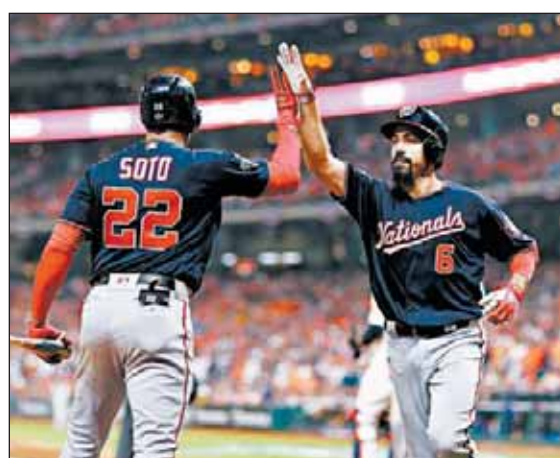
Nobody doubts that David Ross knows what winning looks like. But the biggest question of the offseason is whether Cubs President Theo Epstein recognizes the need to overhaul the roster so that naming a new manager isn't the most significant change he makes.

If Epstein responds appropriately, the addition of Ross will pale in comparison with a major trade

or free-agent signing for a team facing a talent deficit. Watching the playoffs has reinforced that reality. The Cubs need power arms and versatile bats, the things that made the Astros and Nationals so dangerous.

Remember when the Cubs were supposed to be what the Astros became? A funny thing happened on the way to a dynasty, except nobody on the North Side is laughing.

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WORLD SERIES

And away we go: Nationals force Game 7

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PREDATORS 3, BLACKHAWKS 0

Seabrook, Crawford see ice time melting

Lineups give a hint of team's plans for future and present

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Corey Crawford marched into the Blackhawks locker room after Tuesday's morning skate, cheerily handing out fist bumps as he always does to whoever happens to be in his path.

Nobody was clamoring to talk to him about being on the bench for the fourth

time in five games while Robin Lehner, whom coach Jeremy Colliton tabbed to be in goal Tuesday against the Predators, moved ahead of Crawford in season starts.

A few minutes later, defenseman Brent Seabrook lumbered in after being one of the last to leave the ice. Getting in some extra skating is standard practice for players who will be a healthy scratch that night, as Seabrook was for the second straight game.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



BRAD BIGGS

Bears' leaders can't go mute

It was noteworthy when Khalil Mack spoke to reporters in the Soldier Field locker room Sunday after the Bears' 17-16 loss to the Chargers. It was the first time this season the star outside linebacker had spoken with media after a loss.

Inside linebacker Roquan Smith, meanwhile, talked Tuesday at Halas Hall for only the second time since he missed the Week 4 victory over the Vikings because of a personal reason.

Before Sunday, neither player had spoken with media since before the Oct. 6 loss to the Raiders in London. The Bears had said Friday the plan was for Mack and Smith to be available for questions that day. When coach Matt Nagy was made aware of players repeatedly dodging league-mandated media responsibilities, he said, "That's not the choice that we want at all."

It's unfortunate on a couple of levels. I understand a segment of fans could not care less whether players ever speak to the media. A couple of things make this situation problematic, though, not the least of which is that the Bears don't have a system in place to prevent this from happening. Again, media responsibilities for players are league-mandated.

Mack is the highest-paid defensive player in the NFL, a designation he still holds 14 months after the Bears acquired him in the blockbuster deal with the Raiders. When he does speak, he's thoughtful and occasionally humorous. When the defense plays well, people want to know what Mack has to say. When the defense plays poorly, Mack needs to make himself available.

Smith hasn't played at his usual level since sitting out the Vikings game. Nagy has said as much, and defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano danced around the issue last week. While Smith did speak during Tuesday's open media period — expressing encouragement with his improved play against the Chargers — he bolted from the locker room last Wednesday without talking.

When Smith chooses not to talk, he leaves teammates to speak for him. Or there's always the tape, which hasn't always reflected positively on him recently.

In these situations, I always think back to when I started on the Bears beat in 2001. I was fortunate there was a locker room full of players who were accountable in good times and bad. No one exemplified that better than center Olin Kreutz.



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Khalil Mack and other Bears leaders need to speak to the media when appropriate.

An open locker-room period didn't go by without Kreutz being available for questions at his locker. Pick the day of the week, he was there. It was particularly noticeable in 2002, when the team was in the midst of an eight-game losing streak, and again in 2004, when the offense was a wreck with its three substandard starting quarterbacks.

If you had questions, Kreutz would entertain them. He was an example for others to follow: Be a pro. Speak for the product you put on the field.

Kreutz didn't always enjoy it. There's no way it was fun at times. But if he was going to be considered a team leader, he was going to be available.

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9 p.m. Clippers at Jazz	ESPN
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9 p.m. WGC-HSBC Champions	Golf
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6 p.m. Texas at Texas Tech	ESPNU
7 p.m. Maryland at Wisconsin	BTN
8 p.m. Florida at Missouri	ESPNU

ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

Why didn't the Bears make a move at the trade deadline? *Fred A.*
The Bears already are short on draft capital for 2020. The bill eventually was going to come due on the Khalil Mack trade. The Bears need to pay it and get back to having a full complement of draft picks or close to it. Conversely, I don't think Pace thought the Bears would be in position to be sellers.

Crossword

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Solutions

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- 56 Cry

Pineiro

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And the 24-year-old kicker has, to his credit, taken responsibility for his game-ending misfire, the last blow in a painful 17-16 Bears loss to the Chargers.

But it's also worth noting that Pineiro's kick barely snuck outside the left upright, a boot that conceivably would have been good from a couple of yards closer or a couple of yards to the right.

Suddenly, an already agonizing home defeat has another layer of mystifying detail that raises significant questions about how the Bears botched that potential game-winning situation.

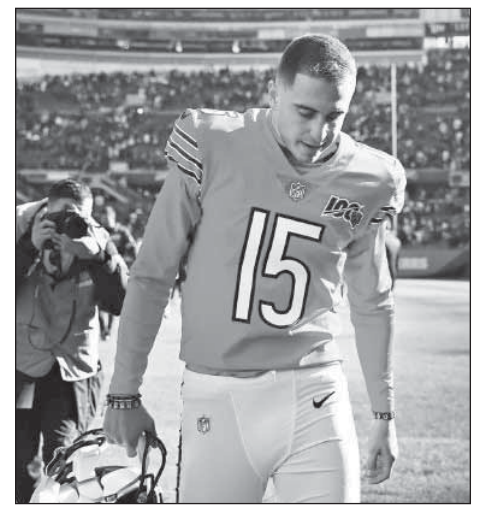
Coaches were not available to reporters on Tuesday at Halas Hall. Per the team's normal routine, Nagy will speak again before practice Wednesday, followed by quarterback Mitch Trubisky. Special teams coordinator Chris Tabor will hold his weekly media session Thursday.

It's fair to assume the Bears will be in dodge mode by then. But after Nagy already has been put under the microscope for his risk-reward explanation on the decision to kneel rather than run another play with 43 seconds left, the Bears coach will now have to address why Pineiro wasn't positioned exactly where he wanted to be for a kick that made the difference between a 4-3 record and the current 3-4 pain.

Again, the Bears had 43 seconds left. Coming out of a timeout. With one final timeout still to use.

Was there a miscommunication among the coaches during that critical stretch? Did Nagy know where his kicker wanted the ball? Did Pineiro speak up enough? Did Trubisky not tend to an important detail on that final kneel, failing to take the ball toward the middle of the field?

Answers to those questions aren't yet available. But that those questions are being



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Bears kicker Eddy Pineiro leaves the field after Sunday's loss to the Chargers.

asked is another sign that Sunday's avoidable one-point defeat might be even more painful for the Bears than it first felt.

The loss, and all the errors within, also has intensified the outside scrutiny on why a season that began with Super Bowl hopes has begun as a major disappointment with undeniable revelations of this team's flaws and the thin margin for error the Bears seem to keep shrinking themselves.

Nagy said Monday that he has "the ultimate faith" in Pineiro, confident the kicker's two field-goal misses Sunday won't become a regular thing. Pineiro also has put himself back in the next-kick mindset, ready to grind out another productive practice week before the trip to Philadelphia this weekend.

"I'm just trying to keep a steady head," he said. "I've just got to keep kicking."

The Bears, of course, will have to be sharper in doing everything they can to position their young kicker for success. In that regard, they stumbled Sunday. As Pineiro himself said, it is what it is.

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BEARS



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Roquan Smith couldn't stop Austin Ekeler from scoring but had a productive game Sunday.

WHAT WE LEARNED

Smith's energy level on the rise

BY COLLEEN KANE

Bears players regrouped at Halas Hall on Tuesday as they try to figure out how to avoid a fourth straight loss when they face the Eagles on Sunday in Philadelphia.

Here are three things we heard in the locker room.

1. Roquan Smith said he is where he wants to be physically and mentally.

A few days after coach Matt Nagy said Smith needed to play better than he had in losses to the Raiders and Saints, the inside linebacker bounced back with a better performance Sunday.

Smith played a big part in the run defense holding the Chargers to 36 yards on 12 carries. He twice stopped Austin Ekeler for no gain on a third-quarter drive, including on third down at the Bears 2-yard line to force the Chargers to kick a field goal. He had five tackles, and Pro Football Focus graded him the highest among all Bears defensive players.

"I felt like I was downhill in the game," Smith said. "I feel like I definitely improved that aspect. That was one of the biggest things."

Smith showed energy from the first play, when he helped Danny Trevathan stop Ekeler on a gain of 3 yards, then leaped from the pile, nearly running into an official.

"It was just (being) happy to be out there with my guys," Smith said. "It's just living the dream, so (I) think about it from that perspective. People would die to be in the position I'm in, so it's just thinking about it from that mindset."

Smith spoke Tuesday for the first time since the week after he missed the Vikings game because of a personal issue. His muted play in the two games that followed left Nagy and defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano answering questions about his performance. So the Bears can count it as a positive in Sunday's loss that he thought he played a "solid" game.

"I feel like there's always room for improvement," Smith said. "I never feel like I'm doing everything. There's always more."

2. Prince Amukamara agreed with Matt Nagy's decision to have Mitch Trubisky kneel before Eddy Pineiro's 41-yard field-goal attempt.

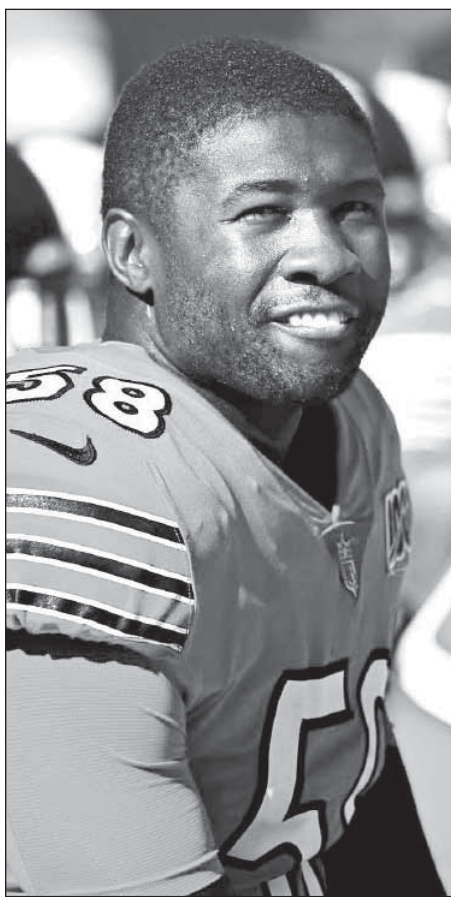
The Bears cornerback brought up the topic unsolicited when asked about Nagy's leadership after a 3-4 start.

With 43 seconds left Sunday, Nagy opted for the kneel instead of running more plays to try to get Pineiro closer, and Pineiro missed what would have been the winner.

Amukamara said Nagy has been high-energy and positive — and doesn't live with regret, including with that choice.

"I agree with the decision," Amukamara said. "So many things could have happened, whether it's a holding call or a fumble or anything. To be honest, that's a kick we're expecting Eddy to make, and Eddy knows that."

"So (Nagy is) a guy who doesn't live with regret. Plus he is so specific and precise on details and those situations. He already had a plan, I believe, going up into that."



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

"People would die to be in the position I'm in, so it's just thinking about it from that mindset."

— Roquan Smith

3. Left tackle Charles Leno said the offensive line can build on its performance Sunday.

The Bears ran for a season-high 162 yards, and David Montgomery had 27 carries for 135 yards, the most by a Bears running back since Jordan Howard's 147 against the Bengals in Week 13 of 2017.

"A game like this will help all of us on offense because we know we can run the ball," Leno said. "It's going to help everything out — balance, the run game mixed with the pass game. We just need to capitalize when we get close to the end zone."

As Nagy did Monday, Leno pointed to the Bears' first offensive play as setting the tone. Lined up in the I-formation with tight end J.P. Holtz as the fullback, Montgomery charged forward through a big hole and then spun off would-be tacklers to gain 10 yards.

"You can see it from the first play — I-formation, simple, but it's just a way that offensive linemen and running backs can hit their hole, get off the ball and just be physical," Leno said. "And that's what we were doing. Not a lot of RPO stuff, just going straight at defenders because as offensive linemen and running backs, that's what we like to do. We like to go straight downhill."

NFL POWER RANKINGS

Colts keep winning, rising

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune



1. Patriots 8-0 (Last week: 1): Yes, their schedule has been packed with punching bags, but you can't deny the utter dominance the Patriots have displayed on defense.



2. Saints 7-1 (2): The return of Drew Brees sparked the Saints in a 31-9 victory over the Cardinals. It was the fifth time the Saints topped 30 points this season.



3. 49ers 7-0 (3): Their roll continued as the 49ers routed the Panthers. The 49ers can set their sights on playing for a playoff bye, but their schedule gets much more difficult.



4. Packers 7-1 (4): Matt LaFleur is the first coach in Packers history to begin his career 7-1. Running back Aaron Jones has turned into a multi-dimensional threat.



5. Colts 5-2 (6): The Colts barely beat the Broncos on Sunday, but they have won 14 of their last 17 regular-season games and their next three opponents are all under .500.



6. Chiefs 5-3 (5): They proved they are more than just Patrick Mahomes in a competitive loss to the Packers with backup QB Matt Moore at the helm — a good sign.



7. Ravens 5-2 (8): The Ravens come off their open date having won three straight games and preparing for a huge road game Sunday night vs. the Patriots.



8. Vikings 6-2 (10): Stefon Diggs is heating up. He just broke Hall of Famer Randy Moss' franchise record for receiving yards in three consecutive games with 452.



9. Texans 5-3 (7): They rallied for a 27-24 victory over the Raiders, but the game came with a significant loss — defensive star J.J. Watt suffered a season-ending injury.



10. Seahawks 6-2 (11): It's difficult to say how good this Seahawks team is. Only one of their six wins has come against a team that entered Week 8 with a winning record.



11. Rams 5-3 (12): They took care of business in London vs. the Bengals. So the Rams enter their week off with time to rest and prepare for a favorable lineup of games.



12. Cowboys 4-3 (13): The open date came at a perfect time for the injury-plagued Cowboys. Three of their next four games are on the road.



13. Eagles 4-4 (16): Has Doug Pederson turned into a run-first play-caller? The Eagles are eighth in rushes per game at 29.4 and 13th in yards per game at 125.



14. Lions 3-3-1 (15): The Lions were able to hold off the Giants at home to snap a three-game losing streak. Matt Patricia's team needed to get back on track.



15. Bills 5-2 (9): The Bills' trend of feasting on mediocre-to-bad teams came to an end at home vs. the Eagles. The good news is that the schedule turns soft again.



16. Panthers 4-3 (14): The Panthers' four-game winning streak came to a crashing halt as the 49ers blew them out 51-13. Kyle Allen will start again Sunday.



17. Jaguars 4-4 (20): Gardner Minshew has one more start to state a case to remain the starter at QB. Nick Foles is eligible to return from IR for the Nov. 17 game.



18. Steelers 3-4 (21): Mason Rudolph moved to 2-0 in his career on Monday night as the Steelers rallied from a 14-0 deficit to keep the lowly Dolphins winless.



19. Titans 4-4 (23): Ryan Tannehill was efficient again and threw for three TDs as the Titans held off the Bucs to win a close game for the second straight week.



20. Raiders 3-4 (17): Derek Carr had a big game tossing three TDs, but the Raiders couldn't get it done in the fourth quarter as 11 penalties took a toll in a loss to the Texans.



21. Chargers 3-5 (24): They snapped a three-game skid when Bears kicker Eddy Pineiro missed a 41-yard FG as time expired. Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good.



22. Bears 3-4 (18): The Bears have lost three straight games for the first time since a five-game skid during the 2017 season, John Fox's final campaign as coach.



23. Browns 2-5 (19): Well, Browns fans know misery better than just about any other franchise, so this season's miserable start isn't anything new.



24. Cardinals 3-4-1 (22): With David Johnson banged up and replacement Chase Edmonds suffering a hamstring injury, the Cardinals traded for RB Kenyan Drake.



25. Broncos 2-6 (25): Their late-game woes continued as Adam Vinatieri's 51-yard FG sunk the Broncos with 22 seconds left. It was their third loss in the final 30 seconds.



26. Giants 2-6 (27): Daniel Jones' fumbling issue persists. He has made progress but needs to take better care of the ball — it was a problem in the preseason as well.



27. Buccaneers 2-5 (26): Jameis Winston was picked off twice and lost two fumbles in a 27-23 road loss to the Titans. Coach Bruce Arians blamed receivers for the picks.



28. Jets 1-6 (28): The Jets' Super Bowl arrives this week with coach Adam Gase leading his team to face the Dolphins — his former team — in Miami.



29. Falcons 1-7 (29): The 1-7 Falcons enter their week off with time to sort through the wreckage of a disastrous first half of the season.



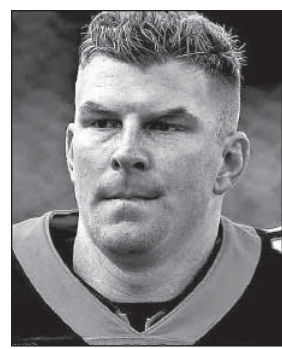
30. Redskins 1-7 (30): They're 1-7 for the fourth time in franchise history and first since 1998. In many other years, the Redskins would be holding down No. 32.



31. Bengals 0-8 (31): The Bengals scored only once in four red-zone trips vs. the Rams. In many other years, the Bengals would be holding down No. 32.



32. Dolphins 0-7 (32): They stand no chance when coach Brian Flores and his staff make boneheaded decisions. That's what the Dolphins were guilty of Monday.



ANDY LYONS/GETTY

The Bengals benched QB Andy Dalton, ending his nine-year starting run.

NFL

Winless Bengals bench Dalton

Associated Press

With no wins at the season's midpoint, the Bengals figured it was time to end Andy Dalton's tenure and see if rookie Ryan Finley is their quarterback of the future.

Coach Zac Taylor decided Tuesday to bench Dalton, ending his nine-season run as a starter. The move came two days after a 24-10 loss to the Rams in London left the Bengals 0-8 for the first time in 11 years.

The first-year coach decided to use the off week to get Finley — a fourth-round pick from N.C. State — ready to face the Ravens on Nov. 10. It's less a referendum on Dalton than an indication that the franchise is looking long term now that the season has slipped away.

Finley looked good in preseason with backups but hasn't taken a snap in the regular season.

Dalton, 32, has one more year left on his contract. He led the AFC in passer rating in 2015, the most recent time the Bengals reached the playoffs, but has struggled the last few years as the offensive line deteriorated and top receiver A.J. Green missed time with injuries.

Dalton led the Bengals to a club-record five straight playoff appearances from 2011-15 but couldn't get that elusive postseason win.

"It's not an easy decision when a guy's given it his all for nine years," Taylor said. "He certainly deserves better. You wanted to win games with him."

Williams ends holdout: Left tackle Trent Williams reported to the Redskins, ending his lengthy holdout.

The seven-time Pro Bowler hadn't reported all season because of a dispute with the team over the handling of a medical situation.

The Redskins didn't deal Williams, 31, before the trade deadline, which prompted his return. Williams needed to be eligible to play at least six regular-season games to accrue a year of his contract and not have it tolled.

Extra points: Steelers RB James Conner underwent an MRI after suffering a shoulder injury late in Monday night's comeback win over the Dolphins. Conner ran for 145 yards. ... The Rams traded CB Aqib Talib and a fifth-round pick in 2020 to the Dolphins for an undisclosed future draft choice. The 33-year-old five-time Pro Bowler is on IR with a rib injury and might not play again this season. If Talib doesn't, he may never end up playing for the rebuilding Dolphins. ... The Dolphins placed Pro Bowl CB Xavien Howard on IR with a knee injury. It's not clear yet if Howard, 26, will need surgery. ... The Falcons released 44-year-old K Matt Bryant, cutting ties with the leading scorer in franchise history for the second time in less than a year. The Falcons brought in Younghoe Koo, 25, as Bryant's replacement.

CUBS

Haugh

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Two straight underachieving seasons have left Epstein needing to bolster the rotation, retool the bullpen, find a leadoff hitter and fix a broken offense. He must keep an open mind to trade scenarios involving anyone and everyone. That's all.

In no way does that diminish the arrival of Ross, who won Monday's news conference without his best stuff. It was refreshing to see Ross, with his parents on hand and his emotions on display, fight nerves as he talked faster than he used to during mound visits.

He repeated the word "accountability" umpteen times. He hemmed and hawed. He fidgeted. Here was a guy who had achieved national fame, thanks to a popular television show and a book about his life, succumbing to the anxiety of the spotlight in a way that made him more relatable.

That humility will help Ross adapt to the job as much as his familiarity with the Cubs organization. He knows what he doesn't know, so occasionally there will be a gap between what he is trying to say and what we are attempting to understand. So be it. He wasn't hired to co-host a show with Ryan Dempster on Marquee Sports Network.

Predecessor Joe Maddon spoiled Chicago with so much savvy and polish whenever he spoke, from the way Maddon spun old stories to how he spoke in T-shirt slogans. It's not fair to hold Ross to that standard, especially early, because the worst thing he can do is try to be someone else.

Ross lasted 15 years in the majors as a backup catcher by being the grinder he is, a guy as good at listening as he was receiving, the consummate teammate with charisma that thrust him naturally into leadership roles. Compared with Maddon, Ross might seem inelegant behind the microphone, but it won't matter if his words resonate in the clubhouse. That's where Ross will do his best work.

If Maddon was hired in 2015 to change the culture of the Cubs, Ross will be expected to shock it. Players Ross once called teammates took advantage of Maddon's laissez-faire attitude often enough to require upheaval. They fell into what Epstein has called the "winner's trap," no matter who set it.

This is why Ross kept hammering the importance of holding players accountable, the reason Epstein offered the anecdote of Ross once getting in his face over pitch selection. This is what gave Ross the edge over others with whom Epstein didn't share a past. This is when "Grandpa Rossy" steps aside so "Bossy Rossy" can do his job.

That expectation of accountability now challenges Ross to transition from buddy to manager and make all 25 players comfortably uncomfortable.



Theo Epstein, left, listens as new Cubs manager David Ross answers questions Monday.

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Will Ross bench the first guy who admires an assumed home run only to end up on first base with a long single? How will the first baserunning blunder be handled?

Those questions fell under several bullet points the Cubs prioritized Monday when publicly introducing Ross:

- 1. Kill the "Grandpa Rossy" persona so that nobody questions whether he can have tough conversations with his friends.
- 2. Distance Ross from the 2016 World Series team enough to suggest the Cubs are looking forward, not back.

- 3. Refute any notion of Ross as a marionette of the front office and emphasize he is his own man.

Check. Check. And check.

"If you're a front office and you want a puppet, you don't hire David Ross," Epstein said.

Instinct likely compelled Epstein to fight that growing perception, but after deeper consideration, why should the Cubs or any team apologize for having a manager who represents an extension of the front office?

Option decisions loom on 7 players

BY MARK GONZALES

In addition to finalizing new manager David Ross' coaching staff, the Cubs will perform some roster housekeeping shortly.

They have five days after the World Series ends to pick up the 2020 contract options on seven players, including first baseman Anthony Rizzo and starting pitcher Jose Quintana. They're expected to pick up the \$14.5 million option on Rizzo and the \$11.5 million option on Quintana.

The Cubs will pay closer Brandon Morrow a \$3 million buyout instead of picking up his \$12 million option and likely will do the same with reliever Derek Holland, who has a \$6.5 million option and \$500,000 buyout.

Three other pitchers have team options with no buyout: David Phelps (\$5 million), Tony Barnette (\$3 million) and Kendall Graveman (\$3 million).

Starting pitcher Yu Darvish and outfielder Jason Heyward are not expected to opt out of their contracts. Darvish raised his value in the second half of 2019 but indicated at the end of the season he wasn't inclined to explore free agency.

Darvish is owed \$81 million over four years and Heyward \$86 million over four years if they remain with the Cubs. Opt-out deadlines vary according to each contract; Heyward's deadline is five days after the World Series ends.

Eight players can become free agents the day after the World Series ends: outfielder Nicholas Castellanos, infielder Ben Zobrist, catcher Jonathan Lucroy and pitchers Cole Hamels, Steve Cishek, Pedro Strop, Brandon Kintzler and Xavier Cedeno.

Would it be so bad if Ross' moves have Epstein's fingerprints all over them? Isn't that a wise use of resources?

More than ever, major-league teams invest heavily in brain power, so it follows to have an employee in the dugout carrying out decisions based on the data the front office gathered. That's modern baseball thinking. You don't have to like the trends to accept them.

In that context, hiring Ross after he spent three seasons learning all facets of the organization was an easy choice for the Cubs.

It will look like a smart one if Epstein takes the same pragmatic approach to the roster.

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WORLD SERIES

Nats get angry, then get even

Nationals manager Dave Martinez, above, argues a disputed interference call at first base with his team clinging to a one-run lead during the seventh inning of Game 6 of the World Series on Tuesday night in Houston. It didn't matter. Anthony Rendon made it all better two batters later with a two-run home run that lifted the Nationals to a 7-2 victory and forced Game 7. Rendon added a two-run double two innings later. Martinez was ejected after coming onto the field after the top of the seventh ended. Bench coach Chip Hale had to hold him back from getting at crew chief Gary Cederstrom. Nationals ace Max Scherzer will start Wednesday night's decisive game after missing his scheduled Game 5 start and receiving an injection for an irritated nerve near his neck. Zack Greinke will start for the Astros. It's the first time in MLB, NBA and NHL history that the road team has won six games in a best-of-seven postseason series.

Calls grow for robot umps

After strike zone controversy in Game 5, issue at forefront

By BEN WALKER
Associated Press

HOUSTON — From the box seats to the far reaches of the bleachers, all 40,000 umpires in the stands at Nationals Park were sure they could tell: Gerrit Cole's fastball to Victor Robles missed the strike zone.

By at least an inch, clearly. That's not how Lance Barksdale saw it. He rung up Robles on strike three, leaving the Nationals rookie hopping mad, and soon the ballpark was filled with angry chants at the plate umpire.

With every pitch at the World Series hurtling toward that strike zone box superimposed on TV screens, the call gets louder and louder: Bring on the robot ump!

"That's a hot topic," Astros manager AJ Hinch said Monday. "This is a big stage to be talking about hot topics. I guess it's always possible."

"I think it's a little naive to think that simply letting computers generate strike or ball," he said, "it's incredibly naive to think that there's not going to be pitfalls in that scenario, as well."

Shortly before Robles struck out, Nationals manager Dave Martinez was perturbed when a pitch by one of his relievers didn't go his team's way.

"C'mon, Lance!" he shouted from the bench. "It's the World Series! Wake up!"

Several umpires heard that hollering in Iowa. They'd met in Des Moines to attend the funeral service for one of their own, Eric Cooper, who died two weeks after working the AL playoffs.

To remember their friend, they went to a favorite spot of Coop's on Sunday night, Game 5 of the World Series was on, and soon the shop talk turned to the subject of robot ump.

"It did come up. And yes, it's frustrating," said Dale Scott, who umpired in the majors for more than 30 years and worked the World Series three times.

"We're never going to beat technology," he said. "But do you want a video game or a game played by human beings?"

MLB is exploring the possibilities. The Arizona Fall League, made up of baseball's top prospects, used computers to call pitches over the past month.

Video quickly circulated of Giants youngster Jacob Heyward getting called out on a pitch that nearly bounced, then being ejected by a human ump for arguing. But the overall reviews weren't bad.

No doubt there will be plenty of discussion about the robots in upcoming contract talks between umpires and MLB.

Meantime, what particularly peeves ump is that TV box.



ROB CARR/GETTY

Nationals fans give an earful to home plate umpire Lance Barksdale during Game 5.

WORLD SERIES

Series tied 3-3
Game 1: Nationals 5, Astros 4
Game 2: Nationals 12, Astros 3
Game 3: Astros 4, Nationals 1
Game 4: Astros 8, Nationals 1
Game 5: Astros 7, Nationals 1
Game 6: Nationals 7, Astros 2
Game 7: Wednesday at Astros
 Game 7 at 7 p.m. on FOX-32

Scott said the actual strike zone MLB uses to evaluate umpires isn't the same. Especially on high pitches.

"Ours is much more accurate than what you see on TV," Scott said. "Do you notice how the zone is the same for Aaron Judge and Jose Altuve? But people take what they see on TV as gospel"

Also, while the plate is 17 inches wide, the strike zone is three-dimensional. A curveball can clip the front and almost end up in the dirt, or hook down to catch the back part of the dish.

Consider this, too: What is a strike? As in, suppose the ball shows up side-by-side with the outside edge of the box, but there's no overlap. Ball or strike?

A day before his Astros took a 3-2 lead into Game 6 on Tuesday night, Hinch saw both sides of the debate.

"I'm always interested in improving the game. I'm interested in advancing things..." he said.

"If we can better the game, I'm all for it. And perhaps that's an avenue that we're going to go down some day," he said.

If that happens, Hinch had one more thought.

"Be careful what you wish for," he said.

Machado miss means Sox can hit this offseason

It was a race to the end between the Padres and White Sox, the teams vying last offseason for free-agent shortstop Manny Machado.

The Sox reportedly offered Machado \$250 million over eight years, with incentives that could add \$50 million or more. The Padres offered \$300 million over 10 years, all of it guaranteed.

It was a no-brainer for Machado, who took the Padres' money and ran. But in the end, the Sox won.

Perhaps it's too soon to call Machado's \$300 million contract a bust. He has nine years left, and a lot can happen in the 2020s.

But the ramifications of the deal already have been felt in San Diego, where manager Andy Green was fired after an underachieving season. More changes are in store in 2020 if there's little improvement.

"Heads will roll," Padres Executive Chairman Ron Fowler said to fans after the season. "Beginning with mine."

Imagine for a second Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf saying the same thing. You can't because heads never roll on the South Side, where they're permanently affixed on the organizational flow chart, even after 11 straight playoff-free seasons.

The Sox and Padres have a lot in common besides their obsession with Machado, including bright, progressive, Ivy League-educated general managers in Rick Hahn and A.J. Preller.

Hahn graduated from Harvard Law School and Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Management before starting as an associate at a sports agency and moving to the Sox front office in October 2000. Twelve years later, he was named Sox GM at age 41.

Preller went to Cornell, where he was a Delta Chi fraternity brother of Jon Daniels, who later became GM of the Rangers at age 28 and hired Preller in the scouting department in 2004. Ten years later, Preller became Padres GM at age 36.

Hahn and Preller are in the middle of executing rebuilds, which is why the battle for Machado last winter was so puzzling. The Yankees showed lukewarm interest, but no one else considered Machado worth the exorbitant demands, leaving the two rebuilding teams going head to head into spring training in mid-February.

Hahn, who had vowed at SoxFest in January to "go down swinging if we don't convert," was genuinely disappointed when Machado announced Feb. 19 he was signing with the Padres.



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

"This isn't the last time we're going to be pursuing premium talent, and we're not going to convert on all of them," Hahn said.

The Sox were criticized by many for making an offer they knew was far less guaranteed money than the Padres' package. But eight months later, they

should be thanking their lucky stars.

They still have money to spend this offseason, and Hahn stated after losing out on Machado that it would be spent down the road. Look for him to home in on slugger J.D. Martinez if the Red Sox slugger opts out of his contract. Martinez would be a much better fit than Machado.

Machado didn't have a bad year, just not a \$30 million-average-salary kind of year. He played third base in San Diego, where he ranked 18th among third basemen in OPS (.796) and 16th in WAR (3.1), according to fangraphs.com.

Yoan Moncada, whom the Sox moved from second to third in 2019, ranked sixth among third basemen in OPS (.915) and sixth in WAR (5.7). Sox shortstop Tim Anderson, who probably would have moved to center field had Machado signed with the Sox, led the majors with a .335 average while also leading the majors with 26 errors.

You can argue the Sox, who lost 89 games and played at a .400 clip (30-45) in the second half, would've been a little better with Machado as the Moncada-Eloy Jimenez-Luis Robert nucleus develops.

But it's hard to argue he had any effect on the Padres, or that their rebuild took a step forward upon his arrival. They lost 92 games in 2019 despite being at .500 in the first half, playing at a .347 clip (25-47) after the All-Star break.

The Padres still have one of the better farm systems, which made it a good landing spot for any manager. Their choice to replace Green was an unknown, Jayce Tingler, who was the Rangers' player development field coordinator.

As for the Sox, they'll bring back manager Rick Renteria with the same staff, except for the addition of hitting coach Frank Menechino.

"The history and teaching and communicating and holding guys accountable is very important now," Hahn said. "But even at the time we hired him, we felt he had the ability to not only set the right winning culture but to put guys in the best position to win."

Will heads roll if the Sox aren't in position to win by the end of 2020? Don't count on it.

BLACKHAWKS & BULLS



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

BLACKHAWKS RECAP

Blackhawks goalie Robin Lehner stopped 48 shots as he put on a master class in goaltending Tuesday against the Predators. But Nick Bonino, above, slipped goals past him in each period to give the Hawks a 3-0 loss at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. After putting up five goals Sunday, the Hawks stayed with the same lineup but returned to their offensively challenged ways. They were shut out for the second time in three games to fall to 3-6-2. The loss to begin a four-game trip left the Hawks 0-3 on the road this season. They were outshot 51-20. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Hawks

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Reporters were waiting for him. Because this is unprecedented.

While Crawford is gracefully ceding his role as the starting goalie, made easier by his lack of a contract for next season and Lehner's clearly superior play to start the season, Seabrook's situation is far different.

He has four-plus seasons remaining on a contract that can't be bought out without paying a huge price and that requires his permission to be traded. The pressing issue is that Seabrook had never been a healthy scratch for consecutive games during his 15-year career. This is only the third time he ever has been a healthy scratch.

And he's not happy about it. "What do you think?" Seabrook threw back at a reporter when asked if he was upset. "It's not fun sitting out. Nice to see a big win the other night and hopefully we can get another one tonight, but yeah."

When Colliton took Seabrook out of the lineup Sunday against the Kings, he presented it as an opportunity to give the 34-year-old defenseman a rest for the second of back-to-back games. Then the Hawks snapped a four-game losing streak with an easy 5-1 win despite not having any right-handed defensemen in the lineup.

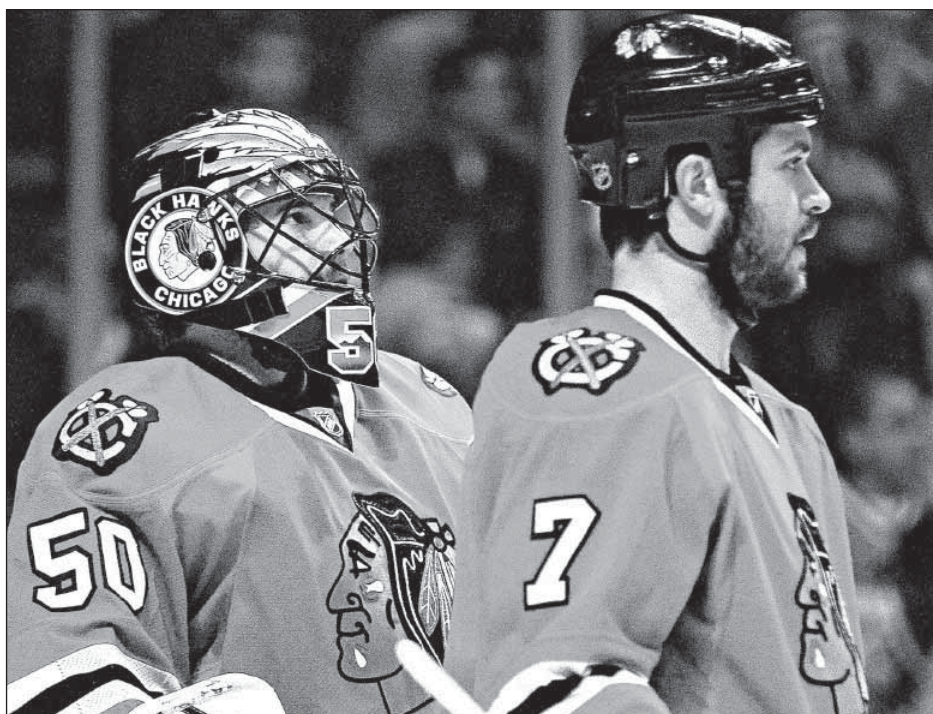
Seabrook's replacement against the Kings was Dennis Gilbert, who played 16 minutes, 47 seconds in his second NHL game and contributed seven hits and two blocked shots. He stayed in the lineup against the Predators, playing consecutive NHL games for the first time in his career. Colliton has known Seabrook since they were 10, when they played in a youth hockey tournament against each other. Later that year, they briefly became teammates for a summer tournament. Colliton performed his duty Sunday and told Seabrook he was out.

On Tuesday, however, no conversation was necessary.

Colliton decided to keep the lineup from the Kings game intact. This time it wasn't about rest. It was what's best for the team.

"I've known Seabs since I was 10 years old," Colliton said. "So obviously there's a relationship there. But if anything, you just re-emphasize he's part of this group and we care about him a lot and he's going to help us win. We're doing what we can for the team."

The Flames' Mark Giordano was 35 last season when he won the Norris Trophy as the league's best defenseman. Seabrook



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"Nope, I don't think I need rest. I feel great. I'm 34. You guys seem to want to write articles about my age and my speed. I feel like I've still got a lot to offer in this league and still be a good player for somebody."

— Brent Seabrook, above with Corey Crawford

isn't an old man by NHL standards and doesn't have a history of injuries. Sitting out the occasional game isn't what he wants or needs.

"Nope, I don't think I need rest," Seabrook said. "I feel great. I'm 34. You guys seem to want to write articles about my age and my speed. I feel like I've still got a lot to offer in this league and still be a good player for somebody."

"So I'm just going to try to do my thing out here. Skate today with Crow (Crawford), try to work hard and get back in the lineup when I can, if I can, and just try to be a good teammate."

Crawford giving up the net more often than not would be a bigger story if Collin Delia or Kevin Lankinen were on the roster instead of battling for starts in Rockford. But the Hawks signed Lehner to a one-year, \$5 million contract last summer, and his .935 save percentage and 2.15 goals-against average entering Tuesday were in stark contrast to Crawford's marks of .888 and 3.67.

Colliton has declined to better define the roles for each goalie and doesn't expect to declare one the starter. Crawford didn't have that label when he played three of the first four games, and Lehner isn't the starter now that he has had the net for five of the last seven.

"They're both going to get their chance to play," Colliton said. "Lehner's been really good and we believe in him that he can help us win tonight. But we know that Crow is going to play at a really high level too. So I don't think you're going to get that out of me all year."

Seabrook and Crawford are likely to play at least one game this weekend, when the Hawks play back-to-back road games against the Kings and Ducks.

The fact that neither is a certainty is a sign that the Hawks' top two picks in the 2003 draft — Seabrook was the No. 16 pick and Crawford No. 52 — are entering a new and perhaps final — phase of their standout careers.

BULLS TAKEAWAYS

Moving ball, rebounding among woes

By PHIL THOMPSON

The Bulls were cruising against the Knicks on Monday night, leading by as many as 18 points, but several things went wrong during a 105-98 loss at Madison Square Garden.

For one, former teammate Bobby Portis happened, but more on that later.

Once again, the Bulls did a lot of damage to themselves.

The Knicks' Julius Randle put it best, telling msgnetworks.com: "We held them to under 100 points. When does that happen in the league now?"

Here are three takeaways from the game.

1. Bulls didn't 'stick' to the plan down the stretch.

Stop us if you've heard this before.

"When the ball sticks, we're not as good a team," coach Jim Boylen, referring to lack of ball movement, said last week. "I thought the ball stuck a little bit at the end there. ... We were up 10 and we had a chance to push it to 12 and we didn't do it."

He wasn't talking about the loss to the Knicks — it was after the season-opening loss to the Hornets — but he very well could have been.

In both cases, the Bulls did the right things to build a 10-point fourth-quarter lead, then stopped moving the ball and fell into old habits, playing isolation ball and taking contested midrange shots.

During NBC Sports Chicago's postgame show, analyst Will Perdue hit it on the head: In tense situations, the Bulls stop trusting the offense and start freelancing.

Zach LaVine said the Bulls "keep pissing away wins."

"You can see how it starts trailing — they start chipping away at the lead," he told NBC Sports Chicago after the game. "We've got to do a better job of putting people away. You're up 18 (in the third quarter), you're up 10 (in the fourth) ... you've got to put that away. That's a very winnable game."

"That's been our MO for a while now. We've got to learn how to finish and learn how to win games. But this one hurt because we played really good throughout the whole game."

2. Bobby Portis is 'happy to be a Knick.'

The Knicks' Julius Randle let an MSG Networks reporter know that Portis took advantage of double teams on Randle to find open space.

"He was finding the right spots," Randle told the network's Rebecca Harlow. "They were trying to send two at me any time I was on the pick-and-roll and everybody was in the right spots and just made my job easier."

Portis told MSG Networks that at one point during the Knicks' 15-0 run, "the crowd started chanting my name a little bit. That felt great, I'm not going to lie. That's when it set in our team was going to win."

Portis finished with 28 points and 11 rebounds. It was sweet payback again for the forward the Bulls traded to the Wizards last season.

"He was juiced about this game as soon as he came to New York," the Bulls' Wendell Carter told NBC Sports Chicago. "He put on social media that he was looking forward to playing against the Chicago Bulls. We all knew that he was excited and very juiced, and he played a great game."

Good luck, though, getting Portis to call it a revenge game.

"Not necessarily revenge. Our team was 0-3 and my team needed a win tonight," he said during MSG's postgame show.

After all, this was the fourth time the Portis played the Bulls wearing a different uniform.

"The first time when I got traded and I played them (Feb. 9), it felt more of a revenge game than tonight," said Portis, who had 10 points, 12 boards, four assists and a block in the Wizards' win.

However, Portis did crack a smile when Harlow referred to the Bulls as his "former" team.

"It feels great having a home like this, guys that really want me here," he said. "I feel special to be here and I'm happy to be a Knick."

3. With rebounding, the glass is half-empty.

The Bulls outrebounded the Hornets 49-41 last week but gave up 32 defensive rebounds. The Grizzlies on Friday outrebounded the Bulls 63-57, as did the Raptors 65-56 on Saturday at the United Center.

The Knicks crushed them in the rebounding game 63-38, including 25 on the offensive end.

"That's just unacceptable, particularly to a team like that that plays off runs," Carter told NBC Sports Chicago. "That's just too many boards. Down the stretch we didn't defend like we were throughout the game. We've got to be smarter as a team."

Additionally, the Knicks' success in the paint — 50 points on 25-of-56 shooting — and on second-chance points — 26 points on 9 of 19 — gives some indication of the Bulls' lack of resistance under the rim.

"It's a conversation that needs to be had," Carter said. "We got to look among each other and just (man) up. Just take our individual defense a little bit more (seriously), rebound the ball."

"Gang rebound is something we went into the game preaching, and we did not accomplish that tonight."

SCOREBOARD

WORLD SERIES

GAME 6 NATIONALS 7, ASTROS 2									
WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Turner ss	5	2	2	0	0	.185			
Eaton rf	2	2	1	1	0	.333			
Rendon 3b	4	1	3	5	0	.292			
Soto lf	5	1	1	1	0	.304			
Kendrick dh	4	0	1	0	0	.227			
Cabrera 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.278			
Zimmerman lb	3	0	0	0	2	.190			
Robles cf	4	0	0	0	3	.143			
Gomes c	4	1	1	0	1	.250			
TOTALS	35	7	9	7	8				
HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Springer cf	4	1	2	0	0	.348			
Altuve 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.321			
Brantley lf	4	0	0	0	1	.333			
Bregman 3b	4	1	2	1	0	.231			
Gurriel lb	3	0	0	0	0	.283			
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	0	0	.429			
Correa ss	4	0	1	0	2	.174			
Chirinos c	4	0	0	0	2	.267			
Reddick rf	3	0	1	0	1	.167			
TOTALS	32	2	6	2	7				
Washington	100	202	-7	9	0				
Houston	200	000	000	-2	6				

LOB: Washington 6, Houston 6.
2B: Turner (1), Rendon (3), Springer (2), Correa (2), HR: Eaton (2), off Verlander; Soto (3), off Verlander; Rendon (1), off Harris; Bregman (3), off Strasburg.
RBIs: Rendon 5 (7), Eaton (4), Soto (6), Altuve (1), Bregman (8). **SF:** Altuve, S. Eaton.
Runners left in scoring position: Washington 3 (Soto 2, Gomes); Houston 4 (Correa, Brantley, Chirinos).
RISP: Washington 2 for 6; Houston 0 for 4.

WASHINGTON	IP	R	H	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Strsbg, W, 2-08½	5	2	2	2	2	7	2.51
Doolittle	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	0.00

HOUSTON	IP	R	H	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Verindr, L, 0-2	5	3	3	3	3	3	5.73
Peacock	1½	1	1	1	0	2	3.00
Harris	⅓	1	1	1	0	0	2.25
Pressly	1	0	0	0	2	10.3	
Devenski	1	2	2	2	0	1	9.00

Pitches-strikes: Strasburg 104-65, Doolittle 11-6, Verlander 93-59, Peacock 21-13, Harris 5-4, Pressly 14-8, Devenski 22-14.

Inherited runners-scored: Harris 1-1, HBP: Devenski (Eaton). **WP:** Strasburg. **Umpires:** H, Sam Holbrook; 1B, Jim Wolf; 2B, Doug Eddings; 3B, Gary Cederstrom; Right, Lance Barksdale; Left, James Hoye. **Time:** 3:37. A: 43,384 (41,168).

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

GAME 7		2019		2019	
TM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	IP	ERA
Was	Scherzer	11-7	2.92	18-13	
Hou	Greinke	7:08	18-5	2.93	23-14

GAME 7		2019 VS. OPP.		
TEAM	PITCHER	W-L	IP	ERA
Was	Scherzer (R)	1-0	5.0	3.60
Hou	Greinke (R)	1-0	12.0	0.75

GAME 7		LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHER	W-L	IP	ERA
Was	Scherzer (R)	0-0	19.0	1.42
Hou	Greinke (R)	3-1	15.0	3.00

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. **VS. OPP:** Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2019 statistics.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Ga. Southern at #20 App. St., 7 p.m.
 W. Virginia at #12 Baylor, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Princeton at Cornell, 5 p.m.
 Navy at UConn, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 #6 Florida vs. #8 Georgia in Jacksonville, Fla., 2:30 p.m.
 #7 Oregon at USC, 7 p.m.
 #9 Utah at Washington, 3 p.m.
 Mississippi at #11 Auburn, 6 p.m.
 #14 Michigan at Maryland, 11 a.m.
 #15 SMU at #24 Memphis, 6:30 p.m.
 Va. Tech at #16 Notre Dame, 1:30 p.m.
 #17 Cincinnati at E. Carolina, 6 p.m.
 #22 Boise St. at S. Jose St, 9:30 p.m.
 #22 Kansas St at Kansas, 2:30 p.m.
 N.C. St. at #23 Wake Forest, 11 a.m.

East
 St. Fran. (Pa.) at Duquesne, 11 a.m.
 Colgate at Georgetown, 11 a.m.
 Butler at Marist, 11 a.m.
 LIU at Robert Morris, 11 a.m.
 Boston College at Syracuse, 11 a.m.
 Liberty at UMass, 11 a.m.
 CCSU at Wagner, 11 a.m.
 Columbia at Yale, 11 a.m.
 Fordham at Lafayette, 11:30 a.m.
 Holy Cross at Lehigh, 11:30 a.m.
 Sacred Heart at Bryant, noon
 Dartmouth at Harvard, noon
 NC Cent. at Howard, noon
 Villanova at New Hampshire, noon
 Brown at Penn, noon
 Merrimack at Rhode Island, noon
 Delaware at Towson, 1 p.m.
 Maine at Albany (NY), 2:30 p.m.

South
 Old Dominion at FU, 11 a.m.
 Houston at UCF, 11 a.m.
 Valparaiso at Davidson, noon
 Austin Peay at E. Kentucky, noon
 Presbyterian at Hampton, noon
 Stetson at Jacksonville, noon
 Dayton at Morehead St., noon
 Charleston S. at Gardner-Webb, 12:30 p.m.
 NC A&T at SC State, 12:30 p.m.
 W. Carolina at VMI, 12:30 p.m.
 Furman at Chattanooga, 1 p.m.
 William & Mary at Elon, 1 p.m.
 Monmouth (NJ) at Kennesaw St., 1 p.m.
 Alabama St. at MVSU, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee Tech at Murray St., 1 p.m.
 Morgan St. at Norfolk St., 1 p.m.
 Campbell at N. Alabama, 1:30 p.m.
 Troy at Coastal Carolina, 2 p.m.
 Texas S. at Grambling St., 2 p.m.
 Stony Brook at Richmond, 2 p.m.
 SE Missouri at Tennessee St., 2 p.m.
 Jacksonville St. at UT Martin, 2 p.m.
 Middle Tenn. at Charlotte, 2:30 p.m.
 The Citadel at ETSU, 2:30 p.m.
 Miami at Florida St., 2:30 p.m.
 Delaware St. at Florida A&M, 3 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech, 3 p.m.
 Tulsa at Tulane, 3 p.m.
 FAU at W. Kentucky, 3 p.m.
 Texas St. at La-Lafayette, 4 p.m.
 Arkansas St. at La-Monroe, 4 p.m.

Northwestern St. at McNeese St., 4 p.m.
 Stephen F. Austin at SE Louisiana, 4 p.m.
 Alabama A&M at S. U., 4 p.m.
 Ark.-Pine Bluff at Jackson St., 6 p.m.
 Samford at Mercer, 6 p.m.
 Va. Tech at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
 Virginia at N. Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
 Vanderbilt at S. Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Midwest
 N. Illinois at C. Michigan, 11 a.m.
 Buffalo at E. Michigan, 11 a.m.
 Nebraska at Purdue, 11 a.m.
 N. Iowa at Illinois St., noon
 S. Illinois at Indiana St., noon
 Akron at Bowling Green, 1 p.m.
 S. Dakota at W. Illinois, 1 p.m.
 S. Dakota St. at Missouri St., 2 p.m.
 Rutgers at Illinois, 2:30 p.m.
 N. Dakota St. at Youngstown St., 5 p.m.
 Northwestern at Indiana, 6 p.m.

Southwest
 UTSA at Texas A&M, 11 a.m.
 UTEP at N. Texas, 2:30 p.m.
 TCU at Oklahoma St., 2:30 p.m.
 Marshall at Rice, 2:30 p.m.
 Mississippi St. at Arkansas, 3 p.m.
 Cent. Arkansas at Lamar, 3 p.m.
 Nicholls at Incarnate Word, 4 p.m.
West
 S. Utah at Montana St., 1 p.m.
 Army at Air Force, 2:30 p.m.
 UNLV at Colorado St., 2:30 p.m.
 N. Arizona at E. Washington, 3:05 p.m.
 Oregon St. at Arizona, 3:30 p.m.
 N. Colorado at Idaho St., 3:30 p.m.
 Cal Poly at Idaho, 4 p.m.
 Drake at San Diego, 4 p.m.
 Weber St. at Portland St., 4:05 p.m.
 Colorado at UCLA, 8 p.m.
 BYU at Utah St., 9 p.m.
 New Mexico at Nevada, 9:30 p.m.
 Fresno St. at Hawaii, 10:59 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA FINALS SHENZHEN			
RR in Shenzhen, China; indoor-hard			
RED GROUP			
#7 Belinda Bencic d. #6 Petra Kvitova,			
6-3, 1-6, 6-4			
Kiki Bertens d. #1 Ashleigh Barty,			
3-6, 6-3, 6-4			
RED GROUP			
RR	SET	GMS	
Kiki Bertens	1-0	2-1	15-13
Ashleigh Barty	1-1	3-3	30-25
Petra Kvitova	0-2	2-4	29-30
Belinda Bencic	1-1	3-3	23-30
Naomi Osaka	WD	1-0	2-1
17-16			
PURPLE GROUP			
RR	SET	GMS	
Elena Svitolina	1-0	2-0	13-10
Simona Halep	1-0	2-1	16-15
Bianca Andreescu	0-1	1-2	15-16
Karolina Pliskova	0-1	0-2	10-13

ATP PARIS MASTERS

R2 at Palais Omnisports de Paris-Bercy; Paris; indoor-hard			
Jeremy Chardy d. #4 Daniil Medvedev,			
4-6, 6-2, 6-4.			
#6 Alexander Zverev d. Fernando Verdasco, 6-1, 6-3.			
Jan-Lennard Struff d. #8 Karen Khachanov, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 7-5.			
Radu Albot d. Andreas Seppi, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6).			
R1: Corentin Moutet d. Dusan Lajovic, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.			
Taylor Fritz d. Frances Tiafoe, 7-6 (6), 3-6, 6-4.			
Alex de Minaur d. Laslo Djere, 6-1, 6-4.			
Denis Shapovalov d. Gilles Simon, 2-2, ret.			
Kyle Edmund d. Ricardas Berankis, 6-4, 6-3.			
Grigor Dimitrov d. Ugo Humbert, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.			

SOCCER

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
TUESDAY'S MATCH
 Seattle 3, Los Angeles FC 1

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
 Toronto (13-10-11) at Atlanta (18-12-4), 7 p.m.

GOLF

PGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS

RK	GOLFER	EV	EARNINGS
1	Justin Thomas	3	\$2,166,910
2	Lanto Griffin	5	\$1,828,952
3	Tiger Woods	1	\$1,755,000
4	Hideki Matsuyama	4	\$1,677,250
5	Joaoquin Niemann	5	\$1,613,888
6	Kevin Na	5	\$1,517,347
7	Sebastian Muñoz	5	\$1,500,569
8	Sungjae Im	5	\$1,432,691
9	Danny Lee	5	\$1,342,189
10	Cameron Champ	4	\$1,297,489
11	Byeong Hun An	6	\$1,105,748
12	Adam Hadwin	3	\$1,047,718
13	Mark Hubbard	5	\$1,007,825
14	Gary Woodland	3	\$913,240
15	Harris English	4	\$895,660
16	Tom Hoge	4	\$844,230
17	Patrick Cantlay	2	\$789,730
18	Scott Harrington	4	\$779,372
19	Cameron Smith	4	\$703,815
20	Charles Howell III	4	\$688,235
21	Corey Conners	4	\$661,260
22	Carlos Ortiz	5	\$643,925
23	Xinjun Zhang	5	\$626,325
24	Rory McIlroy	1	\$565,500
25	Brian Harman	4	\$565,221
26	Pat Perez	4	\$559,083
27	Dylan Frittelli	5	\$538,625
28	Denny McCarthy	4	\$512,925
29	Kevin Streelman	6	\$510,428
30	Mark Leishman	4	\$504,540
31	Nate Lashley	5	\$484,989
32	Ryan Palmer	3	\$474,118
33	Bronson Burgoon	5	\$459,145
34	Richy Weenski	5	\$433,544
35	Brian Stuard	5	\$434,565
36	Ryan Moore	4	\$426,756
37	Bryson DeChambeau	3	\$419,983
38	Scottie Scheffler	4	\$402,517
39	Cameron Percy	4	\$377,225
40	Billy Horschel	2	\$357,143
41	Bud Cauley	4	\$347,093
42	Harold Varner III	5	\$340,875
43	Tyrell Hatton	5	\$338,813
44	Matt Jones	5	\$336,560
45	Ian Poulter	2	\$330,623
46	Collin Morikawa	4	\$329,058
47	Brian Gay	4	\$321,889
48	Zac Blair	5	\$320,232
49	Robby Stinson	5	\$319,346
50	Talor Gooch	4	\$316,335

source: pgatour.com

ODDS

MLB WORLD SERIES		
GAME 7	WEDNESDAY	
at Houston	-134	Washington +121

NBA			
pregame.com	SP	O/U	WEDNESDAY
at Orlando	9	207½	New York
Phila.	6½	225	Minnesota
Chicago	1	215	Cleveland
at Toronto	8	210½	Detroit
at Brooklyn	3½	220½	Indiana
Milwaukee	2	222	at Boston
Houston	8	230½	at Wash.
Portland	1	223	at Okla. City
at Sacra.	7	223	Charlotte
at Utah	1½	215	L.A. Clippers
at Golden St	5	228½	Phoenix

NHL			
WEDNESDAY			
at New Jersey	off	Tampa Bay	off
at Columbus	-137	Edmonton	+127
at St. Louis	-162	Minnesota	+152
at Arizona	off	Montreal	off
at Colorado	-129	Florida	+119
Vancouver	-108	at Los Angeles	-102

COLLEGE FOOTBALL			
WEEK 10	SP	O/U	THURSDAY
at App. St.	15	44½	Ga. So.
at Baylor	17½	57	W. Virginia
FRIDAY			
SP	O/U		
Navy	27½	55	at UConn
SATURDAY			
SP	O/U		
at Wake Forest	7½	60½	NC State
Alabama St.	22	69½	at UMass
at Fla Int'l	17	49	Old Dominion
Troy	1	60	at C. Carolina
Pittsburgh	7½	44	at Ga Tech
Nebraska	3	57	at Purdue
at UCF	22	70½	Houston
Michigan	21	56	at Maryland
at Indiana	11½	45½	Northwestern
at Bowling Green	6	50	Akron
at Illinois	20½	49	Rutgers
Cincinnati	23½	48½	at E. Carolina
at Syracuse	3	60	Boston Coll.
at E. Michigan	2	50	Buffalo
at N. Carolina	2½	47	Virginia
at Utah St.	3½	51	BYU
at Notre Dame	17½	58	Va Tech
Oregon	4½	63	at USC
at UCLA	7	65	Colorado
Kansas St	6	54	at Kansas
at La-Laf.	22	55	Texas State
at S. Carolina	15	51	Vanderbilt
N Illinois	1	51½	at C. Mich.
Marshall	10½	47	at Rice
at Colo. St.	8½	62½	UNLV

COLLEGES



NORTHWESTERN

Family 1st for Cats QB

Out since Sept. 28, Johnson deals with mom's breast cancer

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

With every incompletion Aidan Smith throws, with every miserable touchdown-free game, the Northwestern fan base has wondered: Where's Hunter Johnson?

The quarterback who transferred from Clemson was supposed to take the baton from Clayton Thorson and lead the Wildcats to even bigger things than a Big Ten West title.

"Hopefully we go to the natty," Thorson said late last season, referring to the national championship game.

Johnson hasn't played since Northwestern's Sept. 28 loss at Wisconsin. That's partly due to a minor knee injury and partly to Smith finally getting a shot in his fourth season.

The other part, the one that no one in the program has publicly talked about until now, is that Johnson has been dealing with a family health issue.

His mother, Shana, was diagnosed with breast cancer and is recovering from chemotherapy and a mastectomy less than two weeks ago.

"At this point things are good," Johnson told the Tribune after practice Tuesday. "She has a couple more procedures, but really the bulk of it is out of the way. The chemo is done."

"My mom has been unbelievable through all this, so strong. She hasn't flinched a bit. It has been tough for her, but she has kept a great face. It has been inspiring to me to know she will get through it."

Johnson said his mother made a request: "She doesn't want what's going on back home to affect what's going on here. As hard as that is, you've got to find a way."

Johnson started the first four games. He looked overwhelmed in the opener at



DYLAN BUELL/GETTY PHOTOS

It hasn't been an easy season — either on or off the field — for Northwestern quarterback Hunter Johnson.

Stanford, finishing 6-for-17 and giving way to TJ Green, who started the second half. But foot surgery ended Green's season.

Johnson performed well in Northwestern's only win against UNLV (12-for-25 for 165 yards despite several drops) and decently against Michigan State (15-for-26). He exited the Wisconsin game with a knee injury, and Smith performed a bit better, throwing a pick-six but also rifling a touchdown pass to JJ Jefferson.

Incredibly, that was Northwestern's last touchdown pass. The Wildcats (1-6, 0-5 Big Ten) scored a combined 13 points against Nebraska, Ohio State and Iowa, plummeting to the bottom of the national rankings — 130th of 130 FBS teams with 10.7 points per game.

NU coach Pat Fitzgerald gave third-stringer Andrew Marty a look against Ohio

"Whether it's me or it's Aidan or it's Marty, whoever it is, we need to win games."

— Hunter Johnson on fellow Northwestern QBs Aidan Smith and Andrew Marty

State, his home-state team. But Johnson has not played since the game in Madison, Wis.

Fitzgerald has been vague with his reasoning, showing sensitivity to the Johnson family.

Johnson said he met with Fitzgerald for a "heart to heart," after which the coach decided to take football off his plate, allowing Johnson to focus on his mother's condition.

"We cleared the air a little bit," Johnson said. "Since that conversation, things have been great."

Johnson has been practicing all along, and he said Tuesday he wishes to play.

"I do," he said. "I want what's best for this team. Whether it's me or it's Aidan or it's Marty, whoever it is, we need to win games. That's what I'm focused on. Whoever's on the field, we have to do our job. And that goes for every position group."

As if Johnson didn't already have enough motivation, Northwestern's next game () is Saturday night at Indiana.

The redshirt sophomore grew up outside Indianapolis and will have tons of friends and family members at the game in Bloomington, Ind. Shana is unlikely to be there, Johnson said.

"Most of the season she hasn't been able to come to the games," he said. "She is taking care of herself, which is most important."

Johnson, blessed and cursed with the label of being a five-star recruit, hopes to see the field for the first time in five weeks.

"I mean, yeah, it would be great," he said. "We've got to get back on track."

ILLINOIS

Triple eh? Rutgers stands in the way

Illini haven't won 3 straight Big Ten games in 12 years

BY SHANNON RYAN

If a team is trailing at halftime, no coach will tell his players to pack up.

Illinois coach Lovie Smith used that analogy to address how the Illini should confront the second half of their season.

"With every team, you start off and you want to get better as the season goes along," Smith said Monday at his weekly news conference in Champaign. "When you build, you want it to be a finished product right away, but quite often it's not the case."

"We've been talking about making improvements and seeing signs of a good football team. Once you start the second half of the season, you should see those things coming into play."

After starting the season 2-4, with morale-crushing losses to Eastern Michigan and Nebraska, the Illini have strung together back-to-back Big Ten victories for the first time since 2014 by upsetting then-No. 6 Wisconsin and winning Saturday at Purdue.

At 4-4 (2-3 Big Ten), Illinois has matched last season's win total, and the Illini are 21-point favorites Saturday at Memorial Stadium against Rutgers (2-6, 0-5).

"We were a big underdog (against Wisconsin), not so much of an underdog (against Purdue), (and) we're not an underdog," this week, Smith said. "None of that should affect us."

Against Wisconsin and Purdue, Illinois capitalized on turnovers, minimized opponent's big plays and didn't self-destruct. Big differences from previous weeks.

Players said Smith's steadiness has helped them avoid falling into emotional traps during the season's peaks and valleys.

"Of course, when we're sitting 2-4, (fans were) hitting the panic button," linebacker Jake Hansen said. "(Smith) is a big part of it, not getting too low or too high at times. He knows there's a time to celebrate and not to mourn a loss but to go to work and get better. He's a very experienced guy."

Illinois hasn't won three straight Big Ten games since the end of the 2007 season. Some Illinois players weren't even 10 years old then.

Memorial Stadium attendance has waned for years. Those who have bothered to show up often have left during games. Many fans figured this season was a washout.

Now? "I think everyone is excited," running back Reggie Corbin said. "I think everyone believes in us. It's a breath of fresh air. We're pulling the ones out we should have before."

"But we're not satisfied. We let some games (get away) that we shouldn't have. We were never surprised (with the victories). We knew who we were."

They're expecting more fans to return to the stadium. Hansen and Corbin said they've noticed more people around campus wearing Illini gear and expressing encouragement.

"People are seeing there's hope and excitement," Hansen said. "It's fulfilling (and) satisfying to know people are getting back on board."

They'll stay there if the Illini keep winning.

While Illinois fans shudder at the mention of Northwestern, Wildcat coach Pat Fitzgerald made a cogent point about fickle fans Saturday after losing to Iowa.

"All those people hating you are going to love you," he said.

"It's a cool thing when you win. It's a pretty simple concept."

Illinois is feeling that warmth lately. The team is more confident too.

"To put two Big Ten wins together like that is big for our program," Smith said.

The remainder of the season will determine how Smith and his program are ultimately judged in his fifth season.

Greenstein

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Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, asked during the conference's basketball media day Oct. 2 for his message to athletes wanting to profit from their NIL rights, replied: "My point would be that the student who plays athletics in the Big Ten is in school for education first ... and there's also amazing opportunity to compete in a great conference with great recognition and, if they so choose, to prepare themselves to be a professional. (This is) not the NBA. It's not the WNBA. It is an educational arrangement."

Delany, whose tenure as Big Ten commissioner expires at the end of the year, said he believed the NCAA had responded to the push in recent years to help student-athletes by approving benefits

such as stipends and multiyear guaranteed scholarships.

Some coaches at Big Ten media day pushed for more.

"I want student-athletes to get as much as they can," Northwestern's Chris Collins said. "I played with guys (at Duke) that should have gotten a lot. I played with Grant Hill. I coached J.J. Redick when every kid in America had his jersey. You want those guys to be able to take advantage because their window is small. We're all fearful, though: What does that mean?"

"I think we all want it for the players, but anytime you drastically change things, it opens up new cans of worms that you don't know until you live with those rules. How does it affect your locker room if some guys are making money and other guys aren't? What plan will be put in place? And how do we keep the playing field level so it does not become the haves and have-nots even more than it is now?"

An example: Top-100 recruit Pete Nance chose Northwestern in 2017 over Michigan and Ohio State. If schools like that with their larger fan bases can offer the opportunity to make thousands of dollars more for autograph signings, how would that affect the recruitment of similar players?

"I want the players to maximize," Collins said, "but where is it going and what will it be?"

Said Minnesota coach Richard Pitino: "To me it's the old expression — adapt or die. I understand what commissioners and presidents are trying to preserve. But we're moving into a new time. People are getting paid for what they post to Instagram. As stupid as that seems to a lot of people, it's the reality. People are making a living off being a social influencer."

"So I have no problem with it and think we need to adjust to it. To me, it motivates you to be a really good basketball player because you're going to get paid to win and be a good player."

Coaches realizes the other benefit to this: If companies are paying players, schools would not have to. At least for now.

Among the "principles and guidelines" the board established were these:

- Make clear that compensation for athletic performance or participation is impermissible.
- Ensure that student-athletes are treated similarly to non-athlete students unless a compelling reason exists to differentiate.
- Ensure that rules are transparent, focused and enforceable and facilitate fair and balanced competition.
- Reaffirm that student-athletes are university first and not employees of the university.
- Protect the recruiting environment and prohibit inducements to select, remain at or transfer to a specific school.

Change is coming. The next questions will deal with how much it will change college sports.

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BEN STRAUSS/THE WASHINGTON POST

Murray Chass, above, a Hall of Fame baseball writer, is known for his antipathy toward sabermetrics. His grandson, sportswriter Zach Kram, employs them regularly.

A family of baseball writers, at WAR

BY BEN STRAUSS
The Washington Post

Zach Kram was around 13 years old when he thought of the perfect birthday gift for his grandfather. A young baseball fanatic, he created a statistic that was a knockoff of the then-popular VORP, or value over replacement player, which measures players against a hypothetical league average counterpart. Kram called his metric VORG, or value over replacement grandpa.

"I rated him and he rated pretty well," Kram said.

The gag was particularly hilarious if you know anything about Kram's grandpa, a Hall of Fame baseball writer named Murray Chass.

Chass spent four decades writing about baseball for The New York Times, and he stands virtually alone in baseball media circles in his enmity toward the analytical revolution that has overtaken the sport over the last 25 years. In the aftermath of the 2003 publication of Michael Lewis's "Moneyball," Chass vociferously questioned how it was received in both in baseball front offices and the media. And he continued his broadsides against analytics after he took a buyout from the Times in 2008 and decamped for the internet.

"I would be better off playing a game of War with one of my grandchildren than reading about WAR," he once wrote on his website of the stat Wins Above Replacement, which has become a popular catch-all metric in modern baseball.

Kram, 25, now writes for the website The Ringer, often covering baseball in a style similar to the one derided by his grandfather. This summer, he wrote a story about the Astros, measuring their historical greatness with the help of a stat called Weighted Runs Created Plus.

"I tell him he shouldn't be using so

many numbers," Chass said. "But he doesn't listen to me."

During his long career at the Times — he started in 1970 covering the Yankees before moving to the national baseball beat — Chass was a pioneering baseball writer, covering the labor side of the sport as no one before him had, including the players' fight for free agency. In the 1970s and '80s, he practically created the granular beat of reporting on contracts and how much players made, which ultimately helped push salaries higher.

In the later years of his career, Chass' fame took on a different dimension as he became an avatar for a group of older baseball reporters suspicious or openly hostile to the way the sport was changing. Chass' feuds with the new breed of writers were many and glorious.

Chass took shots at stats luminaries like Nate Silver (Silver once wrote an open letter to Chass at Baseball Prospectus), and at younger baseball writers like Rob Neyer and Craig Calcaterra. "Bloggers ... are jealous of the baseball writers who get to vote (for the Hall of Fame)," he once wrote. "They think they can do better, but they can't vote and it pains them."

Fire Joe Morgan, a website co-founded by TV writers Michael Schur and Alan Yang in the mid-2000s, made Chass a regular punching bag. One entry: "I wonder if Murray Chass wakes up in the morning and thinks, Murray, old fella, today you're gonna write an article in a real special way ... you're gonna take an idea that's been rattling around in the old upstairs for a while now (here's the idea: that that darn 'Moneyball' book isn't all it's cracked up to be) and then do your damndest to find evidence — any wisp of a scintilla of evidence — to support that idea."

Kram grew up in suburban Wash-

ington, a devoted baseball fan. He pored over boxscores in the morning Washington Post, and he often talked baseball with his grandfather, though he didn't read his columns religiously. He did, however, recall a period when he wasn't allowed to search for Chass's name on the internet.

"My mother didn't want me to see people wishing death upon my grandfather," Kram said.

Kram didn't plan to be a sportswriter, but when he went off to college at Washington University in St. Louis and got a laptop for the first time, he began reading websites like FanGraphs and Baseball Prospectus.

"I guess I probably started out skeptical because of my family, but it wasn't like I felt guilty reading them," he said. "I wanted to learn."

In 2012, when Silver predicted all 50 states correctly in the presidential election, Kram became a bigger believer in the work Silver helped pioneer in sports. And as he read, Kram began to debate his grandfather on topics like the usefulness of the win statistic for a pitcher and why earned run average was an incomplete measure.

"I remember going to his house for a Jewish holiday and he complained that the Warmongers — that's what he called people who liked WAR — had gotten to me," Kram said.

Kram became the editor of his college newspaper and afterward landed an internship at The Ringer when it launched in 2016, which led to a full-time job and mixed approval from his grandfather.

"Zach is very smart, he knows baseball," Chass said. He added, "The problem with baseball writers today is they don't do enough reporting. News is the most important thing, but so many writers are just making lists."

After Game 2 of the American League Championship Series, Kram wrote a list of the heroes from the

game, ranked.

Whether grandfather and grandson have changed each other's minds at all depends who you ask. Kram believes WAR is still useful, as long as it isn't taken as gospel. He said he convinced Chass that Jacob deGrom was worthy of the Cy Young in 2018, despite only winning 10 games. "Maybe he did, but I can't say I remember that," Chass said.

Where the duo does converge, though, is on how the statistical revolution has changed baseball, and in some ways for the worse. Chass bemoans a game so dependent on the home run, a development that seems to have been aided by the ball this year, but that is also the legacy of an analytics-driven game that values three true outcomes: Home runs, walks and pitchers' strikeouts. And Kram recognizes the impact of analytics on player movement and the balance of power between players and teams, an area Chass covered so thoroughly.

"There's some crotchety old-man-ness in there from someone who's been watching baseball for 40 years, in terms of enjoying the game," Kram said. "But he's not on an island." He added, "Analytics have definitely been behind the slow free agent movement and the fetishization of cost-controlled contracts. So one of the funniest things in the world is you have people who would be warring a decade ago agreeing on how sabermetrics have influenced the game."

And regardless of whatever statistics Kram might argue with his grandfather about, there are always other reasons for them to talk baseball.

"We bond over baseball history. He taught me to appreciate the labor history and its importance to coverage," Kram said. "I guess it's not history for him. He was there."

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‘It’s a ticking time bomb’



AP PHOTO

Thirty horses died during Santa Anita's last winter-spring meet, and there was speculation that this year's Breeders' Cup — the sport's annual showcase — might be moved elsewhere.

Undetectable drugs might have role in horse racing deaths

By JOHN CHERWA
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Horse racing has never experienced a year like this one. A spike of deaths at Santa Anita, Keeneland and tracks in New York, mixed with a controversial finish in the Kentucky Derby that prompted a lawsuit, have left the sport with a crisis-a-week feel.

This week, there is plenty more anxiety as attention turns to the Breeders' Cup races, horse racing's version of the Super Bowl. There will be 14 races, each with purses of at least \$1 million, on Friday and Saturday at Santa Anita — over a track where there have been six horse fatalities in the last six weeks.

Thirty horses died during Santa Anita's last winter-spring meet, and there was some speculation that the sport's annual showcase might be moved to another venue. Santa Anita's owner, the Stronach Group, responded to the crisis by enacting several reforms in medication usage and veterinarian care that will be used for the Breeders' Cup races.

But experts are concerned about a drug treatment for which there are no rules, one used on some horses before they start racing, that might lead to more breakdowns and serious injuries.

In humans, bisphosphonates are used to treat osteoporosis. In young horses, they can alter the normal regeneration of bone and act as an analgesic — a pain reliever. And currently, their use cannot be traced.

A horse that has been treated with these drugs and is going to sale as a yearling or 2-year-old will have radiographs that can hide any sign of sesamoiditis, an inflammation of one of the lower bones of the leg. Plus, the analgesic effect will additionally hide any signs of lameness. The horse will look completely healthy.

“It’s a ticking time bomb,” said Dr. Dionne Benson, chief veterinary officer of the Stronach Group. “These medications keep me awake at night.”

One of the many problems with these drugs — commonly sold under the names Osphos and Tildren — is that they are only detectable in the blood for about 30 days, sometimes slightly longer. Their usage can’t even be detected in necropsies. Yet their effect can be long-lasting.

“If the sale is in September, you’re administering it from February to April,” said Dr. Mary Scollay, executive director and chief operating officer of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, or RMTC.



MARK RALSTON/GETTY-AFP

Protesters opposed to horse racing and the large number of animal deaths in the sport hold a demonstration outside the entrance to the Santa Anita Park.

“Radiographs are taken 30 days out, so the treatment window is outside the window to detect.”

How widespread the usage of these drugs is remains unclear.

“I don’t think we will ever know,” Benson said, echoing a belief shared by Scollay.

“I don’t think there is a way to have an accurate understanding about how bisphosphonates have been administered to horses that are either racing or in training,” Scollay said.

The drugs were approved for use in horses in 2014, but only for those 4 and older. They are used to treat navicular syndrome, an inflammation or degradation of the navicular bone in the front feet that can cause a horse to go lame.

It’s the drug’s off-label use on young horses that has the equine medical community very concerned.

“These are medications for women with osteoporosis,” Benson said. “We’re not talking about people who are running full speed or have an Olympic-level regimen. For the horse,

these can be used to make them sound and comfortable in the pasture or trail riding. Those are the kind of things these drugs are appropriate for. I don’t think you use it to get a horse ready for competition.”

Experts say a common misconception is that horses are being brought to the track too early and that they shouldn’t be raced until they’re older. Science paints a different picture.

“Horses have to adapt their bones to the stress of racing,” Dr. Rick Arthur, chief equine veterinarian for the California Horse Racing Board, told the Los Angeles Times last year. “The bones are most adaptable when they are young. When they get older, the bone is not as responsive at 3 and especially at 4.”

An analogy would be to consider which building would be more likely to have less damage during an earthquake — one that has a lot of sway or one that is rigid? Older horses that have not gone through a bone remodeling process while younger are more prone to breakdowns.

Bones are constantly regenerating and creating new bone cells, more frequently in younger horses. During that process, there are cells that help to dissolve or break down bad or weak cells. Bisphosphonates inhibit that process, giving an appearance on radiographs that everything is OK with the bone when there is the possibility the bone has actually been weakened.

Those involved in trying to ban bisphosphonates are careful not to put motives on those who have administered the drugs. The lack of substantive research on the dangers might have led many to believe it’s OK to use the drugs on all horses.

“Commercial consigners will certainly do what’s best for a horse,” said Eric Hamelback, chief executive of the Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, or HBPA. “If a medication helps in a certain situation, they will do it. But I don’t think anyone has done it nefariously.”

Hamelback compares the use of bisphosphonates to another class of drugs once accepted but now shunned.

“It reminds me of when people were using anabolic steroids,” Hamelback said. “There is a therapeutic use to it, but now you don’t see it used. It’s more of an education process that abolished anabolic steroids. We’ve educated people and put it out there in the public that while anabolic steroids can be beneficial, it is more of a detriment, especially off-label.”

The RMTC board has approved language that will ban the use of bisphosphonates in horses younger than 4. It will be sent to the Association of Racing Commissioners International, or ARCI, which sets rules and standards for horse and greyhound racing. The California Horse Racing Board has a similar proposal set for its December meeting that would ban bisphosphonate use for any horse that has been administered the drug in the last six months.

The HBPA has also called for the banning of the drugs, and three sales organizations — Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton and Ocala Breeders’ Sales — are allowing horses to be tested for bisphosphonates. A positive test, if the buyer wants, would rescind the sale.

While there is widespread support to ban these types of drugs, it does little to mitigate the horses that have previously been administered them and are still racing.

“I’m not going to rule it out,” Scollay said about the increase in breakdowns and the use of bisphosphonates. “There are global concerns about bisphosphonates in your horses. To date, it is an unknown. It’s a troubling unknown.”

John Cherwa is a special correspondent.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Darlene Daniels with her 1968 silver Superior Crown Cadillac hearse at her home in Palos Heights. Daniels has bought, sold and traded more than 500 hearses over the last 25 years.

Honk, but only if you're macabre

Meet the folks who collect and drive hearses — 'No one ever parks next to me'

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

There's a street in Palos Heights, a quiet suburban block of long, anonymous ranch homes on the far southwest side, where the last rides of the dead are parked, to idle awhile.

The bones, the ashes, whatever's left of the bodies, all of that still resides in mausoleums and cemeteries. But the long shadows of mortality they cast linger in Darlene Daniels' front yard, proudly and for all to see, sort of creeping up the joint.

Daniels collects hearses.

She buys, sells and trades them — long, angular, dark, silver, often surprisingly elegant, with ample room for any corpse. She owns 16 hearses. She keeps "only six or seven" at home and has the rest in storage, but across years of collecting she has owned around 500 hearses.

What this looks like, on a pleasant autumn morning, is a gridlock of boxy luxury vehicles and their matching canopies, some parked bumper to bumper, some parked in the turnaround, some hulking alongside the curb, their license plates proclaiming "FUNERAL" and "HARDCOR" and



Daniels' 1964 Superior Consort Bonneville Pontiac hearse.

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APPLE TV

Apple is a novice in the streaming television sector, but in making its debut, it is relying on veteran actors such as Jennifer Aniston, left, and Reese Witherspoon as the stars of "The Morning Show" series, the big event for the launching of Apple TV+ streaming service on Friday.

'THE MORNING SHOW'

Apple TV+ debuts with half-baked drama

Star-studded series tosses in #MeToo as an afterthought

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Ripped with utter tonal uncertainty from a thicket of recent headlines, Twitter hashtags and predatory sex scandals, the first three hourlong episodes of the Apple TV+ web series "The Morning Show" (streaming Friday) are pretty depressing. And not, I think, in the way the

show's makers were after.

The long-gestating project (two seasons have been ordered, at a reported cost of \$250-\$300 million) (!!) sets itself an ambitious and potentially tasty agenda. We're dealing with an "All About Eve" backstage drama flung into the extremely recent past. But you know how all those films made in the wake of the Bush-era Iraq invasion felt topical yet weren't quite there as dramas, and stories? "The Morn-

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MY WORST MOMENT

The late show: RonReaco Lee learns 'my bad' just doesn't cut it

Chi McBride teaches 'First Wives Club' star a lesson about tardiness

BY NINA METZ

RonReaco Lee got his big break on the late '90s sitcom "Sister, Sister" and in the years since he has always been a stand-out, whether playing a cunning sports manager on "Survivor's Remorse" or a college band director on "The Quad." His latest TV show is "First Wives Club" on BET's new streaming service BET+.

Though the series is based on the 1996 movie, creator Tracy Oliver ("Girls Trip") takes the story in a new direction. "She put her own twist on it and kind of made it her own. It's a comedy but you definitely see those moments where our ladies come together and have those really beautiful heartfelt moments as they dig deep in their sisterhood and help each other with what they're going through."

Lee is also in the upcoming Netflix action crime comedy "Coffee & Kareem" with Ed Helms and Taraji P. Henson. "I play a washed-up rapper who decides to dabble in a life of



JOSEPH WILLIAMS

RonReaco Lee was asked to apologize to the entire crew for keeping everyone waiting: "I will never forget that moment."

crime," he said. "I actually worked with Taraji when I was doing 'Sister, Sister,' she was guest starring — that was before the Golden Globe and Oscar nomination when she was just a working actor like the rest of us."

A native of Decatur, Illinois (who returns frequently to visit

with family in Decatur and Chicago), Lee apologized for being late for this interview. "I hate to be late," he said and then acknowledged an irony: "In fact, the story of me being late is my worst moment. So please don't

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Taylor Swift performs at the Billboard Music Awards at MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas in May.

Swift can't shake off copyright lawsuit

Taylor Swift won't escape so easily after all from allegations that her 2014 hit "Shake It Off" illegally copied the lyrics of "Playas Gon' Play."

The U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco on Monday overturned a judge's ruling throwing out the copyright infringement lawsuit by the two songwriters of the 2001 track by female group 3LW.

The appeals court disagreed with the judge's conclusion that the lyrics of the 2001 song — "playas, they gonna play, and haters, they gonna hate" — weren't original enough to be entitled copyright protection.

It wasn't for the judge to decide the "worth of an expressive work," the appellate court said, citing a 1903 U.S. Supreme Court decision that cautioned those trained only in the law against making themselves final judges of creative works.

The decision is a setback for hit-makers who are trying to turn the tide of copyright lawsuits over smallish musical phrases that they argue aren't protected by the law.

The same appellate court is weighing for the second time whether Led Zeppelin stole the opening chords of "Stairway to Heaven" from an obscure 1968 instrumental track by a California band. A three-judge panel last year threw out a jury verdict favoring Led Zeppelin.

— Bloomberg News



WALT DISNEY STUDIOS

'Maleficent' by a nose: The "Maleficent" sequel has overtaken "Joker" for the weekend box-office crown in North America. Final figures released Monday showed "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil," which stars Angelina Jolie as the classic Disney villain, earned \$194 million, pulling ahead of "Joker" by a mere \$122,000. "Joker" had been the top film on Sunday based on studio estimates after being knocked out of the top spot by "Maleficent" last week.

Dove Awards boycott: Grammy-winning gospel artist Kirk Franklin says he's boycotting the Gospel Music Association's Dove Awards after they edited out part of his acceptance speech earlier this month in which he called for prayers after a police shooting in his hometown of Fort Worth, Texas. Franklin posted a Facebook video Monday that said he would no longer attend events associated with the Dove Awards, GMA or Trinity Broadcasting Network "until tangible plans are put into place to protect and champion diversity." The 50th annual awards show was held in Nashville, Tennessee, on Oct. 15 and aired on Oct. 20 on TBN. The GMA said in a statement that they are "deeply apologetic" and said it was not their "intent to disregard or silence any of our artists."

Oct. 30 birthdays: Singer Grace Slick is 80. Actor Henry Winkler is 74. TV journalist Andrea Mitchell is 73. Actor Harry Hamlin is 68. Actor Kevin Pollak is 62. Singer-guitarist Jerry De Borg is 59. Actress Nia Long is 49. Actor Matthew Morrison is 41. Actress Janel Parrish is 31.



ASK AMY

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Separated couple eager to connect

Dear Amy: I'm a 50-year-old freelance graphic designer. My income has completely dried up, and so I recently moved in with my mother (Dad died nine months ago).

My ex-wife is in a serious relationship. She lives a half-hour away from me. Our youngest daughter, 17, is special needs and lives with her most of the time. I get our daughter every other weekend and every Wednesday. She will start staying with me an extra day each week (Tuesdays). This schedule works for us.

My girlfriend lives two hours away in New York City and just got a full-time job. She has a sister in the city whom she cannot move away from, so she can't move to live with me.

My girlfriend and I don't see how we can maintain any type of relationship with the responsibilities I have with my youngest daughter. I would move to Brooklyn and could get work in the city in a heartbeat, but I won't be able to see my daughter as often.

At this point in my life, I don't want to lose my soulmate! Do you have any suggestion?

— Devoted

Dear Devoted: You have experienced several very important transitions over the last year: your father's death, your professional reversals, your decision to move back home, and your new co-parenting plan.

Life tends to happen in overlapping stages, not in separate incidents or episodes. You have a lot of imponderables stacked up right now, and your anxiety is directing you elsewhere.

I suggest that if you are financially able, you should not make any sudden moves, and devote this next six months to your family relationships, staying where you are and concentrating on your duties as a father and a son. Your girlfriend is starting a new job; she will need to devote time and attention to her career. If you are living two hours from New York, you should be able to visit her for long weekends. You can get the lay of the land and make a longer-term plan.

Your daughter will soon be of an age where her choices and options will change, and you should be close by to help guide her through.

Dear Amy: I'm at a loss how to respond when random men order me to "Smile!" while I'm going about my day.

I'm sure these guys think they are being playful and debonair, but to me it feels like I'm not measuring up and that I must try harder.

These men have no idea whether I just lost a dear family member or gambled away my child's college fund and don't feel like smiling.

Interestingly, men don't tell other men to smile, women don't tell men to smile, and women don't tell women to smile. I wonder why that is?

What do you do when this happens to you?

— RBF

Dear RBF: When this happens to me, I seethe, thinking about all the comebacks I could deliver, and then forgetting them all. I definitely don't smile.

I don't know what motivates people (I have had women do this) to demand or suggest that complete strangers should "smile." It's not playful. It's definitely not "debonair." To me, it feels like a casual assertion of privilege — as if someone can basically demand that a stranger should change her face around to please them. I don't believe there is a lot, if any, forethought put into these commands, which is part of what makes them so maddening. I have read that some people who issue this command believe that they are being helpful in some way.

I think the next time someone demands this of me, I'll just say, "No."

Dear Amy: I'm responding to "Bothered in CO," the family whose pale-skinned daughter was upset by comments about her skin tone.

I have dark hair and an olive complexion. My kids' dad is pale and has light hair. Our two daughters take after their dad.

One day, just the girls and I went to a family event. A woman we'd never met before asked, "How come you girls are light? Is your daddy fair?"

My 5-year-old daughter Becky replied, "Yeah, he is — most of the time."

Oh snap! We're all kin beneath the skin.

— Proud Mama

Dear Proud: ... And it's Becky, in for the win. Thanks for the smile.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Music is center stage again for Trisha Yearwood

Singer didn't plan to let 12 years pass between solo albums

By CHRISSE DICKINSON

Trisha Yearwood never planned on letting 12 years pass between solo albums. But sometimes life has other plans. For the country star, that meant more than a decade spent writing cookbooks, hosting her cooking show "Trisha's Southern Kitchen" on the Food Network, touring with husband Garth Brooks and being a "bonus mom" to his three daughters.

"My life changed completely when I moved to Oklahoma and married the cowboy," Yearwood says with a laugh, calling from Nashville. "Music had to take a back seat. People ask women, 'How do you do it all?' My answer is, 'You don't.' When something has to come to the forefront, other things go on the back burner. It's a constant moving of those pieces. Sometimes music is in the front. Sometimes it's your family. Other times it's cooking. If you're focusing on one, something else is taking a back seat."

Music is once again center stage in Yearwood's life. That includes "Let's Be Frank" (Gwendolyn Records), an album of Frank Sinatra standards she recorded in 2018 with an orchestra.

On the country front, she recently released "Every Girl" (Gwendolyn Records), her first solo album since 2007's "Heaven, Heartache and the Power of Love." The project reunited the singer with longtime producer Garth Fundis, whose thoughtfully crafted arrangements provide the perfect vehicle for Yearwood's supple, clarion call of a voice.

Yearwood is currently on tour and performs at the Chicago Theatre on Nov. 7. "Every Girl" debuted at



RUSS HARRINGTON

Country singer Trisha Yearwood is back on tour with her new solo album "Every Girl." She performs at the Chicago Theatre on Nov. 7.

No. 5 on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart, while the lead single "Every Girl In This Town" became a Top 40 hit on country radio. It was a welcome return for a veteran female artist at a time when the genre is top-heavy with country dudes. Yearwood admits she was happily surprised by the single's commercial success.

"My expectations were kind of low," she laughs. "I never even thought we would go to radio because I'm a 55-year-old woman. It's been such a nice surprise. I think it's because the song struck a chord."

The sparkling, guitar-driven anthem showcases Yearwood's impressive vocal range. She brings emotional nuance to the characters in her song, from the young girl looking out from the top of a Ferris wheel who asks "What's out there for me?" to mothers working hard to get their dreams off the

ground.

The song's accompanying video features a diverse span of everyday women joyfully singing along and dancing to the song. It's that same friendly and relatable vibe that has piloted Yearwood's career since she debuted in 1991 with the indelible No. 1 hit "She's In Love With the Boy."

"Every Girl In This Town" is a girl power song without getting on a soapbox and being preachy," she says. "It doesn't put down men, because most men have an 'every girl' in their life."

A few famous friends joined Yearwood in the studio.

"American Idol" star Kelly Clarkson contributed high, soaring harmonies to the vulnerable piano ballad "Tell Me Something I Don't Know."

"Kelly has another gear," Yearwood says with a laugh. "There aren't many

vocalists, male or female, who can do what she does, consistently and on pitch, with soul, heart and joy. She's the real deal."

Don Henley guests on the spare ballad "Love You Anyway." Although the two have known one another since he contributed backup vocals to her 1992 hit "Walkaway Joe," Yearwood talks about the founding member of the Eagles with the awe of a longtime fan who can't believe her luck.

"He's one of those guys where I have to continually remind myself, 'This is my life,'" she says with a soft laugh. "I grew up on the Eagles. To hear that voice that was so influential, singing with me is surreal. Then I realize I've known this guy for 27, 28 years now. He's a friend."

Yearwood says she's careful not to abuse her famous friendships, and only calls in favors when the project is right. That

When: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7

Where: Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.

Tickets: \$49-\$256; 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com

also goes for her husband. She asked Brooks to guest on "What Gave Me Away." The sultry blues number features a woman wondering which moment exactly revealed her romantic feelings: "Was it the way I hung around / while the band was breaking down / It was three a.m. / Or when we finally left the bar / When you walked me to my car."

"It is a personal, intimate song and he's the guy," she says. "I couldn't imagine singing it with anybody but Garth."

The two first met in 1987 when both were aspiring country artists in Nashville, making ends meet as demo singers on Music Row. At the time, they were married to other people. They remained friends and occasional collaborators through the years as Brooks skyrocketed into superstardom and Yearwood built an award-winning career as one of country's classiest acts.

It wasn't until the early 2000's that both singers found themselves divorced and single at the same time and became romantically involved. They married in 2005.

At the time, Brooks had put his music career on hold and moved to Owasso, Oklahoma, to help raise his three daughters from his marriage to first wife, Sandy Mahl. Although Yearwood continued to tour early in their marriage, she quickly realized she needed to prioritize the new relationships in her life and her new role as a stepmother.

"When Garth and I got married, I had just turned 41. I inherited these three

girls. I wasn't even sure what to do with them — I had a dog," Yearwood recalls with a laugh. "In my 20s, I made a conscious effort not to have children because I chose my career. A lot of my friends like Faith Hill and Martina McBride had their kids and took them with. But that wasn't what I wanted to do, so I missed that moment. But now I have the best of everything. The girls allowed me to be in their lives. It worked out really well for me — I got to do everything I wanted and still have the family."

Yearwood's time in Oklahoma afforded her a chance to develop different creative outlets that soon blossomed into a whole second career. She has published several best-selling cookbooks and began hosting her Emmy-winning cooking show in 2008.

When the youngest Brooks daughter graduated high school, Brooks and Yearwood moved back to Nashville. In 2014, Garth hit the road on a blockbuster world tour. Yearwood performed with him as they traveled the globe, squeezing in time to film her cooking show.

In 2016, she and Brooks released the holiday duet album "Christmas Together." But soon Yearwood realized that more than a decade had gone by since her last solo album. Feeling the need to get back in the studio, she made up for lost time, recording both the Sinatra and "Every Girl" albums.

"This is who I am, this is my soul," Yearwood says about making music. "I learned from Garth early on that it's an honor to get to do this job."

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Hearses

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“CORONER”; tacked up along a garage wall nearby were a collage of plates from hearses now long gone — “MORGUE” and “8XANAX” and “DEATH58” and “SICKY68.”

It's hard not to feel a chill.

“Morning,” says Jim McCarthy, a fellow collector. “Or rather, ‘M-O-U-R-N-I-N-G.’”

They sit on Daniels' porch, taking in the day, warm and welcoming, flanked by a couple of caskets — you know, like one does. Daniels is president of the Hardcore Hearse Club, McCarthy serves as the club mechanic. Daniels, whose day job entails selling oddities (taxidermy, skeletons, etc.), wears a Hardcore Hearse Club hoodie and Frankenstein's Monster T-shirt; McCarthy, whom friends call “Jim Grim,” wears a cool shock of white hair and the long, somber face of a mysterious groundskeeper from a ghost story.

They say that their club — which boasts 85 members throughout the region, collectively owns 150 hearses and bills itself as “the most loved AND the most hated hearse club in Illinois” — was formed as a reaction to all those uptight, boring hearse clubs out there.

Indeed, they're far from alone. Illinois has had Grim Rides Chicago, and the former Las Ryd's Hearse Club (founded by Plainfield funeral director Troy Hamby) once had 600 members worldwide. Wisconsin has had the Grave Sights Hearse Club of Kenosha, and Michigan has both the Graveyard Haulerz of Grand Rapids and Just Hearse'N Around.

Yet ask the owner of a hearse why they own one, and responses are often prosaic and practical, followed by a memory of their inexplicable desire, despite friends and family who just don't understand the forbidden love.

Daniels grew up in Brighton Park, not far from a funeral home. As a child, she was big into the monster-movie craze that spread through the 1960s and lingered into the '70s. “There was also nothing else to do on my block,” she said. “So I'd ride my bike up the street and see these long cars (outside the funeral home) and, I don't know how to explain (it, but) I got hooked.”

Daniels told herself that someday she would own a red hearse with flames on the side and a purple one with curtains; not long into her hearse collecting, she owned both.

Otis Harris, of Gary, Indiana, a Hardcore member, owns three hearses.

“I just remember my family on vacation in Virginia Beach and this woman pulling up to a gas station in a hearse,” he said. “I fell in love right there. I can't really explain why. “By junior high, when my friends would dream out loud about what they wanted to drive someday — like Jaguars and stuff — I would say I was going to buy a hearse. My friends would look at me like I was crazy. Certain people see certain things in certain cars; I see those things in hearses.”

Things such as beauty, tradition and design.

“But you know,” said Lynn Johansen, a self-described “purple-haired 70-year-old hearse-driving grandmother” from Franklin Park who drives a 1990 Cadillac hearse, “a few cases of Diet Coke can fit easily too. The hearse is the ideal car for your grocery shopping.”

Or as McCarthy argued, “Besides the fact that a hearse is by nature not a cookie-cutter vehicle, you're never going to have someone ask you to help them move furniture with it. You're also never going to get carjacked. So there are some advantages. I mean, no one ever parks next to me in a parking lot.”

Not to mention, should you own a hearse and it's October, you might find yourself in demand: This month, members of Hardcore Hearse have loaned their rides (sometimes for



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Otis Harris poses inside his 1984 Buick hearse, one of three hearses he owns, outside his home in Gary, Indiana, on Oct. 24.



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Darlene Daniels' 1960 Miller Meteor Landau Combination Cadillac hearse sits parked outside her home in Palos Heights.

free, sometimes for a fee) to Halloween parades and haunted houses and even a 50th birthday party. They have also lent their hearses to retirement parties, rap videos, proms, weddings, going-out-of-business sales and, every now and then, actual funerals.

Chances are you don't think much about hearses. But there are reasons you should, and not just because you may take a leisurely ride in one someday.

The hearse — or “funeral coach,” as the industry prefers — is actually a custom car. Aside from when a fleet of hearses are ordered, the odds of any two hearses being identical is low. The traditional hearse is, essentially, a single luxury vehicle split in two, outfitted with a long chassis to extend the length, then sculpted back into shape.

Though hearses were pulled initially by horses, the first to use a standard combustion engine appeared in 1909, a year after the Model T was introduced. The hearse industry, like the larger car industry, began as a Midwestern industry, except car manufacturers didn't have hearse-making divisions.

So the first motorized hearses were made by Crane & Breed of Cincinnati and advertised as traveling “fifteen miles-per-hour faster than any hearse should have to go.” About a decade later, company President Austin Breed poisoned himself to death, and they switched to caskets.

The most enduring hearse company has been the S&S Coach Company of Lima, Ohio, which was founded in 1876 to make horse-drawn hearse carriages. Initially named Sayers & Scovill, S&S still makes about 500 hearses a year in Lima, with a staff of 75. But the fundamentals of the business haven't changed, said Mike McKiernan, vice president of sales.

They buy cars from dealers, split those cars, “decontent” them, allowing

only the portions they require, stretch the lengths, weld them back together and install casket floors. The rear doors (through which a casket is slid) are made from scratch.

“And because we've added so much weight” — hearses can be 7,000 pounds — “we have to add stronger brakes,” McKiernan said.

A standard S&S hearse sells for at least \$110,000.

Basically, it's a weird parallel car industry.

Brands sound familiar, but models don't register: the Cadillac Miller-Meteor, the S&S Victoria, the Eureka Buick Roadmaster, the Superior Pontiac Consort. What had been 20 manufacturers in the 1970s has now — after mergers and bankruptcies — fallen to five. And because most hearses are customized cars, they also attract an army of collectors, albeit as a curiosity.

So the Professional Car Society (PCS) was started in 1976 to promote the restoration and beauty of overlooked service vehicles such as hearses, ambulances and limos. The 1959 Cadillac Miller-Meteor — the model used in “Ghostbusters” — is among its members' holy grails.

Yet the PCS, which is the largest group of its kind with about 900 members, also doesn't allow caskets or Halloween decorations displayed in its member cars. President Tony Karsnia, himself a Minnesota-based mortician, said, “Unfortunately, the younger generation of owners isn't receptive to these simple rules.”

The first hearse Daniels owned was a death trap. It was rickety and squeaky, rust fell from it and the power steering whined loudly. But she loved it.

In her 20s, in the early 1990s, Daniels was managing and booking bands around Chicago, one of which traveled to gigs in a hearse. It's something of a garage-band tradition to tour in a hearse — there's room for equipment, and a hearse attracts attention.



Eccentric decorations can be found everywhere inside Harris' 1984 Buick hearse.

(One of Neil Young's earliest bands toured in a 1948 Buick Roadmaster nicknamed “Mort”; his 1976 song “Long May You Run,” written with Stephen Stills, was a tribute to the car.)

Daniels' childhood love for the hearse was reignited by her band. Today, she walks down her driveway and explains the ocean of hearses before her:

“This is a '68 Superior Cadillac Crown, it's Georgian silver, with stacked headlights,” she said. “I sold it to a couple in Wisconsin then realized no other hearse gave the feeling this one did, so I bought it back from at double what I sold it. This is a '65 Pontiac, sort of light purple, a dealer in Texas drove it up, then while washing it he dropped dead of a heart attack. I bought it after that.”

Beside the car was a '64 Pontiac that Daniels outfitted with green plastic spiders; behind that, a '97 Chevy Suburban which, if it wasn't for the rear S-shaped bar distinguishing most hearses — it's called a “Landau bar” and it's an ornamental holdover from the days of horse-drawn hearses (traditionally it's where horses were tied) — it would just resemble an SUV. Parked against the curb is a 22-foot-long 1960 Miller Meteor that smelled musty, and a few feet from that sits the very same hearse that was used to drive Daniels' father and grandmother to their final resting places.

She said she finds it hard

of this car.' You could tell she was spooked.”

Caveat emptor: Should you buy a hearse, expect a reaction.

The hearse “has become for us a kind of representative of our mortality that still travels on public streets,” said Genevieve Kenney, president of the National Museum of Funeral History, which is based in Texas.

“We forget that we embraced death once. We died at home more often, there was more disease, children would be taken more frequently. We invented things to prolong life, and that's great, but it also leads to us being more death-denying.”

If you want to send a shiver up the spine of a hearse fan, one word: cremation.

According to the National Funeral Directors Association, cremation is now the most popular way to dispose of a body.

Cremation means less space and is not as showy as cemetery burial. Cremation doesn't need a hearse. New hearses often come with an urn-carrying option — think cup holder — “because funeral directors are director of a production, and many want the newest stuff and the best send-off,” said Hamby, the funeral director from Plainfield.

But that's a lot of car for a vase. McKiernan of S&S said the business does well, but they build more cars than they sell.

Besides, it's not as if the owners of hearses need a new reason to fear the future: Harris, the hearse owner from Gary, who works at a drywall company in Indiana, said no one will park alongside him at work. Schnelle has had Christian DVDs pointedly left on his windshield. Others say strangers cross themselves as they drive by.

Most say their neighbors are fine with their cars, but Daniels recalls that when she moved to Palos Heights 25 years ago, a neighbor called the police every time she bought a new hearse. Police would ask to see her license and registration, which she would supply, then they would go away because, of course, there's no law that says you can't own 16 hearses.

Daniels points at her garage. “You need to see this,” she says, raising the door and revealing a 1940 LaSalle hearse, so rounded and flowing it wouldn't look out of place at an old Hollywood premiere, albeit one held in a cemetery.

The car hasn't started in years, and the last time she tried the back door, the one that swings outward for a casket, all 500 pounds of it dropped from its hinges and landed on her foot, requiring stitches and a surgical boot for many weeks.

“These cars leave scars,” said her friend McCarthy. “They're happier that way,” Daniels agreed. “Yeah, sometimes you got to give a little blood to beauty.”

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'BLACK AND BLUE' ★★

A rookie cop caught in a world of contradictions

BY TOMRIS LAFLEY
Variety

A timely yet undercooked action-thriller about police corruption and racism, "Black and Blue" cuts to the chase from its very first, promising sequence. Alicia West (Naomie Harris) jogs through the middle-class streets of a suburban New Orleans neighborhood, only to be stopped and harassed by a pair of suspicious white cops, interrogating her with excessive force for no reason. It's not long before the cops realize that "she is a blue," a part of their team, and let her go; though with palpable arrogance. It's clear that they would face no consequences, even after illegally slamming one of their own against a fence. Their privilege happens to be standard operating procedure.

It's a powerful scene, all too real in today's world where cellphone videos of police brutality continue to go viral. Still, its harrowing vigor is rooted not only in its unspoken relevance but also its cinematic tautness — a virtue director Deon Taylor sadly doesn't manage to seize throughout. While the premise of Peter A. Dowling's screenplay is ripe with potential and the ensemble — led by an emo-



ALAN MARKFIELD/AP

Naomie Harris plays a young police officer on the run from crooked colleagues in "Black and Blue."

tionally and physically commanding Harris and Tyrese Gibson, every bit her match in the role of a reluctant ally — is impressively in sync, "Black and Blue" feels imbalanced and overlong, favoring fast and repetitive chase scenes over well-calibrated tension.

And the premise itself is a bit too closely matched with Antoine Fuqua's far more effective "Training Day." Still, Dowling and Taylor

deserve some credit for trading Ethan Hawke's young, idealistic but inexperienced white male cop for a woman of color, navigating all the contradictory odds stacked against her. "Black and Blue" is at its strongest when it inspects West's multilayered intersectionality also teased in the title: a newbie black female cop in stereotypically masculine shoes, not entirely embraced by the

diverse community she serves ("She is one of them now," the neighborhood thinks) and stuck in the midst of a well-oiled machine of white-enabled corruption that also holds people-of-color cops hostage. But the machinations of this avenue go somewhat underexplored, once West finds herself on the run after witnessing (and capturing on her body-cam) the homicide of a

young black man by police forces.

West learns quickly that she can't really trust anyone while plotting her escape from fellow officers who put the blame on her. With even her partner Kevin (Reid Scott) bearing traces of ambiguity, she turns for refuge to Mouse (Gibson), a convenience store owner who wants no part in this escalating crime maze, but lends West a vital helping

MPPA rating: R (for violence and language)

Running time: 1:48

hand all the same, acting as an intermediary between West and a rightfully angry community about to turn its back on her.

It's the quietly played scenes that prove most memorable. In one, a young black boy, convinced of West's guilt, points a gun toward her. Through a pair of others, the uptight but fair-minded Missy (Nafessa Williams) confronts her childhood friend West with her long-standing grudges. In a subtle detail, an entitled cop walks away with free coffee and snacks from Mouse's modest shop.

If only Taylor's film on the whole had been closer in purpose to the elements at which those scenes succeed. Instead, "Black and Blue" registers as a standard-issue cop thriller with merely fleeting insights on the racial and social issues it aims to dismantle. Despite the efforts of a compulsively watchable Harris, Taylor's fast-paced mode misses out on a real opportunity amid all the noise, one that could have touched upon a nerve in a deeper and more urgent sense.

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ing Show" is like that, if you substitute the post-Harvey Weinstein era for the mid-Iraq War farrago.

The show takes place among the staff and faces of a fictional broadcast morning staple, a la the "Today" show, at a fictional network. Key characters, some of them, spring from real life, notably Steve Carell's Mitch Kessler, the longtime "Morning Show" co-host ousted in the opening minutes for a Matt Lauer-but-not-as-slimy pattern of serial sexual misconduct. (The character claims the encounters were wholly consensual, the early episodes work up some easy suspense regarding the details and the women involved.)

Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon head the roster and serve as executive producers here. No doubt they've been waiting half their careers for these sorts of seething monologues directed at powerful, stupid, patronizing men holding them back, and down, and in check. Aniston is Alex Levy, the surviving "Morning Show" co-host, midway through contact renegotiations with the brazen, devilish net-



HILARY B GAYLE/AP

Jennifer Aniston and Steve Carell in "The Morning Show," which debuts Friday as part of the first wave of series that will launch the Apple TV+ streaming service.

work news head (Billy Crudup, taking a page from the Kevin Spacey "House of Cards" manual) when Mitch's career goes boom.

Witherspoon's scrappy regional TV news reporter, Bradley Jackson, gets her shot when cellphone footage of her confronting an angry coalminer ("Fake news b----!" he screams) goes viral and makes her famous. Bing: The West Virginia woman is guesting on "The Morning Show," going eye to eye with Alex in a skeptical on-air segment. Bang: Crudup's news

chief feels the tingle of a morning star in the making.

It's a pretty sound outline for a topical comedy-drama with some teeth, and a little of the old "Ace in the Hole"/"A Face in the Crowd" media manipulation. The only things missing are the comedy, the drama and the teeth. Brian Stelter's 2013 book "Top of the Morning: Inside the Cutthroat World of Morning TV" provided some initial signposts for showrunner and writer Kerry Ehrin and director Mimi Leder. ("House of

Cards" alum Jay Carson, a key early developer of "The Morning Show," left over creative differences.) The year 2013 was a long time ago; in the show's first three hours, references to Weinstein and #MeToo attempt to freshen up the sense of urgency.

I wish I bought it. Heartbreakingly — this may solve itself in coming episodes, as the writers figure out what they're trying to do — "The Morning Show" pushes one excellent actor after another into misjudged shrillness and Big Moment fireworks,

'The Morning Show'

Available Friday on Apple TV+

giving the various crises and machinations nowhere to go but sideways. The inconsistencies and false notes pile up. If the fictional UBS network's prized possession is supposed to be the only morning news program "to dodge the #MeToo scandals," news of the Carell character's transgressions wouldn't be greeted with shock or surprise; where's the weary oh-well-we-knew-it, or the gallows humor? Here and there "The Morning Show" goes for a little satire (one on-air anchor gets stuck with covering "Gilmore Girls: The Musical"), but it's weak stuff.

Witherspoon's playing an ostensibly conservative Red State citizen of true grit, though we later hear she's more of a libertarian. Yet she spouts all sorts of lefty rhetoric in the coal protest sequence. Carell's character, pure grievance and victimhood, can't stop launching into screeds about hypocrisy and how straight white men can't cut a break; fine, I guess, but a typical first sentence of a Mitch monologue begins

with: "Since the dawn of time, men have used their power to attract women ..."

Would the Aniston character really describe her own existence as "isolated as s---?" Would Witherspoon's Bradley express disinterest in co-hosting the morning show because the job requires "a certain kind of positivity. And I'm not a perky person"? Witherspoon can play all sorts of people, in every key, but that line just doesn't wash in this context.

It'll improve, I suspect, in future episodes, as the older remnants of the project fall away. Some scenes crackle nicely, especially when Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Karen Pittman and Bel Powley are allowed a fair share of screen time. Carell and Martin Short (the latter playing a James Toback-level skeeze of a filmmaker) relax into a well-written late-night encounter. Crudup's sphinx-y adversary is reliably entertaining. The actors believe in the subject, which isn't necessarily the same as believing in the material. Let's see where it goes from here.

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Moment

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hold this against me!"

My worst moment ...

"Let's go back to a show I was doing called 'Boston Public' in 2002. I fought really hard to get this great guest starring role on it. I was playing a drug addict who had gotten high on PCP and killed a young girl; he was on death row and he had one wish, which was to talk to his principal from high school. I was super excited to get this job.

"They were shooting on soundstages in Manhattan Beach (in Southern California) and I didn't know where it was. I'd never even heard of Manhattan Beach. And this was before you could ask Siri and this is before Waze. So I figured, an hour would be enough time to get there.

"I was coming from the Valley and if you're not familiar with LA, the Valley is a tricky, tricky place if you have to commute in the morning. So the first day I jump on the 405 (highway) and it's slam-packed. And I'm like, well all right, I'll take Sepulveda (Boulevard), which is the street most people in LA jump on when the 405 isn't moving.

Well, that was gridlocked too. I couldn't believe it.

"This is when LA really introduced herself to me. She was like, 'You're going to get to know me today.' Long story short, I get to the gate at the soundstage maybe 15 or 20 minutes late, but because this was just post-9/11, security was especially tight and it took me another 40 minutes just to get through. They were checking underneath cars, popping the trunk, all of that.

"So I walk into probably 45 minutes to an hour late for what was a 7:30 a.m. call time. And I knew the lead actor on that show. His name is Chi McBride. I had met him once before and it was cordial. So I went to apologize and shake his hand — and I should have known something was awry because his handshake was so much firmer than I remember from years ago. I was like, whoa, that is a really strong handshake!

"And he pulled me in and he said to me, 'I don't like getting up early. My crew doesn't like getting up early.' And I quickly realized: Oh, I'm in some trouble here. And he yells out across this huge soundstage: 'I want everybody's attention.' I would venture to say there were over 150 people on that stage, and this is a big man — he's 6-4

or 6-5 — and he's bellowing, 'Everybody stop working! RonReaco Lee has something he wants to say.'

"And he made me apologize to the entire soundstage for my tardiness. I will never forget that moment.

"After that we went and rehearsed our scenes and thank God I remember my lines, because I can only imagine how that would have gone down if I hadn't. There was a guy in the scene with me, a background actor, and after we finished rehearsing he leaned over and said, 'Dude, way to go, you nailed that.' And I was glad he said that because I couldn't tell, nobody said anything to me because they were so pissed that I had been late.

"Now, I have to tell this side of the story. After that scene, we were walking and Chi grabbed me. I felt so bad, I was near in tears because it wasn't my M.O. to be late. I've seen other actors be late and I always vowed not to be that guy. And Chi pulled me to the side and I'm paraphrasing but he said, 'I did that for a reason. If this were a Clint Eastwood film or a Martin Scorsese film, they would have just told you to turn around and go home. All you have to do is be on time and know you're lines — that's your job. You're too good at the one part to be



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Jessie T. Usher, Mike Epps and RonReaco Lee in a scene from "Survivor's Remorse."

bad at the other.'

"And it stuck with me. So as painful and as cringe-worthy a moment as it was, I would never change it. It's so crucial: Actors have to be on time. If you're late, it is a trickle-down effect and it throws everything off.

"I learned that the hard way and I appreciate Chi for teaching me and not letting me slide. He didn't let me come in and be cute and say, 'Hey man, my bad, dog.' And that's what I was going to do! I was going to b.s. my way back into the good graces of whoever, whether that be Chi McBride or the director — I was just going to rely on my charisma and be like, 'Don't be mad at me, let's hug it out and have a great day.' Nope, he wasn't even remotely open to that. He cut

all of that short and said, 'You're gonna learn today that you don't come late to set.'

"And I learned. It's never happened again. I'm not saying I haven't been slightly tardy, but let me tell you — my wife can attest to this — if I have an early call time, I probably set three alarm clocks. And a fourth one on my iPhone. Hate being late, refuse to let it happen again."

The takeaway ...

"The job of acting, sometimes I compare it summer camp because it can be a very, very fun atmosphere. However what I learned is, there's a work ethic that should not be overlooked. And so many actors fall victim to the fun — 'Oh,

we're all on set, it's great' — that they forget there's this schedule that you have to make every day. Staying on schedule means making your day, and as an actor you never want to be the reason a director doesn't make their day.

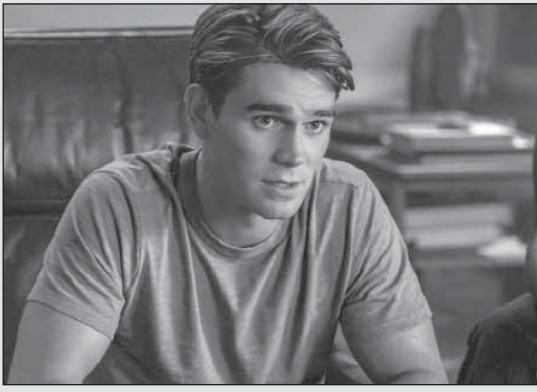
"There is a business component that I didn't fully realize until that day, and that if I set my alarm clock for 6 a.m., that means the crew has to set their alarm clock for 4 or 5 a.m. I wasn't thinking in those terms, and what I learned from that day is that everyone's time is important.

"My biggest fear is that I wake up and it's 7 and I had to be at work at 7:15. I've had dreams that that's happened. I'm paranoid about it, so here's my motto: There is no on time — you're either early or you're late. People will tell you that I have been to movie sets so early that the trailers aren't even there yet and I've had to wait in my car.

"The fact that Chi McBride loved me that kind of tough love? I don't think I've run into him again, but if I did he would get such a tremendous thank you from me because it was a valuable lesson that I needed to learn. I grew up so much in that one moment."

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



KJ Apa

“Riverdale” (7 p.m., CW): In the chilling seasonal episode “Chapter Sixty-One: Halloween,” ominous video recordings start turning up on Riverdale doorsteps, sending ripples of apprehension through the community. At Stonewall Prep, Jughead (Cole Sprouse) discovers several students have disappeared from the school, while Archie’s (K.J. Apa) Halloween bash is breached by some unwelcome party crashers. Camila Mendes also stars.

“Dawn of the Dead” (7 p.m., PARMT): Zombies in a shopping mall — sounds like a five-word indictment of our advertising-addled consumer culture. It’s also the setting of this 2004 remake of George Romero’s 1979 horror classic, one of the better entries in the zombie subgenre. Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames, Jake Weber and Mekhi Phifer lead the cast as survivors of a zombie-producing plague who take refuge in a mall against the encroaching, hungry army of undead outside.

“Modern Family” (8 p.m., ABC): Halloween always has been an important holiday to the extended family at the heart of this sitcom, which is playing out its final season. In the new “The Last Halloween,” after years of failure, Phil (Ty Burrell) is determined to scare his unflappable wife, Claire (Julie Bowen), but it’s Gloria (Sofia Vergara) who’s feeling frightened — about her age, when, for the first time, someone correctly assumes she is married to the much-older Jay (Ed O’Neill).

“The Bronx, USA” (8 p.m., HBO): Producer George Shapiro delivers a love letter to his hometown borough in this new documentary directed by Danny Gold, which finds Shapiro walking through familiar streets as he revisits memories from his childhood and talks with members of the 2017 graduating class of DeWitt Clinton High School, where Shapiro himself graduated in 1949.

“S.W.A.T.” (9 p.m., CBS): After criminals steal a huge arsenal of Los Angeles Police Department assault rifles, Street (Alex Russell) reaches out to his estranged foster brother, Nate (guest star Cory Hardrict), to assist with the joint investigation between SWAT and the Long Beach Police Department in the new episode “The LBC.”

“Halloween” (9 p.m., AMC): Jamie Lee Curtis launched (somewhat reluctantly) her “scream queen” career starring in this low-budget but high-quality 1978 horror movie from director John Carpenter. A murderous man (Nick Castle) returns after 15 years to continue the homicidal rampage he began as a young boy and appears to have some uncanny connection to babysitter Laurie Strode (Curtis).

TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Deon Cole (“Black-ish”).*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Emilia Clarke; actor Bobby Cannavale; musician Booker T. Jones; FKA Twigs performs.*
- “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Norman Reedus; actress Cynthia Erivo; Miranda Lambert performs.*
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live!”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Rob Lowe; actress Mackenzie Davis; Grace Potter performs.*

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 30

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor: “Suck It Up But-tercup.” (N) ©	SEAL Team: “All Along the Watchtower: Part 1.” (N)	S.W.A.T.: “The LBC.” (N) ©	News (N) ♣			
	NBC 5	Chicago Med: “It’s All in the Family.” (N) ©	Chicago Fire: “What Went Wrong.” (N) ©	Chicago P.D.: “False Positive.” (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♣			
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Stumptown: “Bad Alibis.” (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♣	
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3’s Comp.	
	Court 9.3	† Closing Arguments (N)	† Closing Arguments (N)	† Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©				
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Nature: “Okavango: River of Dreams -- Limbo.” (N)	NOVA (N) ©	Life From Above (N) ♣			
	CW 26.1	Riverdale (N) ©	Nancy Drew (N) ©	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©		
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©	Tamron Hall (N) ©	The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©			
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek				
Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Family Time	Last Call	Biker Boz (PG-13, '03) * ©			
FOX 32	The Masked Singer: “Mask Us Anything.” (N)	Almost Family: “Fake AF.” (N) ©	(9:01) Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©				
Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods: “Blues.”	Blue Bloods: “Past Tense.”	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: “The Motive.”	Dateline ©	Chicago				
UniMas 60	Enamorándonos		Noticiero Uni	Apocalipsis				
WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach’s Cor.	Paíd Prog.	Monument		
Univ 66	La Rosa de Guadalupe	Cuna de lobos		El dragón (N)	Noticias (N)			
CABLE	AE	World’s Biggest Ghost Hunt: Pennhurst Asylum (N)			(9:01) Ghost Hunters (N)	Ghost		
	AMC	Halloween: Resurrection (R, '02) * Jamie Lee Curtis.			Halloween (R, '78) **** ©			
	ANIM	Extinct or Alive (N)			Extinct or Alive (N) ©	Little (N)	Little (N)	Little
	BBCA	Interview With the Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles			Bram Stoker’s Dracula (R, '92) ****			
	BET	† I Can Do Bad			Tyler Perry’s The Oval (N)	Tyler Perry’s Sistas (N)	Copwatch	
	BIGTEN	Women’s College Volleyball: Terrapins at Badgers (N)			Volleyball (N)	The BIG Show ©		
	BRAVO	Housewives/NJ (N)			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 Pk (N)	Yankers (N)
	DISC	Expedition Unknown (N)			Building Off the Grid (N)	Building Off the Grid (N)	Off Grid	
	DISN	† (6:40) Twitches Too ('07)			Wicked	Raven	Raven	Jessie ©
	DI	Grown Ups (PG-13, '10) * Adam Sandler, Kevin James. ©				Grown Ups ('10) * ©		
	ESPN	† NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics. (N)			NBA Basketball: Clippers at Jazz (N) ♣			
	ESPN2	† (6:30) NFL Live ©			E:60 (N)	Boxing ©	SportCtr (N)	
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)			Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	FOOD	Guy’s Grocery Games			Guy’s Grocery Games (N)	Guy’s Grocery Games	Grocery	
	FREE	† (5:45) Hotel Transylvania			(7:50) Hocus Pocus (PG, '93) **	Bette Midler. (SAP)	700 Club	
	FX	† (6:30) Deadpool (R, '16) *** Ryan Reynolds. ©			American Horror Story (N)	1984		
	HALL	Finding Santa (NR, '17) Jodie Sweetin, Eric Winter. ©			A Very Merry Mix-Up (NR, '13) ©			
	HGTV	Property Brothers			Property Brothers (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property
	HISTV	Forged in Fire			Forged in Fire (N) ©			Forged
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	† The Princess Bride ***			Knocked Up (R, '07) *** Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl. ©			
	LIFE	My Christmas Prince (NR, '17) Alexis Knapp. ©			(9:03) The Christmas Pact (NR, '18) ♣			
	MSNBC	All In With (N)			Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)	
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge (N) ©	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.		
	NBCSCH	† NBA Basketball: Bulls at Cavaliers (N)			Postgame	Bulls (N)	Premier Soccer (Tape) ♣	
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Parent Trap (PG, '98) ***	Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. ©			
	OVATION	† (6) Pale Rider (R, '85) ***			Silverado (PG-13, '85) ***	Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. ♣		
OWN	Greenleaf: “The Stranger.”			Greenleaf: “Reunited.” ©	Greenleaf: “Surprise!” ©	Greenleaf		
OXY	† Kemper on Kemper			Dahmer on Dahmer: A Serial Killer Speaks ©		Snapped		
PARMT	Dawn of the Dead (R, '04) *** Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames. ©			Abraham Lincoln				
SYFY	† Night Before Halloween			Jeepers Creepers 3 (NR, '17) Jonathan Breck. ©	Jason X			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)	
TCM	Mad Love (NR, '35) ***			(8:15) The Most Dangerous Game ©	Cat People ('42) ***			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: “Brienne’s Story.” ©			Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding			
TLN	Baptist	King	Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit	
TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©			The Longest Yard (PG-13, '05) ***				
TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	
TRAV	Mountain Monsters: “Tracking a Ferocious Feline.” (N)			Mountain Monsters (N)	Mystery (N)			
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©			Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley		
VH1	Black Ink Crew (N) ©			Black Ink Crew ©	Cartel Crew ©	Black Ink		
WE	Criminal Minds ©			Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal		
WGN America	Dog’s Most Wanted ©			Dog’s Most Wanted (N)	Dog’s Most Wanted ©	Dog		
PREMIUM	HBO	† (6) The Favourite (R) ***			The Bronx, USA (N) ©	(9:25) Glass ('19) ***		
	HBO2	Catherine the Great ©			The Deuce: “Finish It.” ©	Room 104	(9:45) Any One of Us	
	MAX	GoodFellas (R, '90) **** Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. ©			Team America			
	SHO	† (6:30) Airplane! ('80) ***			Godzilla (PG-13, '98) **	Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno. ©		
	STARZ	† The River and the Wall			(8:05) Miss Bala (PG-13, '19) * Gina Rodriguez.	Daughter		
STZENC	† (6:26) Dream House *			28 Days Later (R, '02) *** Cillian Murphy. ©	28 Weeks			

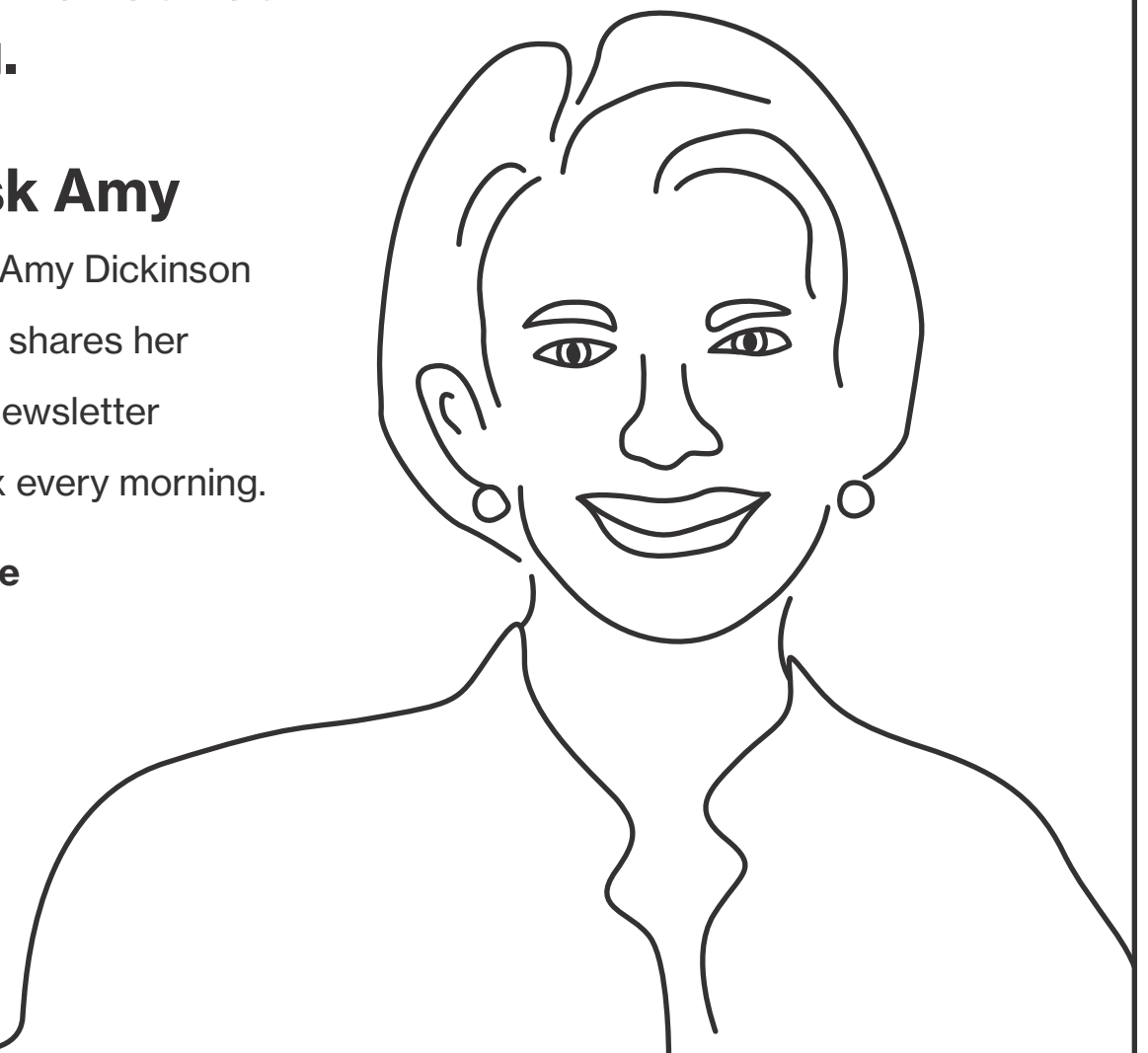
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Oct. 30): Money-making comes easily this year. Discipline and coordination with communications produces satisfying yields. Create a masterpiece this winter before a discovery shifts your journey. Income obstacles next summer lead you to explore and discover valuable tools and techniques.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Educational opportunities for travel, adventure and exploration are revealed. Go for simplicity over extravagance. Keep written records and check reservations. Others provide a boost.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Turn down an expensive invitation. Conserve resources and stay in action to generate positive cash flow. Your words, actions and heart align.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Handle practical priorities with your partner. Provide an arm to lean on. Support each other when you're feeling unsteady.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Focus on practical work and fitness goals. Action gets results. Keep practicing. Make arrangements and preparations. Balance activity with rest and good food.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Follow your heart. Abandon fantasies or illusions. Connect over shared commitments. Express your feelings with the object of your affections.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Home holds your heart. Fill it with delicious smells and good music. Clean, sort and organize. Enjoy your nest. Pamper family with fun and treats.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Write and edit your presentation. Solve an intellectual challenge. Get into an open exchange of ideas. Fall into intimate conversation easily.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Generate positive cash flow. Don't lose what you've got for an illusion. Go for simplicity. Doubts interfere with progress. Prioritize basics. Keep showing up.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. You're especially strong and creative now. Focus on basic personal priorities and avoid distractions. Take decisive action for love.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Rest and recuperate. Ruminates on recent changes. Process secondary impacts and challenges. Remember the ones who came before. Honor transitions and prepare for what's ahead.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Share ideas, information and resources with friends. Open a door for someone you recommend. Others are saying nice things about you.

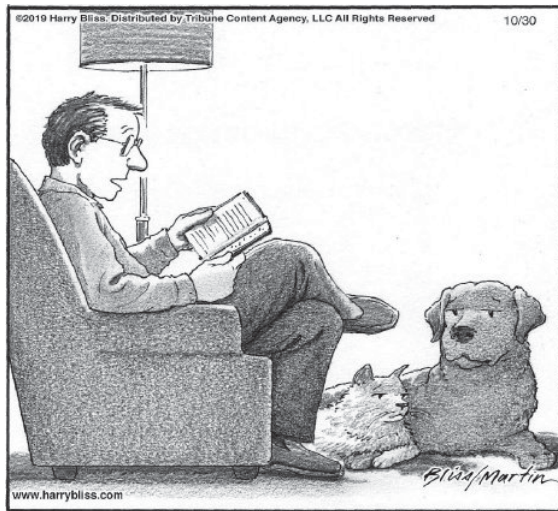
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Don't get distracted by old fears. Explore the wider world and investigate a curiosity. Share your discoveries and insights. Educational projects offer satisfying rewards.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ 10 8 2	♥ A K 9 5	♠ 6	♥ J 8 7 3
♦ K	♣ A 9 7 4 2	♦ J 9 7 2	♣ J 10 6 5
West		South	
♠ A K 7 5 3	♥ Q	♠ Q J 9 4	♥ 10 6 4 2
♦ 10 8 6 5 4	♣ 8 3	♦ A Q 3	♣ K Q

South's three no trump bid was a good suggestion, and North did very well to pass. Against four hearts, the defense would surely have started with two spades and a spade ruff, with a trump trick still to come. So how did three no trump fare?

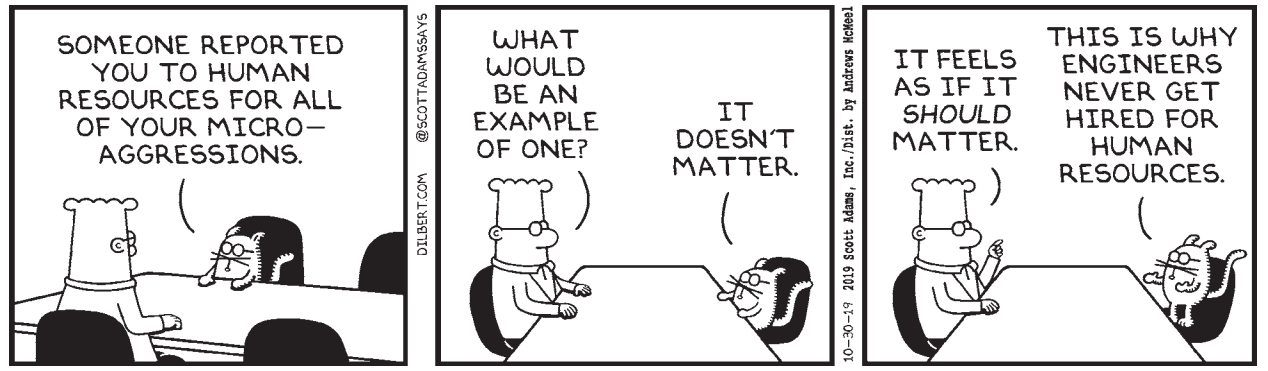
South won the opening diamond lead with dummy's king and led the 10 of spades, which held the trick. West grabbed the next spade with his king and led another diamond. South won with his ace and continued with the queen of spades. West won with his ace and shifted to the queen of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's king and led a low club to his king. He cashed the queen of diamonds, leaving this beautiful position:

North		East	
♠ Void	♥ A 9	♠ Void	♥ J 8
♦ Void	♣ A 9 7	♦ Void	♣ J 10 6
West		South	
♠ 7 5	♥ 10 6 4	♠ J	♥ Void
♦ Void	♣ Void	♦ Void	♣ Q
♠ 10 8			
♣ 8			

South led the jack of spades, discarding the nine of hearts from dummy, and East couldn't defend the position. A heart discard and South would lead a heart to dummy's ace, cross back to his hand with the queen of clubs, and cash two more heart tricks. A club discard instead, and South would cash the queen of clubs before crossing to dummy in hearts for the good clubs. A beauty! Too bad it was just for overtricks.

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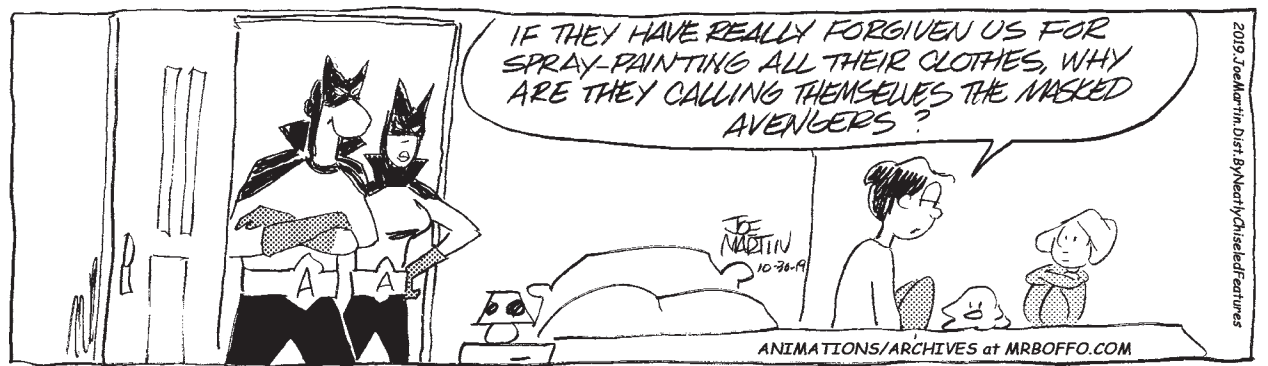
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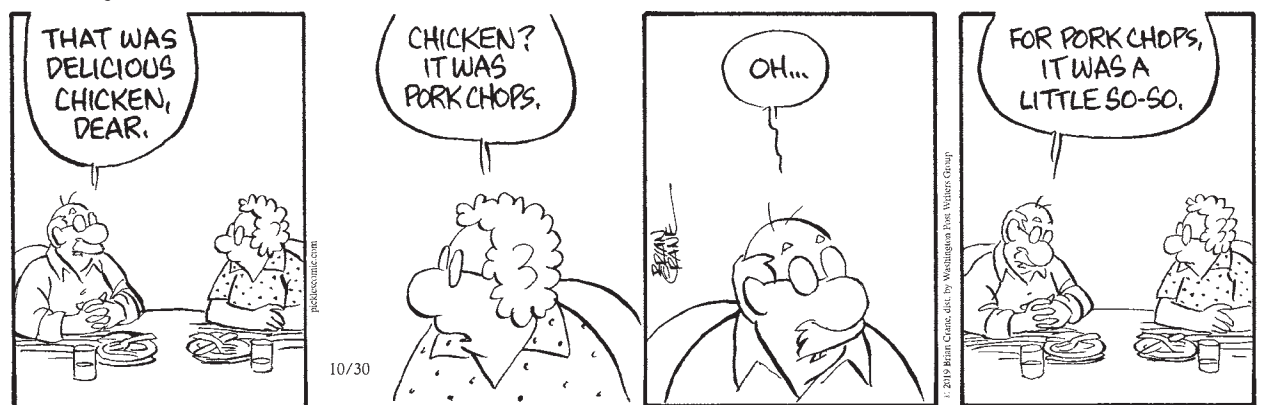
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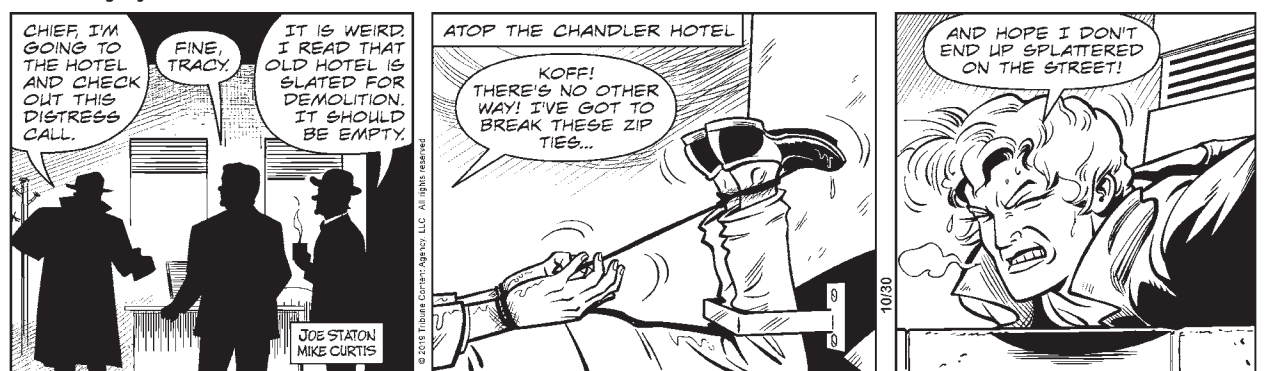
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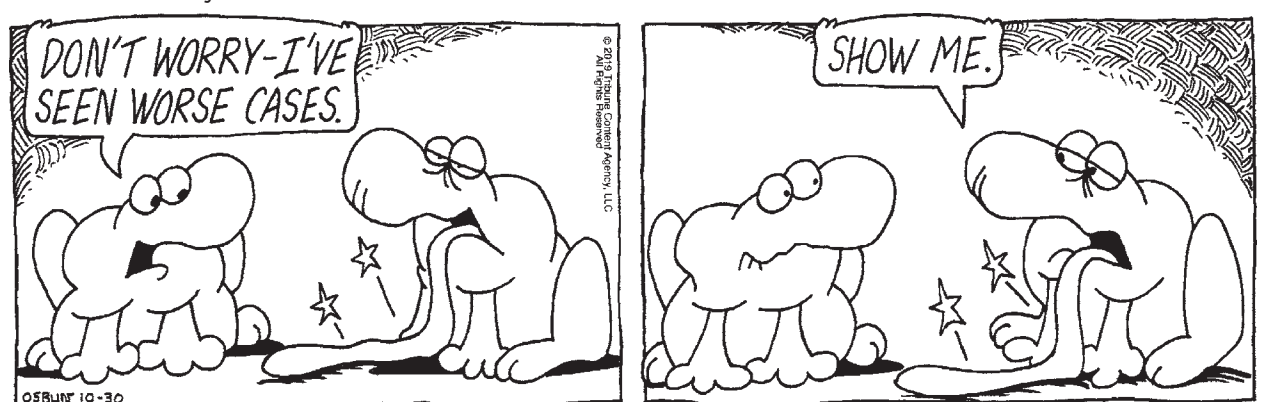
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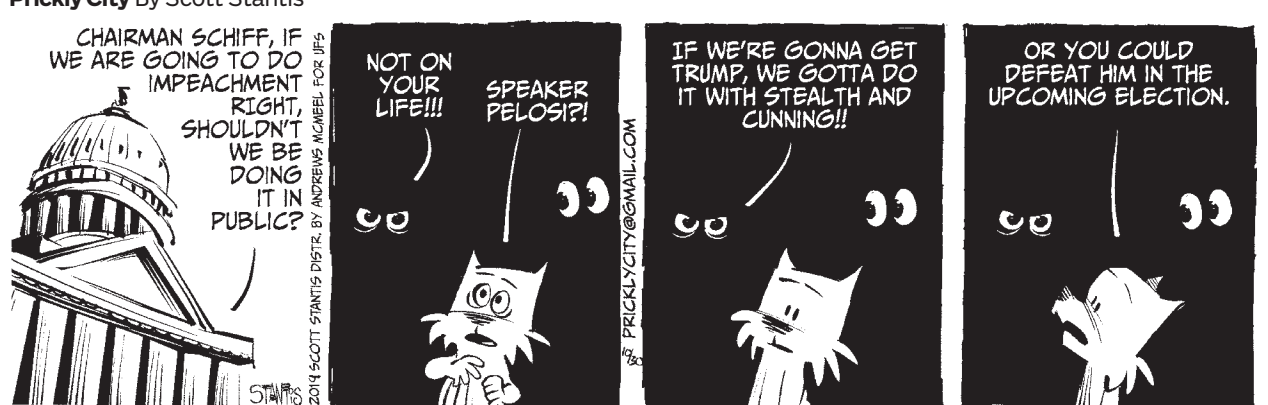
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Animal Crackers



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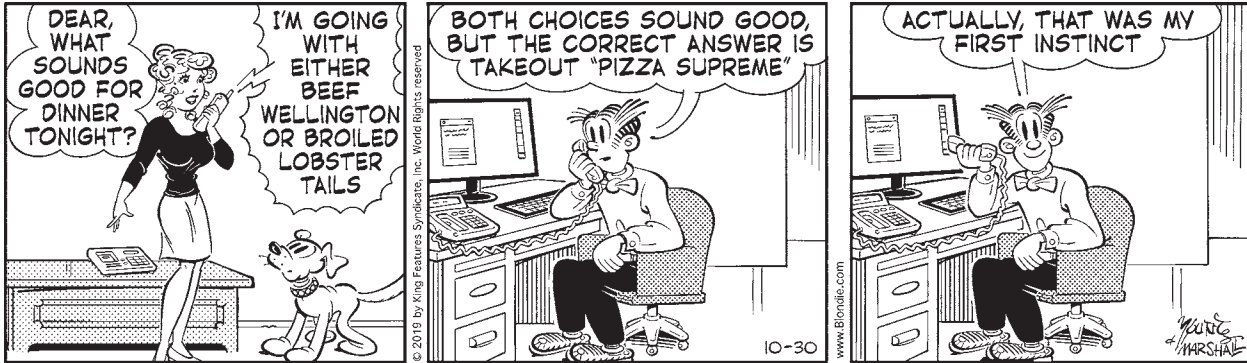
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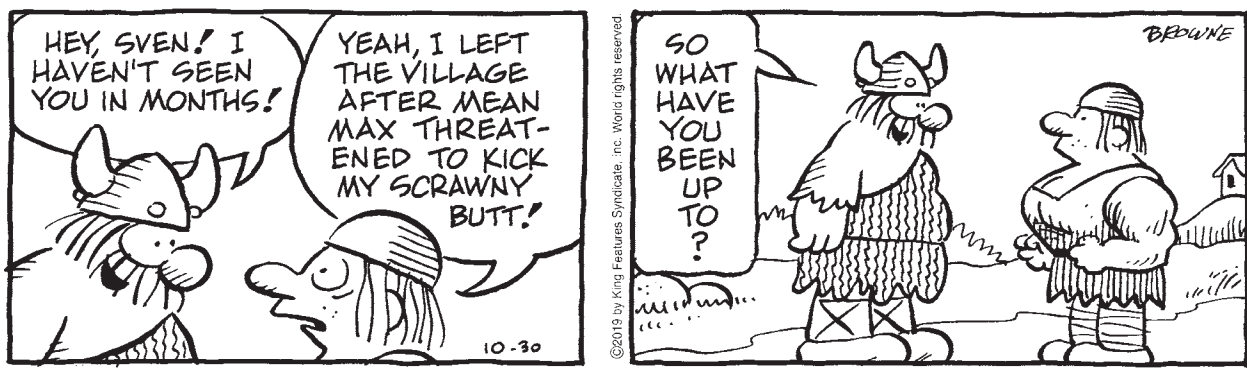
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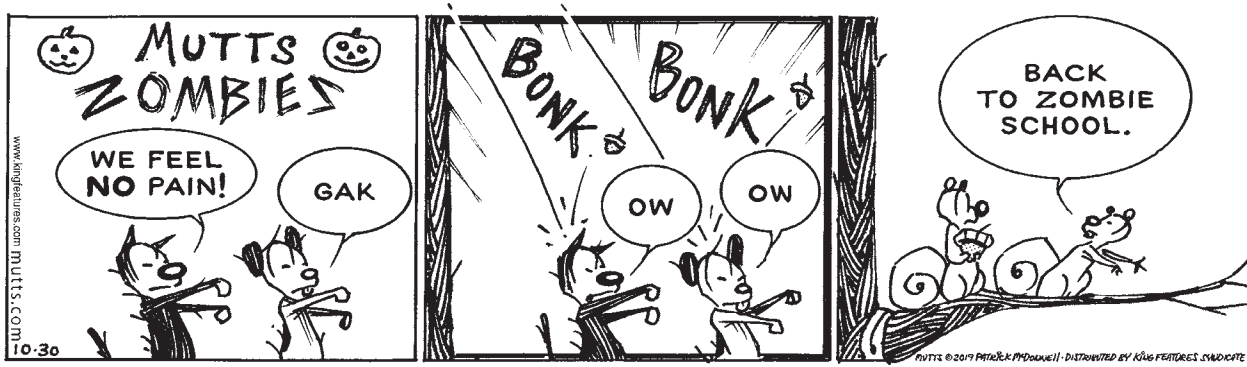
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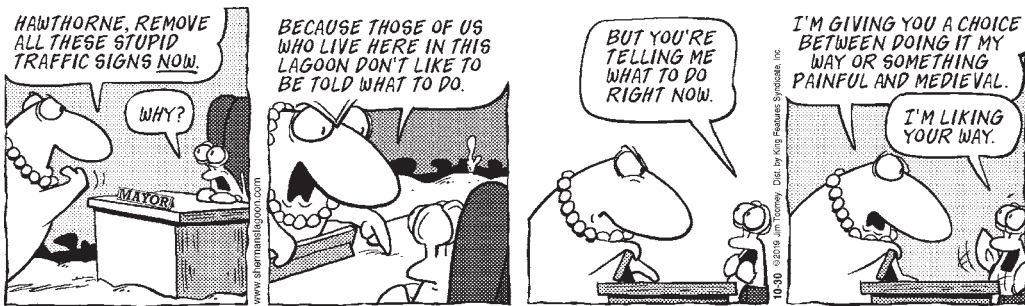
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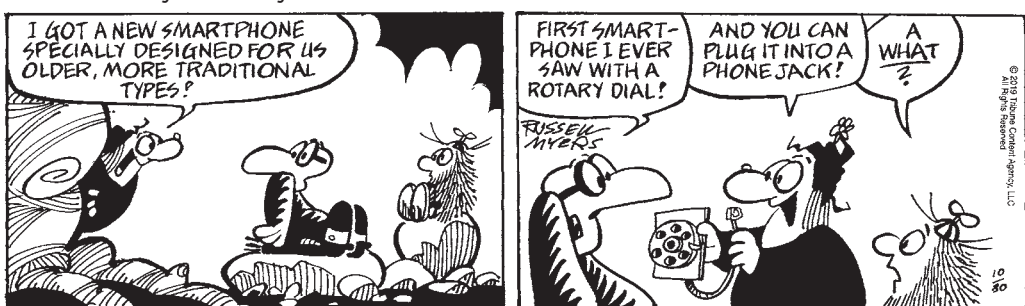
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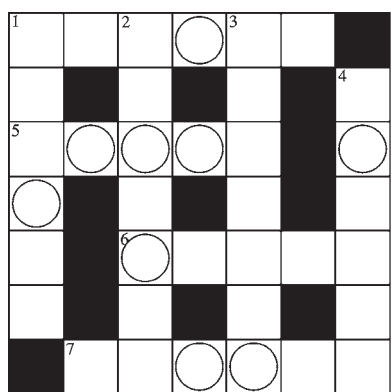
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Who won a best actress Oscar for her role in the 1974 film "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore"?
 A) Ellen Burstyn
 B) Louise Fletcher
 C) Diane Keaton
 D) Sissy Spacek
 Tuesday's answer: In 1975, Thomas Jefferson's personal library was acquired as the foundation for the Library of Congress.

Jumble Crossword



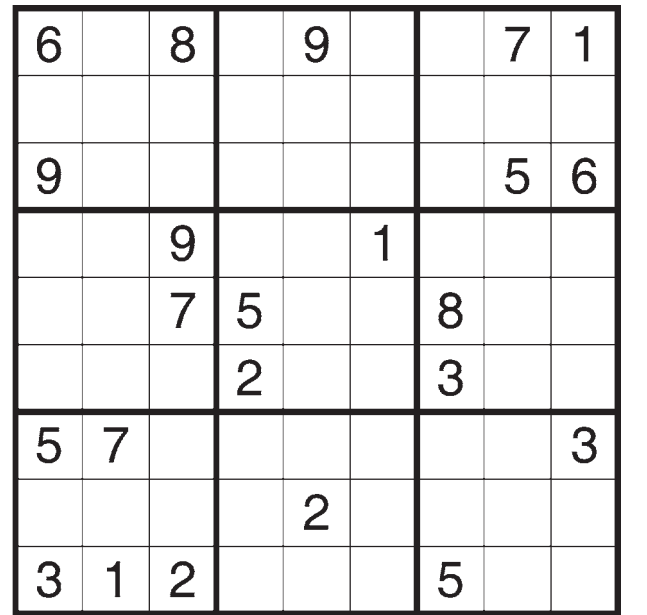
- ACROSS**
- CLUE
- Firm
 - Soap
 - Critical
 - Elicited
- DOWN**
- CLUE
- Cameron film
 - Developed
 - Puzzling
 - Fastened, tacked

BONUS [Grid]

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

10/30



2	5	4	1	7	9	8	6	3
6	1	8	4	5	3	9	7	2
9	7	3	6	2	8	5	1	4
7	4	9	2	1	5	3	8	6
3	6	5	8	9	4	7	2	1
1	8	2	7	3	6	4	5	9
5	3	7	9	6	2	1	4	8
8	9	6	5	4	1	2	3	7
4	2	1	3	8	7	6	9	5

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

- MOACE
- LCIAL
- PDXELU
- TYLLEA



Answer here



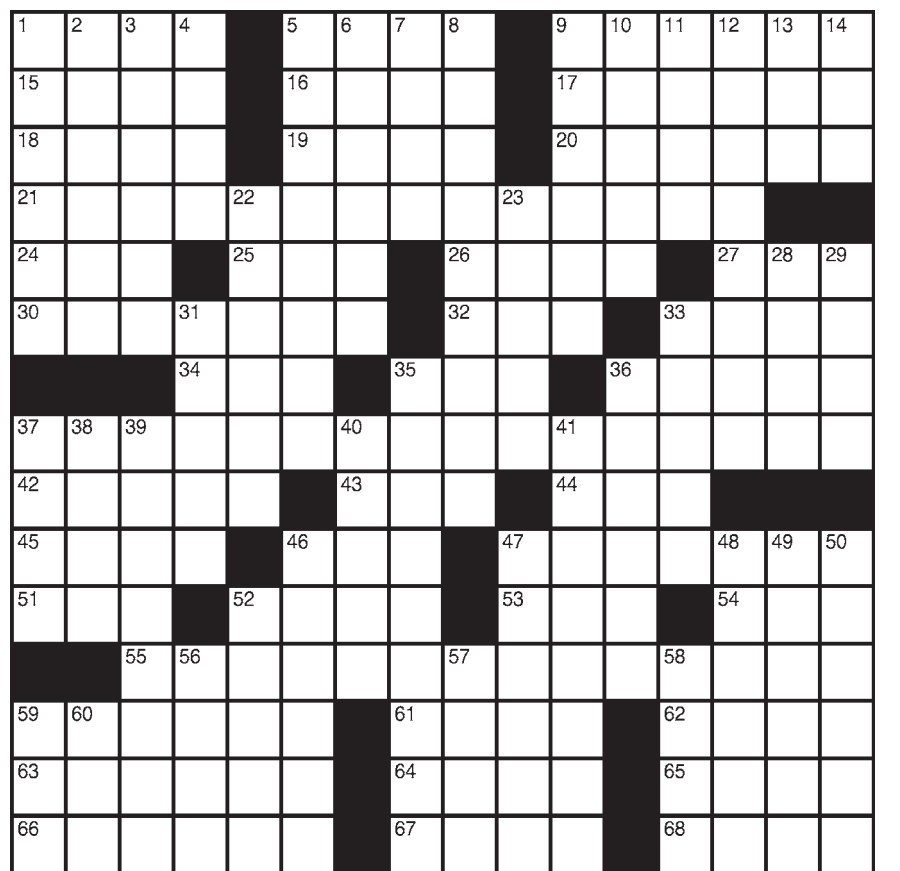
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: OMEGA ROBOT RUDDER CUDDLE
 Answer: Debuting centuries ago, the fourth letter of the alphabet was now an—"OLD-D" BUT A "GOOD-D"

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Crossword

10/30



- Across**
- Gets misty, with "up"
 - Salon treatment, briefly
 - Benjamins
 - Curly coif
 - Popular river name from the Welsh for "river"
 - They're exchanged in Hawaii
 - Nonstick cookware product
 - Religious season
 - "Don't take the blame"
 - Risked it big-time
 - Cooler filler
 - Chinese zodiac critter
 - Approximate nos.
 - MN and NM
 - Puts (in) tentatively
 - Bad-mouth
 - Word before bug or ant
 - Prov. bordering four Great Lakes
 - Hairpiece
 - Hazardous gas
 - Risked it big-time
 - Parrots geese
 - Fill up on
 - Nero's 91
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HEALTH & FAMILY

‘Please allow him to enjoy this day’

BY NARA SCHOENBERG

Last year, Halloween was a challenge for Luke Taylor. His mom, Omairis Taylor, didn't think he'd need to carry a blue bucket indicating he had autism; he was so little at age 2, she reasoned, that she could just speak for him. But after four or five houses, it was clear that Luke, who is nonverbal, was feeling stressed. Other kids lined up behind him as well-meaning grown-ups waited for him to say “trick or treat.”

The noise, the lights and the crowding left him overwhelmed and clinging to his mom.

Taylor, a U.S. Army staff sergeant in Honolulu, was just trying to make this year a little better when she posted on Facebook last week, saying that, this year, 3-year-old Luke would be carrying a blue bucket, and she hoped people would understand

In a viral Facebook post, the mother of a 3-year-old with autism asks neighbors not to press him to say ‘trick or treat’

when she said “trick or treat” for him. But the post was shared and reshared: first by members of the local military Facebook page where it initially appeared, then by parents and well-wishers across the U.S.

To date, the post has been shared more than 150,000 times. “It kind of built a bridge,” Taylor, 30, said in a phone interview. “I thought maybe I'm alone in this, but I've received messages from people in Mexico, in Australia, saying, ‘My son's the same way.’ It's been really good to feel like there's a support group. I feel like we're all in this together.”

Among those responding on Facebook was a Chicago-area mother who wrote, “Thank you

for raising awareness. My daughter is nonverbal and has severe autism. A little understanding goes a long way.”

Taylor said Luke can say a few words, and with the help of therapy, he's making great progress. Just last month, he said “mom” and “dad” for the first time.

“It was like my life changed in that moment,” she said.

He's been practicing saying “trick or treat” this year, and he has nailed it, Taylor said, but saying it when he's outside of his comfort zone may be more challenging.

Taylor said she's optimistic about the holiday this year; her military community has responded warmly, she said, with strang-

ers saying, “Come to my house,” or asking for playdates. And her family has been invited to small Halloween events, so Luke can work up to house-to-house trick-or-treating.

Taylor said that she was pleased that the online conversation about her post had expanded to include nonverbal kids who are not autistic, and kids with food allergies, who sometimes carry teal-colored buckets. (If a trick-or-treater with a teal bucket comes to your door, a non-food treat will be appreciated.) Blue buckets, often emblazoned with jack-o'-lantern smiles, signal that the carrier has autism, or is nonverbal for another reason. Purple pumpkins are used as decorations to raise awareness of epilepsy, and pink pumpkins can symbolize the fight against breast cancer.

Asked what people can do to support kids with autism during trick-or-treating, Taylor said the



TAYLOR FAMILY PHOTO
Luke Taylor, 3, seen here trying on his mother's army uniform, found Halloween stressful last year.

answer is often simple. “Just patience and a little bit of kindness will go a long way,” she said. “That's all I need.”

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An apple a day might not necessarily keep the doctor away, but eating fruits and vegetables daily does have health benefits.

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Age-old health adages

What science has to say about a few offerings

BY CARA ROSENBLUM | The Washington Post

Questionable nutritional advice is easily amplified in our digital world, but older generations have always passed down health adages that younger generations found difficult to believe. Did your parents ever offer mustard when you had a muscle cramp? My folks believed ginger relieves nausea. I was curious whether these adages and folk remedies could withstand the scrutiny of science — or whether they're bunk. So I set out to research a few of them.

Apple a day keeps the doctor away

This well-known statement is based on an 1860s Welsh proverb that eating apples will diminish doctor visits. And it has actually been put to the test — in a 2015 April Fools' Day issue of

JAMA Internal Medicine (while the topics were zany, the studies were real).

Researchers investigated whether people who reported eating apples daily actually had fewer annual doctor visits or were in better overall health. Of the 8,399 study participants, 753 ate at least one small apple

daily. The results showed that 39% of apple eaters avoided physician visits compared to 34% of non-apple-eaters, which was not a statistically significant difference. Researchers did find that apple eaters were a bit less likely to require

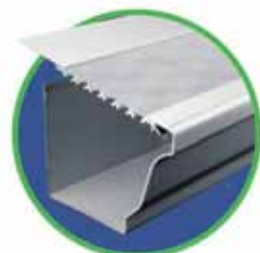
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Ski-inspired workout helps prepare for slopes

Building up your 'eccentric strength' has other benefits

BY TIM SOHN
Bloomberg

About this time every year, as the reports of first snowfalls dusting Western peaks arrive, desk-bound urban skiers begin to daydream.

Perhaps they start looking at season passes, scroll through ski videos on their lunch break or begin blocking off potential weekends with friends. But pretty soon they glance down at their legs and wonder: Will they be ready?

Fitness for skiing season is a unique thing. You need to be in generally good shape overall, but also required is a specific sort of strength and balance. And the sport demands a lot of infrequently used muscles that are stressed by irregular angles and forces.

It's not just the big, obvious muscle groups of the lower body that come into play either. The small, stabilizing ones responsible for balance and proprioception — basically active balance and awareness of your body in space — are crucial, not just for keeping you going all day long but for keeping knees and hips safe from injury.

To get those muscles ready, you need to train for what's known as "eccentric strength." Think of it as training the negative, as in the way your leg muscles feel when you're running downhill rather than up one. That's what skiing requires. And even if you're an active person who has spent the summer engaging in other activities, there's no guarantee that your first big day on the slopes won't knock you flat.

That is how I find myself on a recent, drizzly evening in a basement fitness studio underneath a Dunkin' Donuts in Scarsdale, New York, grunting and sweating while sitting on a Bosu



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To get skiing muscles sufficiently prepared for a new season, training should be geared toward improvement in what is known as "eccentric strength."

ball. I'm there for a 45-minute Shred Fitness class, one of a small number of ski-inspired workouts available. It's based around a series of exercises done for short intervals.

In this case, the class works through five movements for a minute each, followed by a five-minute cardio interval on a specialized machine called "Skier's Edge." Then the cycle is repeated three times.

Kim Kaplan, a trainer who has worked at Shred since it opened in April, offers up-tempo encouragement through a microphone headset: "Feel that burn! We're moving to the machines in 10 seconds."

Shred is the brainchild of Caroline Levere, 27, a lifelong skier who had worked in fitness. She came up with the idea while in business school.

"I looked at all the different boutique fitness classes people were doing, whether it was spinning or boxing or rowing, but there was nothing tailored to skiing," she tells me. "And I thought: You could have a ski-inspired workout that's easy on the joints. [You could] hit muscles you don't in any other class and have fun doing it."

Kaplan designed the program after consulting skiing instructors and trainers, including some who

work with the U.S. ski team, and geared it toward those little-used muscles. The workout targets the legs and core, and many movements have a balance component, often thanks to the Bosu ball.

We did split squats, Russian twists, balancing deadlifts, side lunges, planks, thrusters, mountain climbers and balancing shoulder presses, to name just a few. A lot of these exercises reinforce something skiers often forget when preparing for the season: The legs are only one piece of the puzzle.

But the secret weapon of this workout is Skier's Edge, which is the closest

I've seen a gym machine come to replicating the motions of skiing. You step onto two independently swiveling platforms that are attached to huge resistance bands, then slide along two curved tubes for a leg-burning, balance-challenging, sweat-inducing cardio workout.

Used by the U.S. and other national ski teams for training, I found it to be incredibly adept at working the knees, hips and groin, areas full of small stabilizer muscles essential for skiing and, more important, for not getting hurt skiing.

The machine is not new. But unless you were to purchase one, it has not

been widely accessible outside specialized training centers and rehab facilities, where it is used for knee and hip rehabilitation.

And while skiers have long amped up their leg training heading into a season, the existing crop of ski-specific training programs — such things as Alpine Training Center, Mountain Tactical Institute and Gym Jones — tend to cluster in mountain towns and are mostly geared toward athletes at the more elite end of the spectrum.

Shred aims at a different market. "It's definitely a workout that people who don't ski can enjoy and benefit from," Levere says.

Adages

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prescription medications compared to non-apple-eaters, leading the researcher to joke that "an apple a day keeps the pharmacist away?"

Of course, the doctor proverb shouldn't be taken literally, but the overall sentiment is true: Eating vegetables and fruits daily does have health benefits. That's because the combination of fiber, vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients may help reduce inflammation and combat cardiovascular disease and some types of cancer.

Carrots are good for your eyes

This narrative traces back to World War II. In 1940, British Royal Air Force pilots began using radar to shoot down enemy planes in the dark. To keep this new technology a secret, the Ministry of Information's propaganda was that the pilots had great visual accuracy because they ate carrots, which improved their night vision.

It seemed plausible, too, because carrots are rich in the antioxidant beta carotene, the precursor to vitamin A. Once absorbed by the body, vitamin A helps make rhodopsin, a pigment that helps eyes work better in low light. Carrots can help if you have vitamin A deficiency that causes poor night vision, but of course they can't really help you (or Air Force pilots) see in complete darkness. So, yes, carrots are good for eyesight, but other foods rich in beta carotene, such as sweet potatoes, squash and leafy green vegetables, have the same benefits.

Turkey makes you tired

We've all heard this one after Thanksgiving dinner: "The turkey made you fall asleep!" Turkey contains an amino acid (a building block of protein) known as

tryptophan, which the body uses to generate serotonin, which helps promote sleep. So then there must be something to this whole turkey-sleep connection, right?

Not so fast. Turkey contains no more tryptophan than beef, eggs, fish or chicken, and tryptophan has a hard time getting past the blood-brain barrier, so it's not an effective sleep inducer on its own. But the effect of tryptophan increases when insulin levels are high, as happens after you eat a carb-rich meal — such as a Thanksgiving dinner with stuffing, potatoes and apple pie. So it's actually carbs that increase serotonin levels and help with the production of the hormone melatonin, which makes you sleepy. Eating a large meal can have a similar effect because there's increased blood flow to the stomach for digestion, and decreased blood flow to the brain. So it's definitely not just turkey that makes you sleepy.

Ginger relieves nausea

This remedy has strong roots. More than 5,000 years ago, people from India and China used ginger as a tonic to treat many ailments. The most common and well-established historical use is to alleviate nausea and vomiting. Today, many clinical studies support the use of ginger for exactly this purpose.

Research shows that ginger helps relieve nausea and vomiting caused by motion sickness, morning sickness in pregnancy, during chemotherapy treatments and post-surgically after anesthetic. It's thought that the constituents in ginger — including gingerols and shogaols — help speed gastric emptying, which relieves nausea. Some people sip ginger tea for relief, while others prefer to take a ginger capsule, and studies show that both options can work. My mom used to open a can of ginger ale when I was queasy. While she was on the right track, it turns

out many soda brands use artificial flavoring rather than real ginger, so those are of little benefit.

Mustard helps with leg cramps

Have you ever been jolted from sleep with a leg cramp, or felt your calf seize after a run? Maybe you were told to take a shot of pickle juice or a teaspoon of yellow mustard. For years, people assumed this worked because the pickles and mustard contain fluids and sodium, which may help ease leg cramps caused by dehydration or an electrolyte imbalance. But research doesn't confirm this reasoning.

In one study, researchers induced leg cramps in male subjects, then gave them pickle juice or water. The pickle juice made the cramps go away faster, but the effect was not due to restoring body fluids, or the water would have worked just as well. They concluded that the benefit from pickle juice could not be explained by rapid restoration of body fluids or electrolytes.

Now researchers believe the problem is not actually with the muscle itself, but with the motor neurons that send signals to it, which become hyperactive. The researchers hypothesize that strong flavors (as in mustard or pickle juice) stimulate neurons in the mouth and upper GI tract, which in turn restores the normal activity of the motor neurons involved in muscle cramping — sort of like a distraction. There are no rigorous studies to prove this interesting theory, so drinking pickle juice remains mostly unsubstantiated. But if it works for you, drink up.

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Registered nurse Donna Feaster administers a flu shot to Michael Kelly, 43, during a free flu shot clinic at the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple this month.

Get your flu shot soon — severe season expected, doctors say

BY KATE THAYER

As flu cases begin to pop up in Illinois, medical experts say that though it's hard to predict the severity of the upcoming season, there are indicators it could be harsh, reminiscent of the deadly influenza that spread two years ago.

Influenza patients have started to slowly trickle into doctors' offices and hospitals in recent weeks, according to tracking by the Illinois Department of Public Health and other health departments, but activity remains low, as expected for October, officials said.

But in examining this year's flu in Australia and the Southern Hemisphere, which experiences its influenza season about six months ahead of the U.S., doctors say they're bracing for a severe season and are warning patients to take precautions by getting vaccinated.

"They had a very bad season," said Dr. Sharon Welbel, director of infectious disease at Cook County Health, noting that Australia had four times as many cases as the previous five years' average, and twice as many deaths.

The predominant virus for the Southern Hemi-

sphere was H3N2 — also blamed for the severe 2017-18 season in the U.S. that sickened 49 million people and killed nearly 80,000. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called it the deadliest flu season in decades. Welbel said that while public health officials look at Australia's season to help predict what might happen in the Northern Hemisphere, it's not always accurate. She estimated that about "50 to 70 percent of the time we mirror what we saw in the Southern Hemisphere."

IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said this year's flu vaccine was delayed as public health officials continued to determine which strains to include. But it's now available, and anyone who is at least 6 months old should get one by the end of October, she said. Though it's never too late, "the sooner the better."

The H3N2 strain is included in the vaccine, and that particular strain is known to be more severe, Ezike said. However, strains can mutate, so they may not match what's in the vaccine, she said, but "even if it's not a perfect match, it's going to be more protective than having nothing."

CDC officials earlier this month urged pregnant women to get a flu shot after finding in a report that most do not get vaccinated for influenza and whooping cough despite advice to do so from their doctors.

Dr. Michael Fitzgerald, a family medicine physician with DuPage Medical Group in Naperville, said that while he has yet to see a patient with the flu, "it's on our radar." Anyone who comes in with a fever, cough or sore throat is checked for flu, he added.

Because last year's flu season was more mild — especially compared with the previous year's severe one — Fitzgerald said he worries people may be complacent and skip their flu shot this year.

He said he's been proactive in spreading the word to his patients, offering them the vaccine during visits, as well as hosting separate clinics where anyone can stop in for the shot.

"Flu hurts people; it hospitalizes people, and it kills people," he said he tells his patients. With the flu shot, "really, you're preventing hospitalization and death."

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Pressuring children to diet can often backfire

Long-term health risks increased, researchers say

By DEBORAH DiSESA HIRSCH
HealthDay

Parents want the best for their children. Eat well. Get enough sleep. Exercise. But sometimes pressuring your teen to diet or lose weight may end up harming them, a new study suggests.

It found that parents who urge their kids to diet might actually be boosting their odds for obesity later in life. It's also tied to an increased risk for eating disorders.

The phenomenon can even stretch across generations, said study lead author Jerica Berge, professor and vice chair for research in the department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Minnesota.

"This new study was conducted over many years, and we can see that these messages stay with someone longitudinally — someone who had (experienced) it now does that to their kid, passing it on, giving it to the next generation," said Berge.

One expert who works with kids who battle eating disorders wasn't surprised by the findings.

"We work with young people with serious eating disorders, and we work very closely with parents," said Ana Ojeda, a clinical psychologist specializing in pediatric patients at Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami.

"Some of our kids are hospitalized," explained Ojeda, who wasn't involved in the new study. "When you combine eating disorders with depression, anxiety or their own body image, it can lead to very bad consequences. We definitely do not encourage parents to make a foolish focus on a child's weight. At certain developmental stages, it can be very dam-



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Parental pressure to get and stay slim was associated with poorer health in young adulthood, a recent study found.

aging to self-esteem."

In the study, Berge's group looked at data from surveys completed by more than 1,100 adolescents from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area from 1998 to 1999. Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed were girls.

The respondents then filled out follow-up surveys at five-year intervals beginning in 2003, until they entered their 30s.

By the third survey, more than 40% of young women and 27% of young men said they received encouragement from their mothers to diet to stay slim. About 20% of young females and 18% of young males said they'd gotten similar messages from their dads.

The study couldn't prove a direct cause-and-effect, but parental pressure to get and stay slim was associ-

ated with poorer health in young adulthood, the study found. There seemed to be a cumulative effect on adult behaviors centered on weight, weight-related behaviors and psychosocial well-being, the Minneapolis team found.

For example, by the end of the study — 15 years after the first questionnaires had been filled out — girls who'd been pressured to diet had 49% higher odds of being an obese young adult compared to girls who hadn't gotten that parental pressure. Boys who had a similar experience had 13% higher odds of becoming obese young men, the researchers reported. When it came to what the researchers called "extreme weight control behaviors," parental pressure to diet boosted the

odds for girls by 29% and for boys by 12%, Berge's group found. Risks for binge eating, specifically, rose by 17% for girls and 39% for boys.

Messages about dieting from parents were also linked to a higher odds for poor self-esteem, body satisfaction and depression in young adulthood.

None of this means that parents who encourage dieting are trying to make their kids unhappy or unhealthy, Berge stressed.

"Parents are well-meaning and doing the best for their kids," she said. "They want them to be as healthy as possible, but they often undermine themselves with the language they use, making a kid feel guilty or ashamed and much more less able to change."

As Berge explained,

there is a better way.

"If you say something about someone's weight, it's internalized as shaming, and it doesn't lead to behavior change," she said. "So, we're trying to refocus people's language on eating health. We relate it to something kids like to do. If your kid likes soccer, focus on the fact that eating right can help you run faster on the team. Whatever is of interest to your teen, hone in on that and tell them eating well is for that purpose, not focusing on weight."

How can parents prevent their good intentions to keep from backfiring?

Rebecca Puhl is deputy director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at the University of Connecticut. Reviewing the findings, she agreed that

"there are better ways for parents to communicate (about weight) with teens."

First off, "what parents do is more powerful than what they say," she said.

"Parents who create a home environment where healthier choices are easier to make — fruits and vegetables are available, minimizing junk food, modeling healthy behaviors themselves — are more likely to be effective, rather than telling your teen she or he needs to lose weight," Puhl said.

Berge believes that it also helps families to focus on health and eating as a unit.

"Engage the family around it, rather than Mommy saying, 'stop this,'" she said.

The study was published recently in the Journal of Adolescent Health.

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MSM supplements may be beneficial for your hair

By JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: Years ago, I read in your column that MSM supplements (without glucosamine) helped hair stay full and thick. I started taking it about 2002, and I have pretty, thick, healthy hair at age 57. I definitely saw an improvement in my hair within a few months of starting the supplement. Thank you for your good advice!

A: MSM stands for methylsulfonylmethane. It is a naturally occurring compound with well-established anti-inflammatory activity. A review of the medical literature concludes that MSM can ease the pain and stiffness of arthritis (Nutrients, March 2017).

Although there is some preliminary research to suggest that this dietary supplement may be helpful for skin quality and texture, we could find no data to support its benefits for improving hair growth in humans. Some people speculate that MSM can be beneficial for hair health because it is a good source of sulfur. Until there are clinical trials, however, this remains hypothetical. Fortunately, MSM appears to be well-tolerated with a good safety profile (Complementary Therapies in Medicine, August 2019).

Q: My doctor told me to take 5,000 IU of vitamin D in the morning and 5,000 IU of vitamin D in the evening. Is this amount OK?

A: According to the National Institutes of Health's Office of Dietary Supplements, the recommended daily allowance for vitamin D (ages 1-70) is 600 IU. We think that is low, but your intake of



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Some people speculate that MSM supplements are good for your hair because of its sulfur content.

10,000 IU is very high.

According to the experts, the upper limit should be 4,000 IU a day.

Q: I was recently prescribed metformin to control blood sugar. When the dosage increased from one to two times a day, I began to have serious depression.

I treated myself as a guinea pig, starting and stopping the medicine three times just to be sure that metformin was really the cause. Each time, it took longer to feel normal again. When I reported this to my internist, she wasn't aware that this was a side effect.

I have found that increasing my dose of B vitamins, especially vitamin B12, helps the depression somewhat. I've had chronic trouble getting enough B12 since I was a teenager, but my doctor monitors my levels.

A: Metformin is the most commonly prescribed diabetes drug in the world. It works well, but it can cause vitamin B12 deficiency (Diabetes & Metabolism, November 2016).

Low vitamin B12 levels have been associated with depression. Other symptoms of B12 deficiency

include fatigue, numbness and tingling, sore tongue, palpitations and shortness of breath. You might ask your doctor to request a methylmalonic acid (MMA) test in addition to your serum B12 blood test. High levels of MMA point to low levels of vitamin B12.

Q: I take magnesium glycinate at bedtime, and it completely relieves muscle cramps in my feet. The glycinate form of magnesium does not cause me diarrhea.

A: Researchers have reported that leg cramps during pregnancy may respond to magnesium supplements (Maternal & Child Nutrition, April 2015). A review of the medical literature, however, concluded that it is unlikely that magnesium supplements prevent leg cramps in older people (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Sept. 12, 2012). Like you, though, other readers have found magnesium to be helpful, as long as their kidneys are in good shape.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

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REVIEW George Trois ★★★★★ Temporis ★★★

Major changes but menus still quality

BY PHIL VETTEL

Today, I take a look at two restaurants I've reviewed previously: George Trois, which closed for a monthlong makeover earlier this year; and Temporis, operating with a new head chef and its first-ever pastry chef.

Temporis, to the relief of owner Sam Plotnick, retained its Michelin star this year, despite the kitchen turnover; George Trois arguably deserves a Michelin star, but, given its location in the wilds of Winnetka (I'm being facetious), seems destined to go through life without acknowledgment from Bibendum (the actual name of the Michelin Man).

Two highly regarded restaurants, each sitting a maximum of 20 guests. I visited each place once this month.

George Trois

Fans of Michael Lachowicz's brilliant restaurant can be forgiven if the details of George Trois' makeover eluded them. Lachow-



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Golden osetra caviar at George Trois Wednesday in Winnetka.

icz kept intact the tiny dining room's white-on-white color scheme; it would take an observant eye to notice the new white-marble fireplace surround, the new lighting, new carpeting, redone ceiling and enhanced trim.

The real change was that Restaurant Michael, the more

casual concept that operated side-by-side with George Trois, was remade into two restaurants — the bustling brasserie Aboyer, and the sedate, 24-seat Silencieux — putting Lachowicz and his slightly expanded staff in charge of three restaurants, at notably different price points, under one



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Pork belly with tamarind, quince and red cabbage Tuesday at Temporis.

roof. Check your bank balance; pick your Lachowicz experience.

You'll spend the most money at George Trois, where the 12-course menu checks in at \$215. But every one of those courses will be delivered by Lachowicz personally, offering a level of

chef-guest contact that no other area restaurant provides. And Lachowicz's gentle, self-effacing manner takes intimidation out of the experience.

As does his approach to food. My meal started with a hot toddy,

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Roti is the bread most commonly eaten by Indians, not naan, which is commonly found in Indian restaurants. Perfecting roti, however, is a culinary journey of sorts.



The roti dough is made from chapati flour and water. After letting the dough rest, portions are rolled into balls and flattened by hand, then rolled into thin rounds, and are finally ready for the skillet or griddle.

CRAVING Indian food

Mastering roti

It's the workhorse of flatbreads at the Indian table

BY ANUPY SINGLA

"What bread do Indians most commonly eat?"

It's the first question I typically ask when teaching cooking classes. Invariably, the answer is loud and unanimous. But, it's always wrong. Most are quick to answer "naan."

Their faces fall when I shake my head "no." Those with South Asian roots sit and nod seemingly in relief that someone finally addressed this misconception publicly.

For the record — most Indians do not eat naan on a regular basis. I was a teenager the first time I tried it at one of the first Indian

restaurants to open in Philadelphia where I grew up. And, we ate Indian every day and traveled to India just about every year.

Our home-cooked Indian meals included bread, but it was always roti.

What's the difference? Naan is

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Roti

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made from all-purpose white flour and additional ingredients including eggs and/or yogurt. It is leavened with yeast and gets its delicious charred crispness from being slapped on the sides of a high-heat clay tandoori oven. Indian restaurants are the perfect showcases for tandoori ovens.

“Who do you know with a tandoori oven at home?” I ask. And then I wait and watch as the light bulb goes off.

Roti is flatbread made with a finely milled, stone-ground whole durum wheat flour and water. The two ingredients are mixed together to form dough much like the start of pizza, which is then pulled apart and rolled into smaller balls. These are then flattened and rolled out into thin rounds, which are cooked on a hot, dry skillet or griddle called a tava on the stove-top.

When it is just about finished, the roti is manipulated either in the pan or on an open flame until it puffs up like a balloon. It's quite a sight and usually met with “oohs” and “aaahs” when I demonstrate. While it looks like magic to the untrained eye, it's the very pockets of air trapped during the kneading process that help the roti magically puff up before deflating almost instantly.

Many associate rice with Indian cuisine. But, there are many regions in India where roti takes center stage. Rice is eaten, but usually only on special occasions.

It was a lesson I learned as a young girl visiting my father's childhood village in the heart of the northwestern state of Punjab, the largest wheat producer in India. In villages across the region, wheat is not just an ingredient. It is truly a way of life and a crop that sustains the entire village. Warm amber, grassy fields surround farmhouses, the main village and bustling market. There, the term roti itself drips with meaning.

When Punjab is called to a meal, we are often told to “come, eat roti” whether it's bread or rice on the table. The flatbread is also called chapati or phulka.

Perfecting roti is a culinary journey of sorts.

While made from just two ingredients, roti requires technique to perfect. It took me a decade of trying and failing before I felt like I had the process down to go up against my mother and mother-in-law.

There is just the right amount of pressure when rolling them out. Then, the dry flour added to roll each one out thin and round. My early rotis were thick and so weighted down with dry flour that I could use them as paper-weights. I still remember an uncle visiting from India who shook his head sadly when I asked how he liked my roti.

But, practice does make perfect. And who cares as long as the mistakes are delicious? If this all sounds like too much work, try ordering roti at your favorite Indian restaurant. Or better yet, when shopping at an Indian grocery store check near the cash register. They usually have rotis in little plastic bags delivered fresh daily.

To be completely honest, I always have a stack of those in the fridge as back up!

The key to making good roti is using the correct flour. Typically, chapati flour is made from durum wheat — one of the hardest varieties of wheat used to make pasta and great for flatbread. It is stone ground until very fine. It can be found in any Indian grocery store and is rarely found in mainstream Western grocers. When shopping for it, purchase atta, which is 100% whole-wheat flour, rather than maida, which also contains bleached white flour.

If you don't have a nearby Indian grocer, look for whole

Roti (aka chapati or phulka)

Prep: 50 minutes **Cook:** about 2 minutes per roti

Makes: 17 roti (6-inch rounds)

3 ½ cups chapati flour (atta), divided

1 ½ cups water at room temperature, plus more as needed

Ghee for stacking

1. In a food processor or stand mixer, combine 3 cups chapati flour and the water and blend until a dough ball forms. You can do this by hand in a deep bowl, but it's messier. If the dough is sticky, add a little more dry flour. If it's too dry, add a little more water, 1 teaspoon at a time.

2. Transfer the dough to a deep, wide bowl and knead by hand for 2 to 3 minutes, until the dough reaches the desired consistency. Cover with a damp dish towel or paper towel and set aside at room temperature for 20 to 30 minutes. Roti dough can be used immediately, but I find that it helps to let it sit a bit.

3. Place the remaining ½ cup of dry chapati flour on a plate. Pull off a golf ball-sized chunk (2 tablespoons) of the dough and roll it between your palms until it is as round as possible.

4. Press the ball between your palms until it is slightly flattened. Place it on a dry, lightly floured work surface. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough into a thin, 6-inch disc.

5. Repeat the process until you have made 6 to 8 rotis and placed them on a platter.

6. Warm an ungreased tava, flat griddle, or cast-iron frying pan over medium heat.

7. Carefully place 1 roti flat in the hot pan. Cook for 30 seconds and turn it over. The roti will be barely cooked. Cook on the other side for 30 seconds.

8. Turn over the roti. Ball up a dry paper towel or dish towel in one hand, use it to press down on the roti, and cook for 40 seconds, until the roti starts to puff up. This is how the roti cooks best— with steam searing through it. Cook for another 40 seconds, until the roti is lightly browned on both sides and cooked through. For even better results, after cooking it through (but not completely) in the pan and when it starts to puff up, transfer it to an open flame on another burner. Working quickly with the tongs, turn it, move it around, and flip until it puffs up for you. Be careful not to let it sit for too long, as it will burn. This is best done on a gas burner, but can also be done on an electric burner covered by a metal diffuser.

9. Transfer the roti back to the platter and lightly apply the ghee to the top. If stacking and serving immediately, stack the roti with the buttered sides facing each other. Serve immediately or store in refrigerator for up to 1 week.

Nutrition information per roti: 109 calories, 2 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 4 mg cholesterol, 20 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 3 g protein, 1 mg sodium, 1 g fiber



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Aloo ka paratha is a roti stuffed with a potato filling.

Aloo ka paratha (potato paratha)

Prep: 1 hour 10 minutes **Cook:** about 2 minutes per paratha **Makes:** 11 paratha (6-inch rounds)

Parathas are essentially roti stuffed with about anything imaginable. This recipe is likely the most popular paratha, one stuffed with spiced potatoes. You can also use chopped onion and green chile, grated daikon or carrots, or even the pulp left over from juicing.

2 medium russet potatoes, boiled, peeled and mashed

½ tablespoon vegetable oil

½ heaping teaspoon cumin seeds

½ teaspoon turmeric powder

½ small yellow or red onion, minced

1 to 2 fresh Thai, serrano, or cayenne chiles, stems removed, finely chopped

½ teaspoon red chile powder or cayenne pepper

½ teaspoon amchur (dried mango powder)

½ tablespoon garam masala

1 teaspoon salt

1 batch uncooked roti dough

½ cup chapati flour (atta), for rolling dough

Vegetable oil, as needed for frying

1 teaspoon butter or vegan margarine, for serving, optional

1 small bowl of yogurt sweetened with brown sugar, optional

Achaar (spicy pickle), optional

1. Place the potatoes in a large mixing bowl and set aside.

2. In a large heavy-bottomed saute pan over medium-high heat, warm the oil. Add the cumin seeds and turmeric and cook, until the cumin seeds sizzle and turn reddish-brown, 40 seconds. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly browned, 2 minutes. Remove from the heat.

3. Add the contents of the saute pan to the bowl containing the potatoes. Add the fresh chiles, red chile powder, amchur, garam masala and salt. Stir until well combined. Set aside to cool.

4. Pull off a golf ball-size chunk (2 tablespoons) of the roti dough and roll it between your palms until it is as round as possible. The trick to making a perfectly moist paratha is to use the dry flour sparingly. Too much, and your paratha will dry out.

5. Press the ball between your palms until it is slightly flattened. Place it on a dry, lightly floured work surface. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough into a thin, 5-inch disc.

6. Place 1 heaping tablespoon of the potato filling in the middle of the dough disc. Fold the sides of the dough inward so they meet in the middle and press the edges together, essentially forming a square. Place the dry chapati flour on a plate and dredge the square of stuffed dough in the flour.

7. Place the square of stuffed dough on the lightly floured work surface and roll it into a thin 6-inch disc. It may not be perfectly round, and some of the filling might come through slightly, but that's OK. Repeat the process until you have made 11 parathas. (you may have filling left over.)

8. Warm an ungreased tava, flat griddle or cast-iron frying pan over medium heat. Carefully place 1 paratha flat in the hot pan. Cook for 30 seconds and turn it over. Cook on the other side for 30 seconds.

9. Lightly oil the side of the paratha that is facing up. Turn it over and immediately lightly oil the other side. Cook, turning once to ensure even cooking, for a total of 2 minutes, until browned on both sides. Remove from the pan and transfer to a serving platter.

10. Repeat steps 8 and 9 until you have cooked all the parathas, making sure to clean out the pan after every 3 parathas. Serve immediately with the butter, sweetened yogurt or achaar, if using.

Nutrition information per flatbread: 188 calories, 5 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 4 mg cholesterol, 31 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 4 g protein, 216 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

white wheat pastry flour, which is the closest you can get to traditional chapati flour. King Arthur Flour has some delicious options. Using regular whole-wheat flour

found in the West can result in hard, slightly bitter roti because it's a different type of wheat (typically hard red winter). If that's all you have, mix 2 parts whole-

wheat flour with 1 part all-purpose white flour to achieve the right taste and texture.

Chicago food writer Anupriya Singla

Dal ki roti (lentil roti)

Prep: 50 minutes

Cook: about 2 minutes per roti

Makes: 17 roti (6-inch rounds)

A great way to use up leftovers, especially dal (spiced lentils), is to knead it right into your atta and cook it up like the recipes above. This is a great way to get your kids to eat their lentils. In Indian households, it's an efficient way to use up leftovers so that nothing goes to waste.

3 ½ cups chapati flour (atta), divided

1 cup leftover dal or any soupy lentil

½ cup plus 2 tablespoons water

1. In a food processor, stand mixer or by hand combine 3 cups chapati flour and the dal; blend until mixed well. If you need a little more spice, now is the time to add it. Usually the dal is spiced enough.

2. Add water and mix until your dough forms. Cover with a damp dish towel or paper towel and set aside at room temperature for 20 to 30 minutes.

3. Pull off a golf ball-size chunk (2 tablespoons) of the roti dough and roll it between your palms until it is as round as possible.

4. Press the ball between your palms until it is slightly flattened. Place it on a dry, lightly floured work surface. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough into a thin, 6-inch disc. Repeat the process until you have made 6 to 8 rotis.

5. Warm an ungreased tava, flat griddle or cast-iron frying pan over medium heat. Carefully place 1 roti flat in the hot pan. Cook for 30 seconds and turn it over. Cook on the other side for 30 seconds.

6. Lightly oil the side of the roti that is facing up. Turn it over and immediately lightly oil the other side. Cook, turning once to ensure even cooking, for a total of 2 minutes, until browned on both sides. Remove from the pan and transfer to a serving platter. Repeat with remaining roti.

Nutrition information per roti: 103 calories, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 21 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 3 g protein, 28 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

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SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Dressing never goes out of style

BY DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON
Tribune Content Agency

On a recent visit to San Francisco, I stopped by The Four Seasons's MKT Restaurant for dinner. They had modern California style dishes on their menu, but I couldn't resist ordering their Green Goddess salad. I've taken a few liberties with their recipe that calls for a water bath to keep the dressing bright green. I skipped that step and it seems to stay green as long as it is refrigerated.

I was pleasantly surprised to see that this versatile dressing and dip still seemed current even though it was created in the 1920s by The Palace Hotel's chef. He named it after an actor staying at



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the hotel who was starring in a local play called “The Green Goddess.” The creamy salad dressing was very popular through the 1980s, and then it pretty much disappeared on most menus. I'm glad it's making a comeback.

Green Goddess dressing is a blend of fresh herbs, mayonnaise

and a touch of vinegar. Every cook or chef has his or her own version. I like the addition of capers, shallot and anchovy paste. It adds a deep layer of flavor. I love the green-tinted dressing that is equally at home drizzled over baby gem lettuces, a dip for crudité or a happy accompaniment to grilled or steamed artichokes.

Tarragon has a very distinct anise flavor and is essential in this recipe. To amp it up further, you can use tarragon vinegar instead of red wine vinegar. Make sure to choose fresh herbs. I think this recipe is well balanced and not too thick. If you find you prefer a more liquid consistency, thin it out with a bit of water, olive oil or plain yogurt. You can keep this refrigerated for a week.

MKT Green Goddess dressing

Prep time: 10 minutes

Makes: About 1 ½ cups

2 tablespoons dill leaves

2 tablespoons tarragon leaves

2 tablespoons chopped chives

2 tablespoons basil leaves

1 small bunch Italian parsley leaves, no stems

1 small shallot

2 tablespoons drained and rinsed capers

2 tablespoons red wine or tarragon vinegar or lemon juice

1 teaspoon anchovy paste

¾ cup best quality mayonnaise

White pepper, to taste

1. Combine all the ingredients in a high-powered blender or in a food processor and process until it is well blended. Taste for seasoning. Transfer it to a container with an airtight top. Refrigerate until serving.

1 glass type for all wine? Make it good

BY DAVE MCINTYRE
The Washington Post

Last week, I discussed the debate over whether decanting benefits wine by allowing it to breathe when exposed to air. The verdict was mixed. Decanters can be expensive and unwieldy, and difficult to clean. They are useful for pouring older wines off their sediment, and the ritual of decanting can add to our enjoyment of wine, especially in more formal settings.

For improving a wine's flavor, however, the glass is more important than a decanter. The size and shape of a wine glass will affect the aromas and flavors, not just as you swirl and sip, but throughout your meal.

This doesn't mean you need to invest in expensive crystal stemware, or a variety of differently shaped glasses. "You don't really need any other type of wine glass beyond an all-purpose glass," writes Maryse Cheviere, a sommelier and the James Beard Award-winning wine satirist of Fresh Cut Garden Hose on Instagram, in her new book, "Grasping the Grape: Demystifying Grape Varieties to Help You Discover the Wines You Love." "Especially, if you're just starting to get into wine."

So, if you are new to wine, or considering a gift to someone who is, what should you look for in an all-purpose glass? Cheviere lays out a few basic criteria.

"If you only get to pick one, a clear, thin-lipped, 'cut rim' all-purpose glass should be it," she writes, describing it as "a stemmed glass with a U-shaped bowl that is wider at the stem and narrows slightly as it gets up to the rim."

She adds: "It's the wine glass equivalent of the perfect pair of jeans."

That U-shaped bowl is often called a tulip, because of its resemblance to the flower. The narrower rim focuses the aroma and guides the wine to your palate rather than down your shirt. The thin "cut rim" is favored over a thicker "rolled rim" for the same reason.

Different sizes, with glasses for white wines smaller than those for reds, evolved for a reason. White wines, such as a riesling or sauvignon blanc, tend to be acid-



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ic, and a smaller, narrower tulip will direct them toward the tip of your tongue, while a bigger, wider glass will direct fleshier, tannic reds, such as cabernet sauvignon, to the middle of your palate — all in the hopes of balancing the wine and showing it at its best. Those bigger glasses may be ideal as well for full-bodied white wines, such as oaky chardonnay or skin-fermented orange wines.

Some stemware is marketed as all-purpose. The One, by master sommelier Andrea Robinson, is actually two, with a white-wine version and a slightly larger red-wine glass. They sell for about \$15 a stem on Amazon. A fancier glass by British wine writer Jancis Robinson and glass blower Richard Brendon goes for \$112 a pair. It's delicate, precisely bal-

You can find your own all-purpose wine glass. You'll want something that fits your budget and feels good in your hand as you swirl the wine and tip the glass to your lips.

anced and intended for use with sparkling and fortified wines as well.

But, of course, you can find your own all-purpose wine glass. Find one you like, with the specifications above for best results. You'll want something that not only fits your budget, but also feels good in your hand as you swirl the wine and tip the glass to your lips. That's not as silly or pretentious as it sounds: I've used glasses that felt top-heavy, when

swirling seems dangerous and the glass less steady on the table. These are most likely inexpensive department store stemware.

If you drink a lot of sparkling wine, be it Champagne or prosecco, I suggest investing in a set of special glasses for bubbly. It's perfectly acceptable, even trendy, to drink sparkling from a regular glass, but smaller tulip-shaped stems, or even straight and narrow flutes, focus the bubbles — which, after all, put the sparkle in

sparkling wine. They also help with portion control — important, given the price of Champagne.

I'm not dismissing fancy, expensive wine glasses. They have elegance, and can help express the nuances of fine wine. And different-shaped glasses can draw out fruit flavors or emphasize oak. As with many aspects of wine, there's a lifetime of exploration for all of us.

If you're just starting out on your wine quest, find an all-purpose glass that suits you. Then branch out. As your love of wine develops, you'll want to explore different glassware, too. It can get expensive. But it doesn't have to be.

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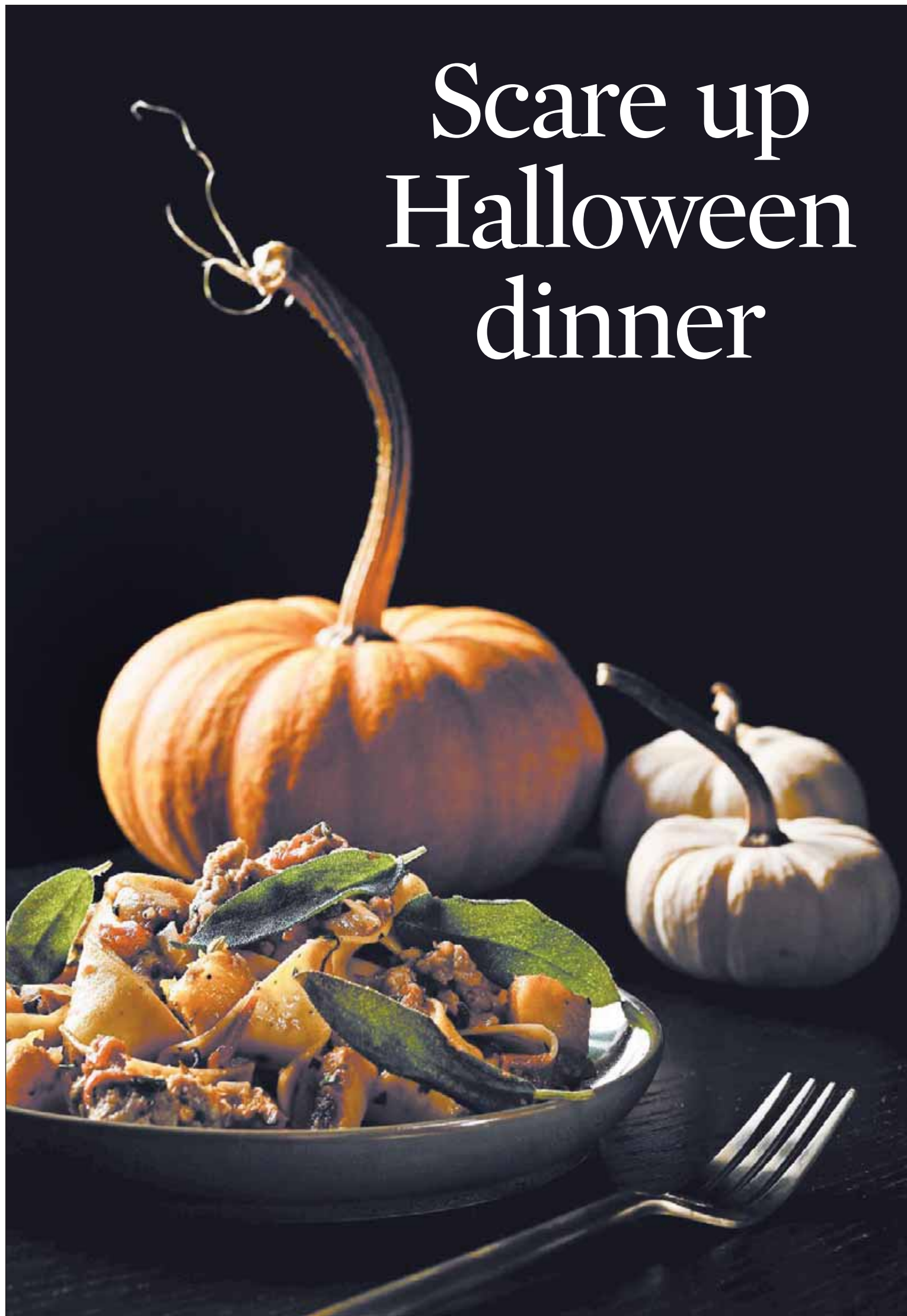
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Scare up Halloween dinner



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Pair roasted pumpkin with sage and sausage, and serve over pasta for a seasonal feast



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Halloween season puts me in panic mode: Sunlight dwindles and, therefore, so does the herb garden. Farmers markets close up shop. What to cook now?

In the Midwest, we feel blessed if the garden's basil, cilantro, mint and dill remain bright and green until October. Late in the month, fresh sage, thyme, parsley and perhaps chives are all my garden offers to enhance my cooking and cravings for flavor. Fortunately, these decidedly fall herbs pair well with other fall offerings such as pumpkin, winter squash and hearty greens.

Now is the time to stock up on sugar pumpkins, aka pie pumpkins, and other gorgeous varieties. Decorate with them, yes, but be sure to cook them into soup and stews throughout the season. Indeed, the pale, blueish-green flat pumpkins, the bright orange lakotas, the oddly shaped turbans and the small "sweet lightning" squash taste as good as they are attractive. In fact, I like eating all pumpkins with the exception of the large specimens best for Halloween carving.

Peeled, diced and roasted, pumpkin and other winter squashes make a fantastically delicious side dish to roast pork and poultry. Of course, I clean, rinse and salt the pumpkin seeds to slow-roast for a snack.

How much pumpkin to buy for cooking? Know that small to medium-size pumpkins and winter squash yield about 1 cup peeled, diced flesh per pound. In other words, a 3-pound pie pumpkin will give you 3 cups of cubes ready for roasting. The skin is not edible no matter how you cook these hard winter squashes.



Crusty garlic bread with herbs

Prep: 10 minutes **Bake:** 12 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

I confess to a fondness for Lawry's Garlic Salt with Parsley for speedy garlic bread. Use a par-baked loaf (also called take-and-bake) from the supermarket, found in the bakery or freezer case.

1 baguette loaf (about 14 ounces) take-and-bake bread

1/2 stick (1/4 cup) unsalted butter, softened

Garlic salt with parsley, to taste

2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs, such as a combination of sage, thyme, chives, oregano

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Slice bread horizontally in half and place cut side up on a baking sheet.

2. Smear butter over both bread halves. Sprinkle generously with garlic salt. Bake until edges of bread are crusty, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with herbs. Bake 1 or 2 minutes more. Serve warm.

Nutrition information per serving: 249 calories, 9 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 20 mg cholesterol, 35 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 7 g protein, 399 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

A vegetable peeler rarely works; you'll need a sharp knife and a bit of patience.

The taste and texture of freshly peeled pumpkin (or ranunc squash) is worth the effort to me — when I have the time. For a quick weeknight supper, I confess to using peeled and diced butternut squash sold in bags in the produce section. Just know that some texture will be sacrificed as the prepped vegetable tends to be

soggier.

My fall celebration meal pairs roasted pumpkin with a quick sausage ragu with a topping of fried sage leaves served over pappardelle pasta. You can also use wide egg noodles here; just be sure to use a brand made with egg yolks for the deep yellow color — a nice contrast to the pumpkin.

For the sausage in the ragu, I like the chub of sage-infused pork sausage sold in the breakfast meat

Pumpkin, sausage and sage ragu over pappardelle

You can use diced butternut squash from the produce department to save time. Bottled poultry seasoning tastes like fall; it's usually made from thyme, sage, marjoram, rosemary, black pepper and nutmeg.

Prep: 25 minutes

Cook: 25 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

2 to 3 generous cups diced peeled fresh pumpkin or butternut squash, 12 to 16 ounces

1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 pound bulk pork sausage with sage, or bulk mild or hot Italian sausage

1/2 large white onion, diced

1 cup diced mushrooms

1 can (15 ounces) diced tomatoes with juices

2 large cloves garlic, crushed

1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning

Salt, freshly ground pepper

1 package (8.8 ounces) egg pappardelle or tagliatelle pasta (or egg noodles)

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley or chives

1 tablespoon very finely sliced fresh sage leaves

2 tablespoons sage oil, see recipe, optional

Fried sage leaves, see recipe

Shredded Parmesan

1. Heat oven to 450 degrees. Toss pumpkin cubes with olive oil. Sprinkle with salt. Roast on a rimmed baking sheet, stirring once or twice, until tender and golden, about 15 minutes. Remove from oven. (Refrigerate covered up to several days; reheat before using.)

2. Meanwhile, put sausage, onion and mushrooms in large nonstick skillet. Cook over medium-high heat (use a splatter guard) stirring and chopping up the sausage with a spatula until meat is thoroughly cooked and golden, about 10 minutes.

3. Stir in tomatoes, garlic and poultry seasoning. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, until thickened, about 10 minutes. Taste and season with salt and pepper. (Mixture can be made up to 2 days in advance; refrigerate covered and reheat before using.)

4. Heat a large kettle of generously salted water over high heat to boil. Add the pasta. Cook, stirring often, until al dente, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain the pasta.

5. Add drained pasta to the skillet with the meat. Toss to coat. Add the roasted pumpkin, parsley, fresh sage leaves and sage oil if using. Toss.

6. Serve garnished with fried sage leaves. Pass the Parmesan.

Nutrition information per serving: 551 calories, 23 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 66 mg cholesterol, 62 g carbohydrates, 9 g sugar, 23 g protein, 973 mg sodium, 4 g fiber



Sage oil and fried leaves

Prep: 5 minutes

Cook: 2 minutes

Makes: about 1/3 cup

1/3 cup expeller-pressed canola oil, safflower oil or sunflower oil

15 to 20 large sage leaves, patted dry

Coarse salt

1. Heat oil in a small, deep skillet set over medium heat until the edge of a sage leaf sizzles when inserted into the oil. Add 5 sage leaves and turn with a fork (watch for sputtering oil) until dark green but not brown, 30 to 60 seconds. Drain on a paper toweling. Repeat to fry all the leaves making sure oil never gets too hot.

2. Use the sage leaves while still warm. Reserve the oil for use later with pasta or in salads.

section of the grocery store — near the bacon. Alternatively, use mild or hot Italian sausage without casings. When I'm watching my fat intake, I substitute ground turkey and add a double dose of the poultry seasoning for added flavor. My favorite version uses fresh venison sausage brought to me by a loving cousin.

Serve the pasta dish with a wedge of baby romaine topped with a fresh lemon dressing. Crusty garlic bread is always a treat.

Armed with ideas to celebrate fall flavors, I'm ready for the ghosts and goblins to show up. Just ring the doorbell, please. No panic needed here.



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Director of games and retail Eric Garneau, from left, chef Aaron McKay, Cards Against Humanity co-creator Max Temkin and escape room producer Nathan Allen at the Chicago Board Game Cafe, now under construction in Logan Square.

Cards Against Humanity opening board game cafe

BY LOUISA CHU

Cards Against Humanity, the self-described “party game for horrible people,” plans to open Chicago Board Game Cafe, a restaurant and bar with a board game library and shop — plus an escape room basement — at the Margie’s Candies building in Logan Square early next year.

“This has been my dream for almost 10 years,” said Max Temkin, co-creator of Chicago-based Cards Against Humanity. Board game cafes exist in cities all over the world, said Temkin, but there isn’t a full-service board game cafe of this scale in Chicago.

While the Cards Against Humanity venture will offer full service in a 14,000-square-foot space, other smaller storefront and counter service game establishments precede it. Bonus Round Game Cafe in Lakeview opened last year, and Relo’s Board Game & Dessert Cafe opened in University Village/Little Italy earlier this year. Dice Dojo shop in Edgewater opened in 2008 and is widely considered the best board game destination among aficionados who don’t need any food or drink service.

Temkin’s co-creators at Chicago Board Game Cafe include chef and COO Aaron McKay, previously at Schwa, NoMi Kitchen and Mercat a la Planxa; director of games and retail Eric Garneau; and producer of the escape rooms Nathan Allen, artistic director of The House Theatre of Chicago.

Chicago Board Game Cafe will join Margie’s, with a history dating back to 1921, and a new dental office. Second locations of a Marz Brewing taproom and Wormhole coffee shop are also under construction, with about 20 apartments on the second floor.

This is not a prank from Cards Against Humanity. Though given the company’s mischievous history, you might be suspicious too. The card game itself is simple, but sometimes startlingly adult, in which one player asks a question from a black card, and other players answer with what they believe is their funniest white card.

While I’ve been tracking this project for over a year through social media posts, building permits and license applications, I won’t be sure until I have a grilled huarache in one hand (more on the menu below) and polyhedral dice in the other.

We met for a hard hat walk-through of the space, formerly home to several banks.

The menu

The main dining room will seat 90 people with a bar in the center. On the right, an enclosed kitchen with windows holds a bank vault, which will be converted into a walk-in



CHOPIN THEATRE

“The Last Defender” escape room will appear in the cafe basement along with its follow-up, “Nova to Lodestar.”



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Griddled masa corn huaraches with pork, arroz verde (green rice) and black beans, one of the cafe’s offerings.



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Lemongrass chicken bun ga nuong with rice noodles, pickled vegetables, coconut, herbs and lime.

cooler. In the back of the cafe along Armitage Avenue, a Viking themed mead hall with communal tables will be available for walk-ins and serve as an event space.

“We’ll be doing full-service food and beverage with cocktails, wine and beer,” said McKay, the chef. “We are going to be doing dinner and eventually brunch on Saturdays and Sundays. We’ll be offering food that’s representative of some of our favorites from around the world.”

McKay previewed one of the dishes at a Vietnamese pop-up at Kimski just over a year ago.

“We do this hindquarter of chicken that’s bone out and skin on,” he said. “We press it flat so you get all this crispy skin business.” It’s served over bun (rice vermicelli noodles) with nuoc cham (dipping sauce), pickled vegetables and fresh herbs.

Mexico inspired another dish.

“We’re also doing these grilled huaraches with salsa negra that my wife and I learned about when

we went to Merida in the Yucatan peninsula,” said McKay. “They burn the chiles to the point where they’re black.”

Syrian lamb and beef kebab Halabi with spicy Aleppo pepper tomato sauce and Thai nam tok neua, waterfall beef salad with grilled grass-fed meat, are among the other dishes.

The games

When you enter on Milwaukee Avenue, there will be a host stand, coat check and box office for the escape rooms. To the right, you’ll find a waiting area and retail shop called Garneau’s. The shop will also feature a games on tap program.

“That’s a selection of six or seven games that we really love and can’t wait to share with people,” said Garneau, director of games. The games will rotate quarterly, like a beers on tap list.

To the left of the dining room, the massive board game vault holds a growing collection of hundreds of

Chicago Board Game Cafe

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Dining daily, 4 p.m.-midnight, with a \$30 deposit at Tock. Escape rooms, daily in January, Thursday-Sunday starting in February, \$39-\$49. Dinner plus escape room package starts at \$94 per person.

games in floor-to-ceiling shelving, where Garneau will also run a board game concierge program, which is where customers will check out games during their visit.

“We’ll have a team of teachers who will listen to you, hear about your experience and interest in board games, to help match you with a game that will be a good fit for you and your table,” said Temkin.

“Right now we’re obsessed with these little games from Japan called Oink Games,” Temkin added. “They’re these adorable mini games that can fit in your backpack.”

The escape rooms

Temkin travels to escape, literally. “I’ve done probably on the order of 100 escape rooms all over the world,” he said.

In the cafe basement (which also includes private dining rooms), there will be a small escape room lobby, along with two escape room games to play: “The Last Defender,” which had an extended run at the Chopin Theatre in 2016, and its follow up, “Nova to Lodestar,” designed to debut in the new space.

“The best thing is that at the end, you are high-fiving and hugging with total strangers,” said Allen, producer.

Each experience is about 90 minutes long, with up to 16 players at a time, dressed in provided orange jumpsuit costumes.

“The Last Defender” takes place in an alternate ‘80s Cold War-era universe where everything is run on a kind of Atari 8-bit technology,” said Allen. “You’re working together as a team to try to prevent nuclear war with Russia, which turns out to be all but impossible to do.”

“Nova to Lodestar” will split the team,” he said. “You’ll be separated into two different spaceships disabled out somewhere in the solar system. Most of you will die in space but the very best teams might be able to find a way out to some sort of safety.”

Reservations are open now for dining and escape rooms starting Jan. 10. Walk-ins without a deposit will be welcome at the bar, small tables and communal tables when available. You can dine without playing board games or visiting the escape rooms.

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Vettel

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a nod to the changing seasons. (The day before, the drink was a ginger mojito; such is Chicago's weather.) A spear of candied apple and crystallized ginger spans the cocktail, which is heady with cinnamon, clove and star anise notes and fortified with Licor 43, a Spanish liqueur.

The next two courses see-sawed between the earthy (a cornmeal cake alongside a craggy container of hot corn broth, beneath which lurked rich corn custard) and the heavenly (a dome-shaped potato panier guarding osetra caviar and creme fraiche). Next up: A terrine of oddly shaped foie gras torchon pieces bound in gelee — the cold terrine shared the plate with a hot seared foie medallion, and some fat flakes of Burgundy truffle added even more luxury.

The hits went on, including one or two I'll deliberately omit so as not to spoil the visual surprises. I'll make note of the lamb loin, with its center of garlic-duck sausage, atop choux confit and a lovely rosemary jus; and the potato-crustéd loup de mer, served with a swipe of beurre rouge on the plate.

One of Lachowicz's signature moves is his miniature soufflé, a dessert he's been making for more than a decade. It's a picture-perfect sweet, always with a bit of tartness (passionfruit in my case) to set the palate for sweets yet to come — in this case a "symphony of autumn" of butternut-squash puree enrobing spiced chocolate fondant, next to a cloudlike vanilla- and white-chocolate ganache supporting shards of pumpkin-seed brittle.

There is a well-thought-out and fairly priced wine list, but I've had wonderful luck letting wine director Sergio Angel (who also is partner and general manager) conjure up a tasting for me. Angel always manages a surprise or two in his picks, and he brings an infectious joy to the wine experience.

The dining room is quiet and lends itself to easy conversation, but pay attention to the music piping discreetly overhead, which consists of instrumental, easy-listening treatments of classic rock, heavy metal and even film soundtracks. It's not every rotation that follows "The Godfather" theme with Metallica.

Temporis

When chef Don Young and owner Sam Plotnick parted ways in late June, I likely wasn't the only one concerned for Temporis' future. The two relatively unknown chefs, both Les Nomades alums, had opened this low-key restaurant in an unlikely neighborhood (Noble Square) in January 2017, and managed to attract a following, critical recognition and a Michelin star before their second anniversary. But by June of



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

At Temporis, owner Sam Plotnick, from left, has been joined by pastry chef Jacquelyn Paternico and chef Troy Jorge.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chef and proprietor Michael Lachowicz at George Trois, where his gentle, self-effacing manner takes intimidation out of the experience.

this year, Young was gone, citing "creative differences." I was bummed.

The good news is that the talented Young is still in Chicago, heading up the recently opened Wood-Wind restaurant (in the former GreenRiver space in Streeterville). The better news is that Troy Jorge, Temporis' new executive chef, is doing outstanding work.

Jorge, whose resume includes two years of work at Grace, and a stint as sous chef at Acadia, has been on board for just three months, so I didn't expect to find sweeping changes during my visit, nor did I find any. Temporis' format has not changed; the restaurant still features a single tasting menu, of about 11 courses, for \$155. The most noticeable difference I found is that Jorge is not the fermentation devotee that Young was; Jorge's dishes have more restraint in their use of sour and acidic flavors.

For instance, Jorge's tomato course, essentially a three-dimensional gazpa-



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lamb loin with duck sausage, confit cabbage, rosemary jus and micro mustard greens at George Trois.

cho, highlighted by orbs of encapsulated tomato soup; and his crab dish, presenting king crab nuggets with three expressions of grapefruit (puree, segments, granita) are two compositions that easily could have resulted in reflux. Instead, both displayed extraordinary balance (tip of the hat to sommelier Don Coen, who found a matching wine for both courses).

These artistic courses

were followed by two umami-focused dishes: An eat-with-your-hands baby-corn elote, with judicious bits of finger lime (adding a bit of sharpness) and a blanket of grated summer truffle; and a spectacular lobster tortellini with vanilla-scented pasta, powders of tarragon and lobster, and dots of truffle and orange-marmalade puree.

Other highlights included cardamom-braised pork belly, served with



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A beef and broccoli dish features plancha-seared wagyu alongside four smears of broccoli puree, each supporting fried broccoli florets, candied cashews and thick dots of sour-orange puree.

braised quince, tamarind puree and a towering spiral of espelette-dusted chicharron. A playful take on beef and broccoli presented plancha-seared wagyu alongside four smears of broccoli puree, each supporting fried broccoli florets, candied cashews and thick dots of sour-orange puree.

Jacquelyn Paternico, Temporis' first pastry chef, has been on board a little more than a month, following a turn as executive pastry chef at Band of Bohemia. Her sweets match Jorge's work in complexity and artistry, and this night included lemongrass mousse over toasted rice cake and toasted rice sorbet, surrounded by caramelized masago are (rice pearls), and a multitoned composition of dark-chocolate ganache, white-chocolate and miso ganache, salted-caramel sorbet, compressed apple and apple-peel gelee.

If Temporis isn't a four-star restaurant, it's awfully close. I'm being cautious because this is Jorge's first menu and Paternico is a very recent addition. But so far, wow.

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Pair fruit, balsamic for a lovely fall dish

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
Special to The Washington Post

A medley of fresh fall fruit — pears, grapes and figs — looks splendid on the table and is lovely served as a fruit salad.

But roasted together, married with a sweet-tangy glaze, it rises to another level of beauty and lusciousness entirely. The heat of the oven softens and warms the fruit, making it juicier and deepening the flavors while giving it a true comfort-food allure.

It also concentrates and caramelizes the mixture of balsamic vinegar, honey and ginger, used for coating the fruit, ultimately resulting in a glorious glaze that not only adds a layer of exciting flavor, tying the different fruits together, but also gives the dish a beautiful, painterly patina.

It is a stunning, satisfying autumnal dessert or brunch dish, served either on its own or with a



TOM MCCORKLE/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

dollop of creamy yogurt. Feel free to substitute small, pitted plums if you can't get your hands on fresh figs, and be sure to use a

thick, syrupy aged balsamic vinegar rather than the more acidic kind you might use in a salad dressing.

Roasted fall fruit with balsamic-ginger glaze

Active time: 10 minutes **Total time:** 35 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

Cooking oil spray or olive oil, for the pan

2 tablespoons aged balsamic vinegar

2 tablespoons honey

1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger root

1/8 teaspoon kosher salt, or more as needed

3 firm, ripe pears, unpeeled

2 cups red grapes, sliced lengthwise

8 fresh figs, preferably Black Mission, stemmed and halved lengthwise

Greek yogurt (full- or low-fat), for serving (optional)

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees with the rack in the middle. Spray or brush a rimmed baking sheet with oil.

2. In a large bowl, stir together the balsamic vinegar, honey, ginger and salt to combine. Taste and season with more salt, if needed. Transfer 1 tablespoon of the mixture to a smaller bowl.

3. Quarter the pears lengthwise, then using a melon baller or small spoon, scoop the core out of each piece. Leave the stems intact if you'd like. Place the pears and grapes in the bowl with the balsamic mixture and toss to coat, then transfer them to the baking sheet and roast for 10 minutes.

4. Toss the figs with the reserved glaze in the smaller bowl. Remove the sheet from the oven and give the pears and grapes a gentle toss. Turn the pears so that they are cut-side down, if they are not already. Add the figs to the sheet and return to the oven until the fruit has begun to caramelize, 10 to 15 minutes more.

5. Let cool slightly before serving as is, or with a dollop of Greek yogurt.

6. Make ahead: The fruit can be roasted up to 2 days ahead. Bring it to room temperature before serving.

Nutritional information per serving: 10 calories; 0 g total fat; 0 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 25 mg sodium; 35 g carbohydrates; 5 g dietary fiber; 29 g sugars; 1 g protein.

3 new cocktail books for home bartenders

By LISA FUTTERMAN | Chicago Tribune

Making cocktails at home, while an elegant treat for your guests and yourself, can be a bit overwhelming. To help, we chose three new books to aid those of different levels of bartending skill and aspiration. Whether your goal is to stir up a quick after-work gimlet, to perfect your Sazerac or to master the classic mai tai, each of these books will help build your cocktail crafting.

Basic

“SIP: 100 Gin Cocktails with Only 3 Ingredients”

The “Know-How” chapter of this satisfying new book from the founders of London’s Sipsmith Distillery starts like this: “One of the secrets of great drinks ... is balance ... balancing strong against weak (spirit against dilution), sour against sweet (usually citrus against sugar), and modifying these further with spice (biters or vermouth).” Following those simple guidelines, the founders offer loads of doable recipes for imaginative yet approachable gin cocktails. Sipsmith’s Master Distiller Jared Brown also has a passion for reviving lost drinks, like the bijou, a 19th-century cocktail that resembles a Negroni made with green chartreuse. Reach for this book when you want to put together a simple drink for a simple situation: “I have gin, I have chartreuse, what shall I make?”

Hot gin and tonic

Makes: 1 drink

It gets rather chilly in London Town, but this today brings the classic gin and tonic to the table the full year-round. Tonic syrup can be purchased at some liquor stores and online.

2 parts London dry gin

1 part bottled tonic syrup

3 parts boiling water

Orange twist for garnish

Combine the ingredients (except the orange twist) in a coffee mug or heatproof glass, stir, garnish, serve.

Intermediate

“How to Cocktail”

America’s Test Kitchen has finally come out with an encouraging bar manual that’s as trustworthy as its cookbooks. Packed with straightforward, unromantic, no-nonsense information, this technique-driven tome offers perfect clarity for the home bartender. As with ATK’s cookbooks, each drink has a “why this recipe works” column that explains the process. If you want to make your own tonic syrup, vermouth, clear ice or bitters, they’ve got thoughtful recipes for those. (I am tempted to make the “fruits of the forest” berry liqueur for everyone on my holiday gift list this year. Cleverly, it calls for freeze-dried fruit.) But for those who just want to craft a well-tested margarita with no pretense, this is the book. Unsurprisingly, all the classics appear, but the addition of lesser-known cocktails adds whimsy — check out the Bichon Frise, a cuter version of the classic greyhound. Plus there’s a unique recipe for clarified milk punch that sounds completely doable, and completely delicious.

Alcachofa

Makes: 1 cocktail

It can be hard to reckon a liqueur made from artichokes, but the herbal, vegetal Cynar (an Italian artichoke-flavored liqueur) has earned an important place on the bar cart. This stirred cocktail shows off its earthy relationship with tequila. The book calls for a smoky chile sugar rim; we prefer it with a simpler lemon peel garnish.

2 ounces reposado tequila



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An alcachofa, from “How to Cocktail” by America’s Test Kitchen, is a smoky and bitter but balanced sipper.

¾ ounce Cynar
¼ ounce sweet vermouth
1 strip lemon peel

Add tequila, Cynar and vermouth to a mixing glass and fill three-quarters full with ice. Stir until mixture is fully combined and well chilled, about 30 seconds. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Pinch the lemon peel over the drink and rub the outer edge of the glass, then drop into the drink and serve.

Advanced

“The NoMad Cocktail Book”

Taken straight from Manhattan’s renowned NoMad Bar, these recipes from author and award winning bar director Leo Robitschek keep no secrets — he offers exact formulas, complete with all the brands specified, so that home mixologists can replicate the 300 complex cocktails within.

Most of the drinks contain numerous ingredients — when I first paged through the book I found only one recipe I could mix without going to the liquor store (and I have a well-stocked drink writer’s liquor cabinet). And many call for elaborate syrups, tinctures and the like, whose recipes are also provided, for



maximum precision of flavor. The cocktails are credited to each NoMad employee by name, where appropriate, and, true to form, specify the proper glassware and ice size for success. NoMad staffs a busy bar prep team to prepare the fresh juices, garnishes and syrups detailed in the book, which feature ingredients like kumquats, kombucha squash, chicken jus, olive oil washed tequila and rum infused with raisins. You may need to hire a crew, or at least plan ahead, to re-create drinks like the spiced carrot colada or the topanga, a tequila Tiki concoction that features a chai yogurt syrup. But the rewards are great.

Lisa Futterman is a freelance writer.

El Presidente

1 barspoon grenadine (house-made)
1 barspoon triple sec (Combiar)
1 ½ ounces blanc vermouth (Dolin de Chambéry)
1 ½ ounces white rum (Cana Brava)
Grapefruit twist

In a chilled mixing glass, combine all the ingredients except the garnish. Fill the mixing glass with 1 ¼ inch ice cubes and stir. Strain the cocktail into a chilled coupe. Express the grapefruit twist over the drink and then insert it into the glass.

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