



Shooter barricaded exits

Authorities charge man, 38, with 5 counts of murder in attack on Maryland newspaper

BY JUSTIN FENTON, PAMELA WOOD AND TIM PRUDENTE
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — The 38-year-old Maryland man who police said gunned down five employees at the Capital Gazette in Annapolis used a pump-action shotgun purchased legally and had barricaded the exit doors as part of a planned attack.

Jarrold Ramos made his

first appearance in court Friday since being charged with first-degree murder in the targeted attack, staring impassively at the camera as he appeared over video link from one of the county's jails.

Years after unsuccessfully suing the newspaper for defamation, Ramos blasted through the doors of



Ramos

the newspaper Thursday afternoon and shot up the newsroom before hiding under a desk, according to charging documents.

Authorities charged Ramos in the killings of editorial page editor Gerald Fischman, 61; editor and columnist Rob Hiaasen, 59; sports writer John McNamara, 56; sales assistant

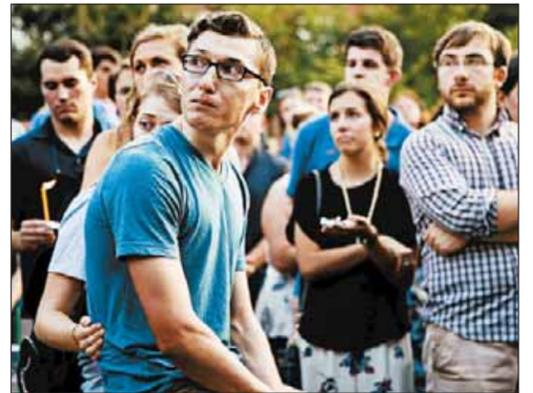
Rebecca Smith, 34; and Wendi Winters, 65, a community correspondent. Two staffers, Janel Cooley and Rachael Pacella, were injured. They have been released from the hospital.

The murder charges carry a maximum penalty of life without parole. Maryland has no death penalty.

District Court Judge Thomas Pryal ordered that Ramos continue to be held without bail Friday. "There is a certain likelihood you are a danger," Pryal said.

Anne Arundel County public defender William

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PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

People gather for a vigil Friday in Annapolis, Md., in memory of the victims of the Capital Gazette newsroom attack.



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The sticky start of summer

Facing the first day of 90-degree temperatures during a heat warning for the entire Chicago area, some preschoolers from the Gads Hill Center were enjoying a cold treat while sitting in the shade of their playground area on Friday. Temperatures aren't expected to cool quickly, and the heat index could reach as high as 112 degrees before the warning expires Saturday night. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

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Home caregivers get 2nd shot to recoup union fees

Supreme Court orders '17 decision be reconsidered in light of Janus ruling

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

As many as 80,000 Illinois home health care workers will get a second shot at recovering \$32 million in union fees following the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision earlier this week in a case over payments to unions.

The high court on Thursday ordered the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider its decision last year in a case involving whether the home health care workers, paid with Medicaid dollars, should be able to recoup money the state took out of their paychecks for "fair share" union fees between 2008 and 2014. Those "fair share" fees covered the costs of collective bargaining even though those workers were not union members.

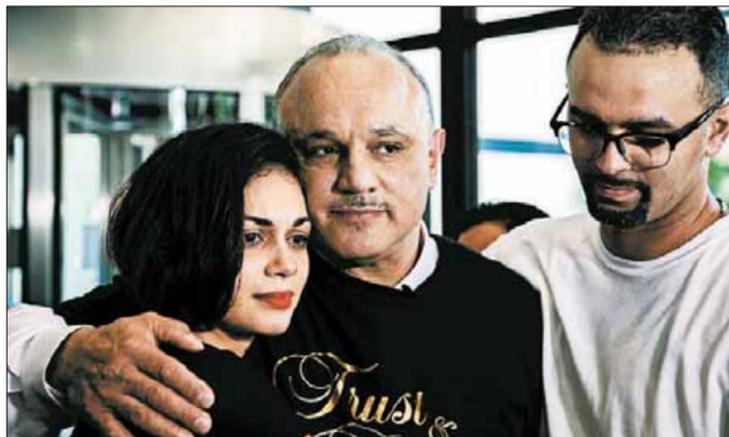
The 7th Circuit last year upheld a lower

court's decision that the 80,000 workers could not be certified as a class, partly because not all of them had objected to having part of their pay collected as union fees.

But on Wednesday, the Supreme Court ruled in a case involving Illinois state government worker Mark Janus that government workers cannot be forced to contribute to unions that represent them in collective bargaining. The decision was called a blow to unions and a major victory for labor opponents. The home health care case is to be reconsidered in light of that decision.

The 80,000 workers were employed by individuals with disabilities participating in the state-administered Home Services Program, which helps pay for severely disabled people to be cared for at home rather than in institutions.

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Jacques Rivera, center, joins his children Friday at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

Man wrongly convicted of murder awarded \$17M

Jury finds he was framed by ex-CPD detective in 1988

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Jacques Rivera hunched forward at the courtroom table Friday and pressed his forehead to the fingertips of his folded hands, whispering a prayer as the jury filed in.

When the verdict was read — more than \$17

million for his wrongful conviction at the hands of a notorious Chicago police detective — Rivera burst into loud sobs, his body shaking. In the hallway after court, he took off his suit coat, donned a T-shirt reading "Trust & Believe" and hugged a supporter tight.

"We got him!" Rivera cried.

After deliberating about nine hours over two days, a federal jury ruled that former Chicago police Detective Reynaldo

Guevara and two other detectives had framed Rivera for a 1988 murder on Chicago's West Side. Rivera spent 21 years in prison before the key witness in the case recanted his testimony, leading to Rivera's exoneration and release in 2011.

In addition to finding that the police had violated Rivera's due process and constitutional rights, the 11-member jury held the city of Chicago re-

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Berrios ordered to release records

Court: Public has right to data that determine tax bills

BY HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

An Illinois appeals court ruled Friday that Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios must turn over documents used to set values of residential and business properties that he fought for years to keep out of the public eye.

A three-justice panel unanimously upheld a December 2016 lower court ruling in favor of the Chicago Tribune, which sued after the assessor denied two open records requests seeking specific information his office had created as it figured out how much businesses and homes were worth for property tax purposes.

"The public has a strong right to know about how they are being taxed by their government as opposed to the government's fairly meek interest in secrecy," Appellate Judge John Griffin wrote. "The balance in this case weighs in favor of the public, and in favor of disclosure."

"Property taxation is a function of the government that the public has a right to scrutinize because, as even the assessor's office concedes, the process must be uniform and fair," Griffin added. "The information requested by the Tribune in this case is critical in order for the public to understand how they are being taxed."

Berrios withheld the information as the Tribune reported on its "The Tax Divide" series, which found that the assessor's

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Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios has withheld assessment records sought by the Tribune.

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Shooter sought to 'kill ... many people'

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Davis represented Ramos at the bail hearing. He argued against holding the hearing and asked for a gag order in the case. The judge denied both motions.

Anne Arundel County police Chief Timothy Altomare said police found evidence of planning at the gunman's apartment. Altomare said items were recovered there that connected Ramos to the attack.

Ramos was armed with a 12-gauge shotgun that he had purchased about a year ago. Police would not say how much ammunition he used, or how much he carried with him. "The fellow was there to kill as many people as possible," Altomare said.

Ramos did not cooperate with police, and as a check of a fingerprint database ran slowly, Altomare said authorities used facial recognition technology, drawing from the Maryland Image Repository System, to identify Ramos. Altomare said reports that Ramos had mutilated his fingertips were false.

"It's really hard to interrogate somebody when you don't know who they are, when you don't know where they come from ... that's why we asked for help," Altomare said.

Once Ramos was identified, Altomare said detectives soon discovered his history of a feud with the newspaper that began with a column written several years ago. With that information, Altomare said police could rule out terrorism as a motive.

Altomare said police had no warning that Ramos might carry out an attack on the newspaper. While Ramos posted on his Twitter account before the



Lynne Griffin, an ex-student of sports writer John McNamara, pays her respects on Friday.



Gerald Fischman



Rob Hlaasen



John McNamara



Rebecca Smith



Wendi Winters

shooting, it wasn't seen by police or reported to them. Police only learned of the tweet later.

Outside of the courthouse, Adams elaborated on Ramos' actions at the newspaper office.

Adams said that Ramos led a "coordinated attack" that included barricading the back door of the building.

"There were two entrances to the offices in which this attack occurred. The rear door was barricaded. Mr. Ramos then, as I told the judge, entered the front door and made his way through the office where he was shooting victims as he walked through the office," he said.

To help piece together

the details of how the rampage unfolded Thursday, police used surveillance video from the office. The attack began about 2:40 p.m. EDT when 170 people were working inside the 5,000-square-foot office complex. The Capital Gazette is owned by The Baltimore Sun which, like the Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times and some other publications, is a Tronc newspaper, and is one of 30 tenants in the building and one of a handful on the first floor.

Reporters who witnessed the shooting said they dived under their desks for protection. Some said they tried not to make any sounds, while others screamed or pleaded for

help on Twitter. Police said they arrived within 60 seconds, and surrounded the shooter.

Ramos' grudge with the Capital Gazette began in July 2011 after the paper ran a column about him harassing a former high school classmate on social media and the criminal case against him.

He sued the columnist and the organization's editor and publisher for damaging his reputation, but a court ruled in the newspaper's favor and Ramos ultimately lost an appeal.

In 2013, representatives from The Capital met with Anne Arundel County police to discuss Ramos' actions, according to a police report released Friday.

The officer meeting with The Capital at the time wrote he "did not believe that Mr. Ramos was a threat to employees for The Capital."

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Case on caregiver fees to be reheard

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Many of the workers were relatives of the disabled individuals who were also their caretakers.

"The (Service Employees International Union) and Blagojevich and Quinn administrations seized \$32 million from 80,000 home health care providers against their will, just took their money," said William Messenger, an attorney with the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, who represents the three home health care workers who brought the original case in 2010.

Those three workers prevailed at the Supreme Court but then returned to lower courts to try to expand the ruling to the other 80,000 workers. "We're hoping this will eventually allow them to get that wrongfully seized money back," he said.

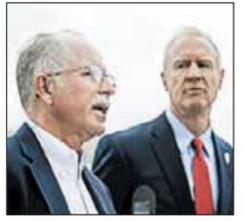
The three workers argue that the home health care workers shouldn't have had to object to paying "fair share" fees; it's enough that they never consented, they say.

It's a point that may carry new weight following the Janus decision.

In the majority opinion in the Janus case, Justice Samuel Alito wrote that union fees cannot be deducted from employee paychecks "unless the employee affirmatively consents to pay."

But James Muhammad, spokesman for SEIU Healthcare Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, said in a statement Friday that it's "routine" for cases to be sent back to lower courts for reconsideration after major Supreme Court decisions. He expects the courts will reach the same decision as they did in the case before Janus.

"Right-wing extremists



Mark Janus, left, with Gov. Bruce Rauner, speaks after the Janus v. AFSCME decision Wednesday.

but on silencing the voices of workers have been emboldened with the ruling for the plaintiff in Janus v. AFSCME, disallowing collection of fair-share fees for collective bargaining work unions do on behalf of all workers," Muhammad said.

The union argued in court documents in 2016 that many of those 80,000 workers would likely have supported the union and agreed to pay the fees if they had been asked. Up until 2014, the state automatically deducted those fees from home health care workers' paychecks, regardless of whether they were union members.

The state stopped those automatic deductions after a 2014 U.S. Supreme Court decision that home care workers paid by the state are not full-fledged public employees.

Conservatives have celebrated the Janus decision as a win for workers, free speech and Gov. Bruce Rauner, who has long been a foe of organized labor.

Rauner spokeswoman Nicole Wilson declined to comment Friday. Rauner was named as a defendant in the home health care lawsuit, though he did not participate in the appeal at the 7th Circuit.

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HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Mother Nature a model for recovery

I'm trying to take my cues from Mother Nature on this day that I process the murders of five newspaper employees in Annapolis, Md.

Not because she's peaceful. Mother Nature is certainly not that. But she adapts. And survives. She's fearless.

Did you know fireflies eat each other? I Googled it the other night — “What eats fireflies” — when I was playing in the backyard with my son and noticed the first few of the summer. They're primarily carnivores and frequently feast on other fireflies.

How bold, I thought, to keep lighting up the night even though it makes you eminently easier to locate and devour.

We do the same thing. Devour each other. And not for any sensible reason like sustenance. Out of rage, usually. The Annapolis suspect is alleged to have harbored a long-standing grudge against The Capital Gazette after it reported about a criminal harassment case against him.

And unlike fireflies, we have human hearts that shatter and grieve and never really heal when one of our own is devoured. Five families in Annapolis, five sets of friends, a newsroom — they're all grappling with the weight of that sorrow. It will never leave them. It might start to weigh less over time, but it will never leave.

But here's something else. My parents live next to a several-acre plot of land that used to grow corn to feed cattle. When the land went up for sale more than a decade ago, their township bought it and dedicated it to open space.

My parents have helped restore the plot to its native prairie habit. Twice a year, my dad sets it on fire. It's called a controlled burn, and it reduces the entire prairie to blackened, charred ash.

And then, every time, it all grows back. Doesn't just grow back, actually. It comes bounding back with renewed purpose. The coneflowers and black-eyed Susans and dropseeds and goldenrods shoot through the ground. The trees whose limbs were burned bare grow lush new leaves. The bees and butterflies and dragonflies and bluebirds that make a prairie ecosystem return with a vengeance.

The things that were choking out the sunlight, pre-burn, are gone. The prairie is free to flourish.

I'm certain there's a lesson there.

I can't make sense of four journalists and a newsroom sales representative shot dead for doing their jobs, any more than I can make sense of students mowed down in their classrooms or parishioners slaughtered in their church or kids caught in crossfire outside their homes. None of it makes any sense.

But in our search for ways to move forward, to adapt, Mother Nature is an awfully good model.

We have to honor the five people killed Thursday by continuing to tell the truth and fight for the less powerful and give a voice to people who need to be heard. All of us do. Journalists and readers. All citizens. That part I know.

We have to grow back. We can't stop lighting up the night, even when it makes us easier to devour.

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Claire Deane holds her 6-month-old daughter, Maggie, in a Wicker Park fountain Friday.
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CHICAGO AREA BEGINS TO BAKE

Temperatures climb into 90s, kicking off a weekend of heat warnings and caution in outside activities

BY HANNAH LEONE AND MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

The heat index climbed past 100 on Friday afternoon in the Chicago area as a National Weather Service excessive heat warning went into effect throughout northern Illinois and neighboring states.

The warning means “that a prolonged period of dangerously hot temperatures will occur. The combination of hot temperatures and high humidity will combine to create a dangerous situation in which heat illnesses are likely,” according to a statement from the weather service.

The warning kicked in at 11 a.m. Friday and lasts until 7 p.m. Saturday. It covers all of northern Illinois and parts of southern Wisconsin and northwest Indiana.

Officials said the heat index, calculated based on temperature and relative humidity, could reach 105 to 112 degrees before the warning expires Saturday night. By about 4 p.m. Friday it felt like 104 degrees at O'Hare International Airport, 112 in Joliet and 110 degrees at DuPage Airport, according to the National Weather Service.

About 80 outdoor events are taking place throughout Chicago this weekend, said Melissa Stratton, a spokeswoman for the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communications. The city is working with event organizers to ensure water and shade are available.

Chicago Health Commissioner Dr. Julie Morita also warned those spending time outside to watch their caffeine and alcohol consumption, because those substances can be dehydrating.

“While the heat is a welcome relief from the cold spring that we actually had, there's dangers associated with it,” Morita said. “Older people, infants, people with underlying health conditions really need to make sure they're staying in air conditioning.”

The heat wave could extend to three days, said Matt Friedlein, a meteorologist for the weather service based in suburban Romeoville. During the warning period, highs could hover around the mid-90-degree mark and the lows may not dip below 80 degrees, according to the weather service.

But it will feel a lot hotter: From late morning to early evening Friday and Saturday and possibly into Sunday, people can expect a heat index even higher than the heat wave earlier this month, when

the city was closer to 100 to 105, because of more moisture in the air, Friedlein said.

Even at night, the low temperatures will likely hover around 80 degrees, Friedlein said. And he said the conditions may be more extreme farther outside the metro area in places such as Pontiac, Ottawa and Dixon.

“Compared to the heat wave two weeks ago, this appears to be stronger,” Friedlein said. “The body is really tested with heat like this.”

During this time, people should avoid strenuous activity and prolonged time outside, drink lots of water, and carry sunscreen, he said.

Ricky Castro, another local weather service meteorologist, earlier this week also advised wearing light-colored clothing and keeping an eye on friends, family and pets.

“The main thing is staying cool and staying safe,” Castro said.

The soaring temperatures will be accompanied by high humidity.

Those with medical conditions — like chronic lung diseases — should avoid long periods of heat exposure, double-check that their air conditioning

ter has warmed up since Memorial Day weekend with water temperatures now generally in the 60-degree range. On Wednesday, the water temperature hit 70 degrees near Navy Pier, Castro said.

As for the rest of the summer, things are not looking good for the heat-averse.

“It's very much warmer than average, or normal, as we say,” said State Climatologist Jim Angel. “And then if we look at the forecast for July, it's going to be a very warm July as well.”

This summer, there's “a much more likely chance we'll see those 95-degree temperatures we all know and love,” Angel said.

“The other side of the coin in all this is it has been extremely wet so far, so there's plenty of moisture to re-evaporate into the atmosphere and really push up the humidity,” Angel said. “I think that's actually going to be our bigger problem.”

Although Chicagoans may not be fans of the stifling humidity, the recent rainfall may help gardens grow.

“Most established plants in the ground have a pretty good amount of water to work with, so I feel like that should really minimize a lot of stress,” said Stephen Hill, creative director of the West Town garden center Sprout Home.

But with the heat coming on, gardeners should keep an eye on anything freshly planted and make sure new additions are well-watered.

“If you're questioning it, it's probably better to water it,” said Jennifer Paravola, an owner of Farmer's Market Garden Center in Irving Park.

For those with container gardens, like hanging baskets and balcony boxes, Hill recommends watering early in the day before the sun hits. And then doing a double round of watering throughout the day.

Overall the heat will help fruiting plants and veggies. The high temperatures could even make your already hot peppers hotter, Paravola said.

As the mercury rises, Chicago residents can call 311 to request well-being checks for elderly friends or family members, or for information on the closest cooling center.

Additional cooling centers are being opened to residents in Gary and in Oak Park.

For updates on the forecast, check the Tribune's weather page.

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Bid for access in Van Dyke case thrown out

Judge rules against news media, cites wording of motion

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
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A Cook County judge on Friday threw out on a technicality a bid by news organizations for increased access to court filings in Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke's murder case, delaying arguments over whether certain documents should be made public.

Since February 2017, Judge Vincent Gaughan had required that documents be filed privately to his courtroom to comply with a “decorum order” that includes other restrictions and rules. But after the state Supreme Court ordered last month that practice stop, the judge prohibited lawyers from using the term “decorum order” while referring to those sealed filings — an apparent effort to distinguish it from his other restrictions and rules.

But before Gaughan made that proclamation from the bench in late May, attorneys representing seven news organizations, including the Tribune, had filed paperwork arguing for increased access that referred to the “decorum order.”

Citing the use of that term in the media's motion, special prosecutors requested that Gaughan throw out the filing. On Friday, the judge did just that, further delaying discussion on whether the public should be able to view critical documents in the shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald.

Gaughan blamed attorney Gabriel Fuentes, who represents the owners of WBEZ-FM 91.5, for first wrongly labeling the sealed filings in that way, saying, “I never consented to that being a decorum order.”

Yet prosecutors, Van Dyke's lawyers and the judge himself repeatedly referred to them in that way in court and written documents until late May after the high court ruling. The sealed filings were stamped with the words, “Filed under the protection of the Decorum Order.” Perhaps most notably,

Gaughan berated Van Dyke's lawyers in January for failing to file documents with the protection of the “decorum order.”

“For God's sake, this time I'm really serious. You better have that decorum order on that, OK?” Gaughan told Van Dyke's lead lawyer, Daniel Herbert, at the time.

After Friday's ruling, attorneys for the news organizations will have to refile their documents, striking any references to a “decorum order” even in older filings attached as exhibits, before the issue can be argued in open court.

Gaughan has long taken unusual measures to control the flow of information in the high-profile case, including regularly holding closed-door meetings with lawyers in chambers, and clearing the courtroom of spectators and reporters for hearings — both of which he did as recently as Thursday.

The judge has said he didn't want to risk prejudicing potential jurors, but it is far from certain if Van Dyke will let the judge or a jury decide his fate.

The court-ordered release of police dashboard camera video in November 2015 that showed Van Dyke shooting McDonald 16 times as the black teen walked away from police with a knife has roiled the city and Police Department.

Friday's hearing — geared toward media efforts to improve access — was brief but at times combative. At one point, Gaughan instructed the court stenographer — who takes down a record of what is said — not to transcribe what Fuentes was saying.

“Whatever he's saying, don't take it down,” the judge told the court reporter as Fuentes described the media's request for access to court filing.

Also Friday, at the request of the special prosecutors, Gaughan ordered the sealing of two filings — one referring to a defense expert witness and another involving witnesses expected to testify about McDonald's allegedly violent past.

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Suit: City liable in chase that killed off-duty cop

BY ESE OLUMHENSE
Chicago Tribune

The family of Taylor Clark, an off-duty Chicago police officer who died after running a red light and striking and killing another motorist at Roosevelt Road and Kostner Avenue last summer, is suing the city, claiming wrongful death.

In court papers filed Wednesday, exactly a year after the fatal collision, Clark's family said Officers Jamie Jawor and Mark Mueller initiated a high-speed pursuit of Clark's Jeep without legal justification for doing so.

Further, the suit alleges, the officers did not notify the Police Department or the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communications about the chase or activate their police lights for a portion of the pursuit, two actions that “increased the risk of danger to the public and created a hazard to motorists on the roadway and pedestrians in and about the roadway.”

The chase was a violation of Police Department general orders and policies, the suit says, and the officers' conduct disregarded

Clark's safety and the safety of others. As a result, Clark struck another vehicle — driven by Chequita Adams, 27 — and died, according to the suit.

The incident, which took place in the North Lawndale community, was recorded by a pair of city-issued cameras, which showed Clark running the light at high speed and smashing into Adams' car around 1 a.m. June 27, 2017.

The video, released in September by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, showed the impact pushed Adams' car into a light pole, crushing it, while Clark's vehicle rolled onto its side. Both drivers were pronounced dead later that morning at area hospitals.

Just before the fatal crash, not far away, Clark had fled from on-duty gang team officers in an unmarked car. The officers tried to stop him because the Jeep looked like one involved in a carjacking, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said, according to a September report in the Tribune.

Clark's family is requesting a jury trial.

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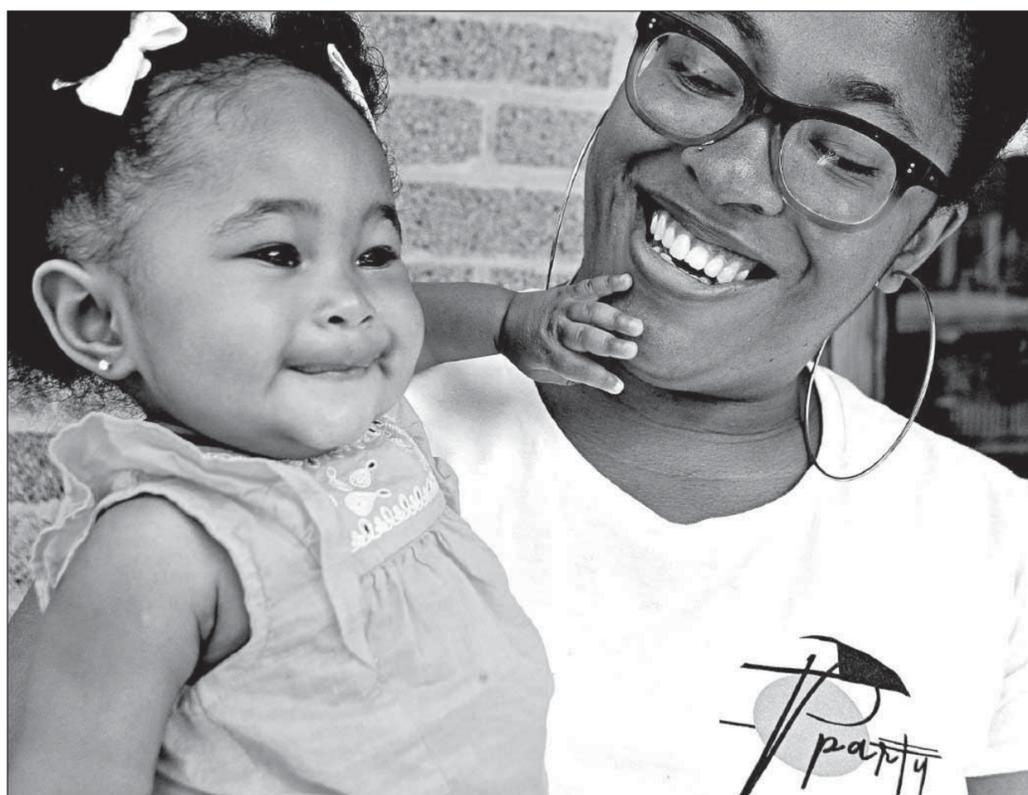
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Danielle Patterson had feelings of depression after having her daughter, Naomi, and thought more moms could use help.

A party for coping with postpartum depression

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

After becoming a new mom in October — and then getting laid off from her job while on maternity leave — Danielle Patterson wasn't "super sad" or "upset," just focused on her next steps.

The 30-year-old South Side native began the legwork to start her own nonprofit to help fatherless girls. Even with her husband being "a big help with everything," it was then that she felt the loneliness of new motherhood.

"As I was preparing legal things for the organization, I found myself like, man, I don't have anybody to talk to. I don't have other moms that I can vent to or that I can share my thoughts with and how I'm feeling," she said.

Patterson, who considered herself to have postpartum depression, said she desired a network, a group of "other moms who are experiencing the same things" as her. She figured that if she needed it, then other moms did too. So she brainstormed.

"I was in the car with my husband, and I was like, 'I feel like I just need to throw a party or something.'"

On Saturday, that's exactly what she plans to do. Patterson's first-ever Post

"I just wanted to create that safe space and allow other people to vent while they are drinking a mimosa and listening to a DJ."

— Danielle Patterson

Party will be 1-4 p.m. at 2144 W. Van Buren St. in Chicago.

"I just wanted to create that safe space and allow other people to vent while they are drinking a mimosa and listening to a DJ," she said. "That's pretty much the purpose of the party."

When she first told people she wanted to have a party for postpartum moms, she received puzzled responses.

"A lot of people were like, 'Wait, you want to celebrate postpartum (depression)?' I was like, 'No, I want to celebrate the new us while we cope with our changes,'" she recalled, while quoting the party's tagline. "I wanted to create this for us to have a good time, to figure out how we can get through this thing without ripping our head off, going into a deep depression, abandoning our families, without taking extreme measures as far as suicide."

Patterson was especially adamant about creating this community and space for moms of color and teen

moms. The latter, Patterson said, are "the stronger ones that we have."

"(Teen moms) will have this baby, and sooner than six weeks, they have to be back at school. They're new moms too, they go through postpartum too, and people may try to shame them. She needs that community too."

Patterson said postpartum isn't often talked about in communities of color. Robert Keefe, lead author of a 2016 study on how women of color deal with postpartum depression, says the lack of conversation is due to many things, one being the absence of services.

"Most postpartum depression research is mainly focused on white, middle-class women," he said. "Because of that, services have been structured to meet needs of white women and not women of color."

According to the study, 12 percent of white women experience postpartum depression, compared with 38 percent of mothers of color,

primarily black and Latina.

"I want to make sure that women of color have this community, just like somebody in Ravenswood would have," said Patterson. "This isn't something we have to be on the hush about or just deal with."

The Post Party is free, and Patterson has only two rules: no kids, and dress comfortably.

"Don't go out buying a new dress, wear your sweatpants, yoga pants, leggings, have your hair tied, whatever! Drake (the rapper) said in that song, 'That's when you're the prettiest, I hope that you don't take it wrong.' Just be yourself. It's not about the kids right now, it's about you."

The day party will have welcome bags, a career and development professional to help with basic resume and LinkedIn updates, a therapist to talk through healthy coping with postpartum, as well as light refreshments, a DJ, mimosas and drinks for the teen moms, networking opportunities, raffles and giveaways.

"There's going to be a community (for moms) here, and it will be just a good time and help us get back to who we were — or even better."

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values in affluent neighborhoods often were too low, and those in economically struggling areas often were too high. As a result, Berrios' methods tended to unfairly shift the property tax burden from the wealthy to the less affluent.

In collaboration with ProPublica Illinois, the series later found that business properties were underassessed, which pushed more of the tax burden onto the backs of homeowners and small businesses. The investigation was a major factor in the March Democratic primary, which saw Berrios lose to asset manager Fritz Kaegi, who pledged to make assessment models and data public and also address flaws the series identified.

Berrios was highly critical and dismissive of the investigation's findings on residential assessments until a Civic Consulting Alliance study commissioned by County Board President Toni Preckwinkle confirmed the series' work. Berrios then vowed to fix the problem, working with the Consulting Alliance and Tyler Technologies, the firm the county has hired to update its property taxation computer systems.

The appeals court ruling Friday relates to records and formulas used to value commercial and industrial properties. The Tribune also asked for documents related to "hand checks," which involve adjusting assessments manually on a case-by-case basis.

Berrios' office refused to release the information, saying it was part of a "deliberative process" and therefore not subject to state open records laws.

At the trial level, Cook County Judge Neil Cohen rejected that argument. The appeals court agreed, with Griffin stating that "the requested records are final — not preliminary. The requested records are also not ones in which opinions are expressed or in which policies or actions are formulated — they are factual. They are the results of the assessment process."

"There is no longer any reason that the Tribune or the public be deprived of the records involved in the case," added Griffin, with Judges Sheldon Harris and Mary Mikva concurring.

Asked Friday whether Berrios would appeal the ruling or turn over the documents, assessor spokesman Tom Shaer said the office's attorneys had yet to review the opinion. "We will evaluate it and

make a decision about what we will do going forward," he added.

Kaegi, meanwhile, said Friday that Berrios should accept the ruling and release the documents.

"Not only is transparency in government right and the smart thing to do — in this case it's a legal requirement under the Illinois property tax code," he said.

Kaegi said he is assembling a team to work out a way to put the information online in a way that is understandable to the general public so he can hit the ground running when he takes office in December.

"We think it's really important to have that transparency," Kaegi added. "This is a key, essential thing to increase people's confidence in the system."

Attorney Eric Mattson, who represented the Tribune, said he hoped Berrios' office would "take the Appellate Court's opinion at face value and release the documents right away."

"This is a complete victory not just for the Tribune, but also for the public at large," he added. "They're entitled to know what their government is up to."

It's unclear whether Preckwinkle, a Berrios ally who supported him for re-election, will call on him to release the information and end the legal proceedings. A Preckwinkle spokesman said Friday that the office had not received the opinion.

As the Tribune case against Berrios has unfolded, the potential cost to taxpayers has continued to rise. To date those costs top \$100,000.

The initial trial court ruling also ordered the assessor's office to pay the Tribune's legal fees in the case, which is common when a news organization wins an open records case. At the time, the fees amounted to \$32,000, but they have risen as Berrios pursued the appeal. The county also has paid more than \$70,000 as of April to a law firm to represent the assessor's office.

At the trial court level, Cohen sealed the related court records to prevent the public from gaining "backdoor access to the documents (sought by the Tribune) while judicial proceedings remain ongoing," according to Griffin's ruling. On Friday, Griffin ordered the filings made public, saying "there is no longer any reason" to keep them sealed.

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\$17M for exonerated ex-inmate

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responsible, ruling that Rivera was victimized by a practice at the Police Department of withholding police reports and other investigative materials from criminal defense attorneys.

The jury awarded \$17 million in compensatory damages against the city and also ordered Guevara and the other two ex-detectives — Steve Gawrys and Ed Mingey — to pay a combined \$175,000 in punitive damages out of their own pockets. A fourth former detective, Gillian McLaughlin, was cleared of any wrongdoing.

Guevara, 75, was not in court at the time of the verdict. The other officers showed no visible reaction as it was announced.

The award was one of the largest ever involving Chicago police misconduct — and it could be just the beginning.

Rivera's lawsuit was the first in a string of similar cases against Guevara, a former Chicago police gang crimes detective who has been accused of widespread corruption in the 1980s and 1990s that sent more than a dozen innocent men to prison.

One of Rivera's attorneys, Locke Bowman, said after court that the verdict was "a real call out" to the city of Chicago.

"They need to think seriously about what they are

going to do to make things right," Bowman told reporters in the lobby of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

Meanwhile, Rivera's lead attorney, Jon Loevy, called the Guevara scandal one of the biggest in Chicago's history, suggesting it could even surpass the notorious torture cases involving disgraced former Cmdr. Jon Burge.

Reached by phone later Friday, Guevara's attorney, Thomas Leinenweber, said that while he respected the jury's verdict, what happened to Rivera was not the fault of the police.

A spokesman for the Law Department said the city was "disappointed" by the verdict and evaluating its legal options.

Rivera, a former Latin King, was convicted of killing 16-year-old Felix Valentin during a summer of rising violence among warring street gangs in Chicago's West Humboldt Park neighborhood in 1988.

The state's only witness, Orlando Lopez, was 12 at the time of the murder. Lopez testified at the trial that he was hiding in an alcove when he saw Rivera fire shots into Valentin's parked car, then turn and look in his direction.

Judge Michael Close convicted Rivera of the murder and sentenced him to 80 years in prison.

It wasn't until 2010 that lawyers with Northwestern University's Center on

Wrongful Convictions tracked down Lopez and he recanted his testimony, swearing in an affidavit that he tried to notify police and prosecutors before Rivera's trial that he had identified the wrong person but that no one would listen.

"I have been waiting for years for someone to find me so I could tell the truth," Lopez said in the sworn statement. "My coming forward now is all about redemption."

In his closing argument Wednesday, Loevy described the Police Department investigation of Valentin's shooting as a joke from the start. Detectives' reports went missing, lineups were rigged and seasoned detectives were able to steer Lopez into making an identification just to close a case and look good, the attorney said.

"The whole thing was dirty," he said.

In asking for as much as \$42 million in damages, Loevy characterized the case as an egregious one even for a city accustomed to big payouts in police misconduct suits.

In his closing remarks, attorney James Sotos, who represented McLaughlin and Gawrys, said what happened to Rivera was an indication of a criminal justice system that was "broken." But it wasn't the detectives' fault, he said.

"They had a 12-year-old boy who said, 'I saw it.' And



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Jacques Rivera gets hugs from Northwestern University law students after Friday's verdict.

that's what they gave to prosecutors," Sotos said, adding that Rivera's criminal defense attorney at the time, now-Cook County Judge Kenneth Wadas, did a poor job of poking holes in an admittedly weak case.

The trial unfolded amid mushrooming allegations that the now-retired Guevara ran a widespread corruption racket for years in predominantly Hispanic West Side neighborhoods, pinning false murder cases on suspects, shaking down drug dealers for protection money and taking payments from gang members to change the outcomes of police lineups.

So far, Rivera and 17 other men have either had cases collapse or their convictions thrown out over allegations of misconduct by Guevara.

Eight other federal lawsuits are pending against the ex-detective, and other people still in prison are pushing prosecutors to have their cases reheard, records show.

In case after case, Guevara has repeatedly refused to testify when asked under oath about allegations of wrongdoing. Testifying in the Rivera trial earlier this month, Guevara invoked his Fifth Amendment right more than 200 times in a little more than an hour, including when asked directly whether he'd ever framed anyone.

Guevara's decision to invoke his right against self-incrimination protects him from potential criminal liability, but jurors in civil trials are allowed to draw a "negative inference" from his refusal to answer questions.

After the verdict Friday, Rivera fought back tears as he was asked about the pain of losing so many years with his family — the missed birthdays, Christmases, graduations and life markers that passed him by while he sat in prison. His daughter, Jennifer, was 6 months old when he was locked up. His mother, Gwen, who never gave up hope that he'd be cleared, died a short time after his release.

"I was kidnapped by the Chicago Police Department, by Reynaldo Guevara," Rivera said. "I wasn't a perfect guy, but I wasn't out there doing nothing wrong. But (Guevara) came after to me. And we still don't know why."

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New activists to rally for migrant families

Moms, first-time protesters plan to march Saturday

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS AND AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Immigrants who have spent years fighting to change the country's immigration system are getting newfound support from liberal activists, moms and first-time protesters motivated by a visceral narrative — President Donald Trump's administration separating children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Groups that pulled off massive women's marches the last two years and other left-leaning rallies are throwing their weight behind migrant families Saturday.

More than 600 marches could draw hundreds of thousands of people nationwide, from immigrant-friendly cities like Los Angeles and New York City to conservative Appalachia and Wyoming.

Though many are seasoned anti-Trump demonstrators, others are new to immigration activism, including parents who say they feel compelled to show up after heart-wrenching accounts of children forcibly taken from their families as they crossed the border illegally.

In Portland, Ore., several stay-at-home moms are organizing their first rally while caring for young kids.

"I'm not a radical, and I'm not an activist," said Kate Sharaf, a co-organizer in Portland's event. "I just reached a point where I felt I had to do more."

She and co-organizers are undaunted after nearly



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Demonstrators rally against the Trump administration's immigration policies Thursday in Brownsville, Texas.

600 women wearing white and railing against the now-abandoned separation policy were arrested Thursday in Washington, D.C.

With demonstrations nationwide, immigrant advocacy groups say they're thrilled — and surprised — to see the issue gaining traction among those not tied to immigration.

"Honestly, I am blown away. I have literally never seen Americans show up for immigrants like this," said Jess Morales Rocketto, political director at the National Domestic Workers Alliance, which represents

nannies, housekeepers and caregivers, many of whom are immigrants. "We just kept hearing over and over again, if it was my child, I would want someone to do something."

Saturday's rallies are getting funding and support from the American Civil Liberties Union, MoveOn.org, the National Domestic Workers Alliance and The Leadership Conference.

But local organizers are shouldering on-the-ground planning, many of them women relying on informal networks established dur-

ing worldwide women's marches on Trump's inauguration and anniversary.

Tyler Houlton, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, welcomed interest in the immigration system and said only Congress has the power to change the law.

"We appreciate that these individuals have expressed an interest in and concern with the critical issue of securing our nation's borders and enforcing our immigration laws," Houlton said.

"As we have indicated before, the department is

disappointed and frustrated by our nation's disastrous immigration laws and supports action."

In Portland, Sharaf and other mothers are working to organize a march expected to attract 5,000 — all while they change diapers, nurse babies and prepare snacks. They have marched for women's rights but have never spearheaded a rally.

Portland's weekend rally is not related to an 11-day vigil at the city's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement headquarters by protesters who want the agency out of the city.

Federal police raided the sit-in Thursday and arrested nine people.

Sharaf and three others recently fired up their laptops and cellphones at her dining room table — one mom breastfeeding her son as she worked.

"Everyone I know that I've talked to about this issue has had a very visceral reaction," Sharaf said.

"Because, as moms, we know how important it is to be with your child and how critical attachment is to a child. It's just heartbreaking for me to see."

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Trump sets date to announce nominee for Supreme Court

MORRISTOWN, N.J. — Powering forward with a decision that could reshape the Supreme Court for decades, President Donald Trump said Friday he will announce his choice to succeed retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy on July 9. He added that two women are among his top candidates for the job.

The president, who spoke aboard Air Force One on the way to his golf club in New Jersey, said he had identified a group of at

least five potential candidates for the nation's high court and he may interview as many as seven.

Kennedy, a key swing vote on the court, announced Wednesday that he would retire this summer.

Asked if he planned to question potential court nominees about their views on abortion rights and Roe v. Wade, the president responded, "That's not a question I'll be asking."

Palestinians say 13-year-old killed along border with Israel

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Two Palestinians, including a teenage boy, were killed and scores wounded by Israeli fire on Friday, Gaza health officials said, as weekly border rallies organized by the Islamic militant group that rules the territory continued.

The 13-year-old was fatally shot in the head and a 24-year-old man died of gunshot wounds to his leg and abdomen, the Gaza

Health Ministry said.

More than 130 wounded were evacuated to hospitals for treatment with at least three in serious condition, the ministry said. About 90 others received first aid.

The Israeli military said thousands of Palestinians participated in the "extremely violent" demonstration that included attempts to breach the border and the throwing of a grenade at soldiers.

Federal judge blocks Kentucky Medicaid work requirements

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A federal judge has blocked Kentucky's work requirements for Medicaid and has ordered the Trump administration to reconsider the program.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg ruled the Trump administration did not adequately consider whether the work requirements and other changes would help the state give its residents access to health care. Be-

cause of that, Boasberg said the Trump administration's decision was "arbitrary and capricious."

Kentucky was the first state approved to require some Medicaid recipients get a job to keep their Medicaid benefits. The rules were to take effect Sunday. GOP Gov. Matt Bevin has vowed to kill Medicaid coverage for more than 400,000 people if his proposal is ultimately struck down.



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Farmers frolic in Lele, Nepal, on Friday to celebrate the first day of planting rice for the season. The national holiday features singing, dancing and playing in muddy fields.

Nassar, ex-trainer are charged with sexual assault in Texas

DALLAS — Larry Nassar, the disgraced former sports doctor, and a one-time trainer were charged with sexual assault on Friday following an investigation involving an elite gymnastics center in Texas.

A grand jury indicted Nassar on six counts of second-degree sexual assault of a child, while a former trainer, Debbie Van Horn, was indicted on one count, Walker County prosecutor Stephanie Stroud said during a news conference in Huntsville. Details of the alleged assaults weren't immediately released.

Nassar is already serving decades in prison for sexual assault and child pornography possession in Michigan, where hundreds of women and girls accused him of sexually abusing them under the guise of medical treatment, including while he worked for USA Gymnastics, which is responsible for training Olympic gymnasts, and Michigan State University.

The new charges stem from an investigation at the famed gymnastics training center just outside Huntsville that was run by former national women's gymnastics team coordina-

tors Bela and Martha Karolyi. Five former gymnasts implored authorities last month to determine whether the Karolyis could have prevented abuse at their facility. Two gymnasts said Nassar abused them there.

Stroud said Friday there is "no corroborated evidence of any criminal conduct" by the Karolyis, and that the couple, who have denied knowledge of any mistreatment at their since-closed facility about 70 miles north of Houston, "were and remain fully cooperative with this investigation."

West African counterterror force's HQ attacked

BAMAKO, Mali — A car packed with explosives detonated at the headquarters of a new, five-nation West African counterterror force in Mali, setting off a gun battle that killed two soldiers, a civilian and two attackers, officials said Friday.

The attack highlighted

the brazenness of the extremist threat in a part of the world that made headlines in October with the killing of four U.S. service members in an ambush in neighboring Niger.

In addition to the deaths, two other attackers were captured, a military spokesman said. Four soldiers,

three suspected attackers and a civilian were wounded, officials said.

The 5,000-strong G5 Sahel force launched last year and includes Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, Niger and Mauritania.

There was no immediate information on the attackers' identity.

Paul Manafort fights use of his financial records at trial

WASHINGTON — Having lost his fight to have the bank and tax fraud case against him thrown out of federal court, Paul Manafort on Friday sought to have the financial records found in his condominium and storage unit tossed.

Those records were obtained through search warrants that detail the extent to which the former lobbyist and Trump campaign chairman found himself in debt and dependent on money from pro-Russian interests.

His attorneys are asking U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis to find that the searches as part of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian meddling in U.S. elections were unconstitutional. An employee did not have authority to let FBI agents into the storage unit and they were given too much leeway to seize items at his condo, he argued.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the first drug developed specifically to reduce excessive sweating, a common condition that can cause anxiety.

Dermira Inc. said Friday its Qbrexza — which blocks sweat glands from activating — was approved for excessive underarm sweating.

Spain is creating a marine wildlife reserve for the migrations of whales and dolphins in the Mediterranean Sea and will prohibit searching for fossil fuels in the area. The Spanish government announced Friday that the protected reserve will cover 17,909 square miles between the Balearic Islands and the mainland.

EU aims to give refugees more aid

100 more reported missing or dead at sea after boat fails

BY LORNE COOK AND MENNA ZAKI
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — European Union leaders Friday drew up new plans to screen migrants in North Africa for eligibility to enter Europe, saying they set aside major differences over stemming the flow of people seeking sanctuary or better lives.

But the show of unity did little to hide that the hardest work still lies ahead.

Even as the leaders met in Brussels for a second day, Libya's coast guard said about 100 people were missing and feared dead after their boat capsized in the Mediterranean.

The leaders agreed on a "new approach" to manage those rescued at sea, just as bickering over who should take responsibility for them undermines unity and threatens cross-border business and travel in Europe. Italy, Greece and Spain bear responsibility for accepting most of the migrants and have felt

abandoned by their EU partners.

Italy, with a new anti-European government, has refused to take charge of people rescued at sea in recent weeks, sparking a diplomatic row with France and Malta.

In Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition partner is demanding she take a tougher line on migrants, undermining her leadership.

The new plan is to receive people from rescue ships in EU nations that agree to share responsibility for handling migration with the EU's main point-of-entry countries like Spain, Italy and Greece. But they also will receive them in centers in North Africa and possibly the Balkans.

"A complete approach was adopted," French President Emmanuel Macron told reporters after a night of haggling and delays to address demands from Italy that its views be incorporated in the final summit statement.

"We are protecting better. We are cooperating more. And we are reaffirming our principles. All hastily made solutions, be they solely national ones or



EMILIO MORENATTI/AP

Migrants arrive Friday at the port of Tarifa, southern Spain, after being rescued by Spain's Maritime Rescue Service in the Strait of Gibraltar.

a betrayal of our values that consists in pushing people off to third countries, were clearly set aside," Macron said.

Even new Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, whose populist government has rocked the EU's political landscape, said: "On the whole, we can say we are satisfied."

That said, the Czech Republic and Austria have no intention of basing migrant centers on their territory.

"Why should there be centers? Center should be outside of Europe. Ellis Island, yes? And the Australian model, very simple. We have to execute this," Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis said.

The "disembarkation platforms" are a logical extension of the EU's migrant deal with Turkey.

The government in Ankara was paid more than 3 billion euros in refugee aid to stop people leaving for the Greek islands.

The bottom line is that numbers have dropped by about 96 percent, compared with 2015 when well over 1 million people entered Europe, most of them fleeing conflict in Syria and Iraq.

Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Niger and Tunisia are touted as possible locations, even though details of the plans are sketchy. Morocco already has refused and none of those listed has volunteered to take part.

The EU's executive Commission now must draft something more concrete in coordination with the U.N.'s refugee agency and the International Organization for Migration.

Iowa justices block 72-hour waiting period for abortion

BY DAVID PITT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Iowa Supreme Court on Friday struck down a law requiring a 72-hour waiting period for women seeking an abortion, ruling that the restriction was unconstitutional and that "autonomy and dominion over one's body go to the very heart of what it means to be free."

Justices noted that the waiting period could force delays, increase costs and in some cases prevent a woman from legally obtaining an abortion. The court's 5-2 decision said the mandatory delay violated the Iowa Constitution because the restrictions on women weren't "narrowly tailored to serve a compelling interest of the state."

The ruling comes in a lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood of Iowa and the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa, which sued the state shortly after the law was approved last year. The groups argued that a woman's right to an abortion was among the core privacy rights protected by the Iowa Constitution and federal law.

Attorneys for Planned Parenthood and the state had no immediate comment on Friday's ruling. The waiting period is part of a larger state law that bans most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

The 20-week ban is in effect and isn't part of the legal challenge.

In its Friday ruling, the court noted it wasn't concluding that a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy was unlimited.

The ruling, written by Chief Justice Mark Cady, outlined the difficulty courts have in reaching decisions on abortion.

"We do not, and could not, endeavor to discern the

precise moment when a human being comes into existence. We have great respect for the sincerity of those with deeply held beliefs on either side of the issue.

"Nevertheless, the state's capacity to legislate pursuant to its own moral scruples is necessarily curbed by the constitution. The state may pick a side, but in doing so, it may not trespass upon the fundamental rights of the people," Cady wrote.

Two justices, Edward Mansfield and Thomas Waterman, disagreed.

Mansfield's dissenting opinion argued that the court's majority opinion forgoes "accepted methods of constitutional interpretation" and instead at times relies "on an undertone of moral criticism toward abortion opponents."

Mansfield is on President Donald Trump's list of possible nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Planned Parenthood had argued that Iowa lawmakers were imposing more severe burdens on women seeking abortions "than almost all other states."

The group noted that the Iowa Supreme Court had recognized privacy as a fundamental right in previous cases, and argued that abortion was a core privacy right that should be treated like other fundamental rights.

Iowa Solicitor General Jeffrey Thompson, who defended the law for the state, argued that protecting unborn life was a state interest of the highest order and that abortion wasn't a fundamental right.

He said the waiting period provides time for women to consider information that abortion providers are required to provide, including an opportunity to view an ultrasound or hear a fetal heartbeat.



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GERMAN AEROSPACE CENTER

Cimon, which is slightly bigger than a basketball, will assist German astronaut Alexander Gerst with experiments.

SpaceX launches supplies, AI robot to space station

BY MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A SpaceX rocket that flew two months ago with a NASA satellite roared back into action Friday, launching the first orbiting robot with artificial intelligence and other station supplies.

The used Falcon rocket blasted off before dawn, hauling nearly 6,000 pounds of cargo including the spherical AI robot named Cimon, genetically identical mice and super-caffeinated coffee for the crew of the International Space Station.

The shipment, packed into a Dragon capsule that's also recycled, should reach the station Monday.

The launch delighted spectators as the rocket plume expanded in the night sky like a giant halo beneath a nearly full moon and a gleaming Mars.

This marked SpaceX's fastest reflight of a booster. The same booster launched the planet-hunting Tess satellite in April. The capsule flew in 2016.

Aiming to lower launch costs by reusing rockets, SpaceX did not retrieve the booster for another flight and ditched it in the Atlantic instead. The company is switching to a new and improved line of boosters.

The Dragon will deliver the robot Cimon, pronounced Simon. The 3D-printed German Space Agency robot will assist German astronaut Alexander Gerst with science experiments. IBM provided the AI brain. Cimon will remain on the orbiting lab. Cimon stands for Crew Interactive Mobile Companion.

Also on board are two sets of genetically identical brown female mice, or 20 mice altogether.

Northwestern University wants to study the bacteria in the animals' guts and compare them to their identical sisters on the ground. They did the same with former NASA astronauts and identical twins Scott and Mark Kelly during Scott's mission a few years ago.

Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Seoul wants piece of North pie

Food firms eye 1st forays if Kim opens up land

BY BRIAN MURPHY AND MICHELLE YE HEE LEE
The Washington Post

SEOUL, South Korea — At a glass-and-stone office complex in downtown Seoul, a team of corporate strategists is thinking about diplomacy, North Korea and the power of marshmallow, yellow cake and chocolate.

At the same time, dozens of other companies across South Korea also are jockeying for any edge to jump into North Korea if Kim Jong Un's outreach eventually opens investment in a country that needs everything from new roads to designer doorknobs.

But Orion Corp. has something the others do not: the original Choco Pie and its status as a treat so coveted in the North that it can be peddled for many times its price on the black market.

There is still no way to predict whether North Korea could get an investment rush from South Korea and other countries across the region. For starters, the Kim regime needs to make enough nuclear concessions to cause a rollback of some U.N. sanctions.

But that hasn't dampened the optimism of South Korean executives.

Companies of every stripe — construction, shipping, mining, hotel groups, automaker Hyundai and others — have started to weigh the potential windfalls and risks.

Many industry officials see South Korean food companies as among the most likely to make the first possible forays, using common culture and tastes as calling cards.

"For South Korean companies, low wages and close proximity are definite plus factors, and, of course, the



ANNALIESE NURNBERG/THE WASHINGTON POST

Choco Pie is so coveted in North Korea that it can be peddled for many times its original price on the black market.

shared culture and language as well," said Gloria Koo, associate director of the University of Southern California's Korean Studies Institute.

Perhaps no company has a more ready fan base in the North than the South Korean makers of the original Choco Pie, a cake-and-marshmallow sandwich dipped in chocolate, somewhat like an American MoonPie.

An executive at Orion, which introduced the Choco Pie to South Korea in the 1970s, said last month that its most-famous snack could be the advance guard in North Korea for the company's full line of crackers, cookies and other munchies.

Choco Pies were a favored extra among North Korean workers at the now-suspended Kaesong industrial zone, a project that began operations in 2004 to allow a foothold in the

North for scores of midsize South Korean companies.

The North Korean workers stashed them instead of eating them. Choco Pies became so prevalent for sale or barter on the streets that North Korea reportedly banned their import to Kaesong in 2014.

Choco Pies became such a symbol of resistance that activist groups in South Korea sent them over the border tied to balloons, and the Seoul government gave a lifetime supply of Choco Pies to the North Korean soldier, Oh Chong-song, who was badly wounded by gunfire in his dash south across the demilitarized zone in November.

Investing in food for North Korean markets is also on the mind of one of South Korea's major conglomerates, the Lotte Group.

The business is counting on lessons learned by its more than decade-long as-

sociation with the Kaesong economic zone, where the company's food division provided snacks including a lemon-lime soft drink called Chilsung Cider and its own version of the Choco Pie.

The Kaesong project offered cheap labor for some South Korean manufacturers and provided the North with foreign currency.

It was suspended in 2016 amid Seoul's anger over the North's nuclear tests.

"In planning our North Korea-bound initiatives, Lotte is approaching this first from a humanitarian-aid and social-exchange perspective, rather than business at the moment," said Lotte spokesman Kang Sung-doo. "Food products will serve such humanitarian and social purposes well."

This month, Lotte announced a North Korea task force that encompasses the reach of the regional pow-

erhouse company, which has headquarters in Tokyo and Seoul. Lotte's food, hotels, logistics and chemical holdings are making contingencies for the North.

"There are needs at every level in North Korea. So, of course, this is making companies, especially those in South Korea, very interested to move if Kim Jong Un allows it," said Kim Byung-yeon, an economics professor at Seoul National University.

"But this is also the concern. North Korea is so unknown and so in need that there could be serious problems if companies just rush in."

The professor has led calls for "managed economic engagement" if sanctions ease.

But it's hard to say how many businesses in South Korea are willing to go slow.

A recent North Korea investment forum in Seoul

brought together 600 corporate executives and economic researchers to hash over future opportunities.

The list went on and on: roads, railways, ports, airports, the electrical grid, hotels, televisions and consumer goods of all kinds.

Real estate firms zeroed in on the untouched property in the demilitarized zone, or DMZ. Some tourist companies brainstormed ideas about the North — all aware that even giant Hyundai was once burned by the North's government.

In 1998, Hyundai opened a mountain resort for tourists at North Korea's Mount Kumgang, just over the border. It was hugely popular, but it was closed in 2008 by the North after a sentry shot and killed a tourist. The entire development was confiscated by Pyongyang.

Korea's central bank estimates that the North Korean economy has expanded at a respectable 1.24 percent on average each year since Kim assumed power in 2011, gradually allowing a budding free enterprise system to emerge with small private shops and restaurants.

China, however, remains the big brother, having served as the North's economic lifeline for decades.

This leaves South Korean businesses — even powerful global brands such as Hyundai and Samsung — asking for government help to catch up.

Many executives express hope for a master plan by the government of South Korean President Moon Jae-in to handle potential investments into North Korea and, down the road, possible reunification.

"As an individual company, we can't plan on our own to do work in North Korea," said Seo Geum-yul, vice president of South Korea Engineering & Construction. "We hope the South Korean government will come up with a plan that we can be a part of."

Sweeping data privacy bill is approved in California

BY SOPHIA BOLLAG
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California will soon have what experts call the nation's most far-reaching law to give consumers more control over their personal data under a bill the governor signed Thursday.

The law will compel companies to tell customers upon request what personal data they've collected, why it was collected and what categories of third parties have received it.

The new law will take effect Jan. 1, 2020, and lawmakers say they will likely make alterations to improve the policy before then.

Consumers will also be able to ask companies to delete their information and refrain from selling it.

It's similar to data privacy regulation in the European Union, which also aims to give consumers control over use of their data.

The California bill signed by Gov. Jerry Brown will apply only to California consumers.

But internet users in other states will likely see changes, said Cynthia Larose, a cybersecurity expert at the law firm Mintz Levin.

"It's going to be impractical for companies to maintain two separate sets of privacy protections — one for California and one for everyone else," she said.

The move by California came after large breaches in recent years at companies including Target and Equifax. Facebook also has faced intense scrutiny amid revelations that Republican-linked consulting firm Cambridge Analytica collected data from millions of Facebook users without their knowledge.

The bill by Assemblyman Ed Chau, an Arcadia Democrat, gives companies the ability to offer discounts to customers who allow their data to be sold and

charge those who opt out a reasonable amount based on how much the company makes selling the information.

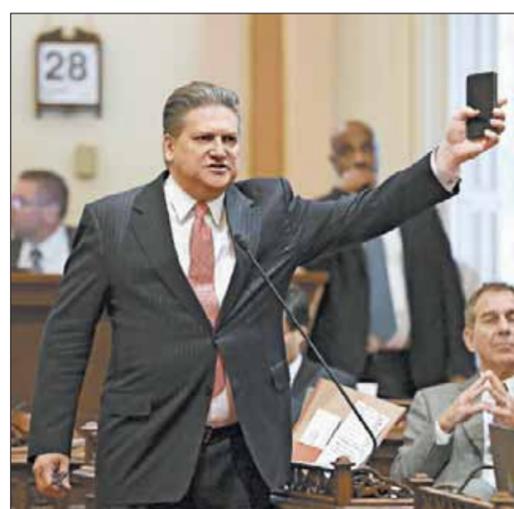
It also bars companies from selling data from children younger than 16 without consent.

"We in California are taking a leadership position with this bill," said Sen. Bob Hertzberg, a Van Nuys Democrat who co-authored the bill. "I think this will serve as an inspiration across the country."

Brown signed the measure just hours after lawmakers passed it with no dissenting votes in a last-minute scramble to persuade San Francisco real estate developer Alastair Mactaggart to remove a similar initiative from consideration for the November ballot ahead of a Thursday deadline.

Mactaggart spent \$3 million on the related initiative but withdrew it shortly after the law was signed.

Voter-enacted initiatives



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

California state Sen. Bob Hertzberg says the new personal data law will serve as inspiration for other states.

are much harder to alter than laws passed through the legislative process.

Given the significance and complexity of the issue, supporters and even many opponents said they wanted

legislators to pass the bill instead of allowing the initiative to move forward, so lawmakers can more easily change it in the future.

Lawmakers suggested the bill will need amend-

ments.

Republican Assemblyman Jay Obermole of Hesperia said he thinks the parts of the bill allowing people to sue companies over data breaches are too broad.

Although the bill is aimed at regulating internet and tech companies, some opponents say it could have unintended consequences on other industries.

A lobbyist for the newspaper industry said he worried the bill could harm news reporting by allowing subjects of negative investigative stories to prevent publication.

Lawmakers said that's not the bill's intent.

TechNet, a technology lobbying group, urged lawmakers to improve the law before it takes effect "so it provides meaningful privacy protections for Californians while also allowing all the benefits and opportunities consumers expect from U.S. technology to continue."



ANDREW HARRER/BLOOMBERG

Larry Kudlow, a top economic adviser to the president, says stronger economic growth is lowering the deficit.

Kudlow, others differ on deficit estimates

BY JEFF STEIN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's top economic adviser said Friday that the federal deficit is "coming down rapidly," contradicting estimates by nonpartisan analysts, Congress's official scorekeeper and a branch of the White House.

Larry Kudlow, director of the White House's National Economic Council, said on Fox Business that stronger economic growth was cre-

ating enough new tax revenue to bring down the deficit.

"The deficit — which was one of the other criticisms (of the GOP tax law) — is coming down, and it's coming down rapidly," Kudlow said. "It's throwing up enormous amounts of new tax revenue."

It's hard to know where Kudlow is getting his numbers from.

The deficit from January through April was \$161 billion, according to Treasury, up from \$135 billion at the

same point last year.

It will deteriorate further, since the Treasury collects a large amount of tax revenue in April when taxes are due for most.

Kudlow may have been referring to a Congressional Budget Office report earlier this week that said the long-term deficit would be smaller than its estimate in 2017, partly because of revised downward estimates of health care spending.

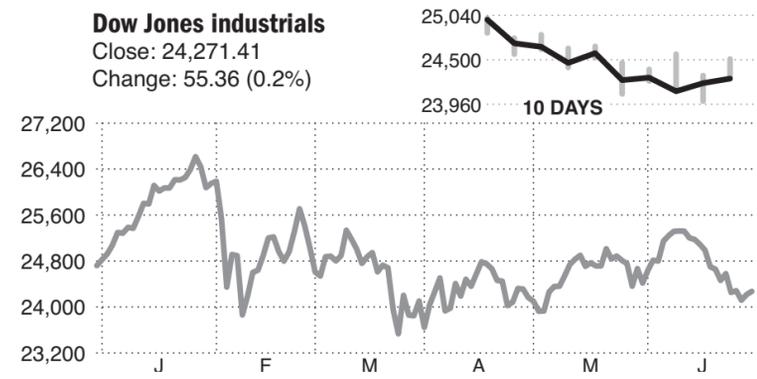
But it made clear that deficits are still set to rise in the near and long term.

"(T)he federal budget deficit, relative to the size of the economy, would grow substantially over the next several years, stabilize for a few years, and then grow again over the rest of the 30-year period," the CBO said, projecting that deficits as a percentage of the economy would rise from 3.9 percent in 2018 to 9.5 percent in 2048.

Commenting specifically on the 2017 tax law, the CBO said it would increase deficits by \$1.27 trillion over the next decade.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,509.52 Low: 24,269.71 Previous: 24,216.05



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
↑ +6.62 (+.09%)	↑ +2.06 (+.08%)	↓ -1.95 (-.12%)
Close: 7,510.30	Close: 2,718.37	Close: 1,643.07
High: 7,573.59	High: 2,743.26	High: 1,656.05
Low: 7,502.95	Low: 2,718.03	Low: 1,642.97
Previous: 7,503.68	Previous: 2,716.31	Previous: 1,645.02

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
↑ +0.02 to 2.86%	↑ +3.50 to \$1,251.30	↑ +0.24 to 110.88/\$1	↓ -0.0085 to .8570/\$1	↑ +0.70 to \$74.15

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-1.26	-2.37	-1.33	-1.48	-0.58	-0.59	+13.69	+22.31	+12.17

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 18	479.50	504	479.50	497.50	+18
		Sep 18	484.50	509	483.25	501.25	+17.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 18	345.75	355.50	345.50	350.25	+5.25
		Sep 18	355.25	365	354.75	359.50	+5.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 18	861.25	876.50	857.50	858.50	-2.75
		Aug 18	867	881.75	862.50	863.50	-3.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 18	28.95	29.38	28.89	29.12	+11
		Aug 18	29.10	29.49	28.97	29.23	+10
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 18	331.80	336.70	331.40	332.80	+1.40
		Aug 18	331.00	335.10	330.10	331.00	+30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Aug 18	73.33	74.46	72.93	74.15	+70
		Sep 18	71.66	72.80	71.33	72.46	+65
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Aug 18	2.951	2.954	2.910	2.924	-0.16
		Sep 18	2.931	2.931	2.889	2.901	-0.18
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jul 18	2.1335	2.1906	2.1230	2.1845	+0.0516
		Aug 18	2.1054	2.1575	2.0915	2.1512	+0.0457

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	60.99	-.28	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	91.90	+4.0	McDonalds Corp	N	156.69	+37
AbbVie Inc	N	92.65	+2.2	Equity Residential	N	63.69	+3.9	Middleby Corp	O	104.42	+57
Allstate Corp	N	91.27	-.08	Exelon Corp	N	42.60	+3.2	Mondelēz Intl	O	41.00	+31
Aptargroup Inc	N	93.38	-.57	First Indl RT	N	33.34	+3.0	Morningstar Inc	O	128.25	+31
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.83	-.36	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	33.34	+3.0	Motorola Solutions	N	116.72	-74
Baxter Intl	N	73.84	+0.4	Gallagher AJ	N	65.28	+1.6	Navistar Intl	N	40.72	+16
Boeing Co	N	335.51	+8.6	Grainier WJ	N	308.40	+8.4	NISource Inc	N	26.28	+16
Brunswick Corp	N	64.48	+1.64	GrubHub Inc	N	104.91	-.67	Nthn Trust Cp	O	102.89	-82
CBOE Global Markets	O	104.07	+2.6	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	87.34	-.82	Old Republic	N	19.91	-04
CDK Global Inc	O	65.05	-.49	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	77.15	+6.4	Packaging Corp Am	N	111.79	-29
CDW Corp	O	80.79	-.93	IDEX Corp	N	136.48	+9.6	Stericycle Inc	O	65.29	+67
CF Industries	N	44.40	+1.1	ITW	N	138.54	-.02	TransUnion	N	71.64	+12
CME Group	O	163.92	+0.6	Ingredion Inc	N	110.70	-3.0	Tribune Media Co A	N	38.27	+15
CNA Financial	N	45.68	+0.2	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	165.99	+12.8	USG Corp	N	43.12	-06
Caterpillar Inc	N	135.67	-.36	KapStone Paper	N	34.50	-.05	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	233.46	-621
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	35.73	-1.0	Kemper Corp	N	75.65	+4.0	United Contl Hldgs	N	69.73	+29
Deere Co	N	139.80	+3.8	Kraft Heinz Co	O	62.82	+1.7	Ventas Inc	N	56.95	+30
Discover Fin Svcs	N	70.41	+2.5	LKQ Corporation	O	31.90	+1.1	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	60.02	+32
Dover Corp	N	73.20	+4.3	Littelfuse Inc	O	228.18	+12.1	Wintrust Financial	O	87.05	-58
Equity Commonwlt	N	31.50	+0.5	MB Financial	O	46.70	-.22	Zebra Tech	O	143.25	-06

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	28.19	-.48
Gen Electric	13.61	-.22
Seadrill Ltd	2.22	-.09
Ford Motor	11.07	-.21
Wells Fargo & Co	55.44	+1.81
AT&T Inc	32.11	-.08
Dr Pepper Snapple	122.00	+2.00
Nike Inc B	79.68	+7.98
Chesaop Eny	5.24	+0.06
Alibaba Group Hldg	185.53	-2.85
Twitter Inc	43.67	-1.12
Citigroup	66.92	+0.4
Ambev S.A.	4.63	-.06
Oracle Corp	44.06	+2.2
Petrobras	10.03	+1.9
Pfizer Inc	36.28	-.08
Freoport McMoRan	17.26	+4.7
JPMorgan Chase & Co	104.20	-.73
Regions Fncl	17.78	-.21
Verizon Comm	50.31	-.55
Enbridge Inc	35.69	+2.58
Exxon Mobil Corp	82.73	+7.6
Sthwstn Energy	5.30	-.05
Merck & Co	60.70	+4.0

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	185.53	-2.85
Alphabet Inc C	1115.65	+1.43
Alphabet Inc A	1129.19	+2.41
Amazon.com Inc	1699.80	-1.65
Apple Inc	185.11	-.39
Bank of America	28.19	-.48
Berkshire Hath B	186.65	-.44
Chevron Corp	126.43	+7.7
Exxon Mobil Corp	82.73	+7.6
Facebook Inc	194.32	-1.91
JPMorgan Chase	104.20	-.73
Johnson & Johnson	121.34	-.66
Microsoft Corp	98.61	-.02
Royal Dutch Shell B	72.65	+0.4
Royal Dutch Shell A	69.23	-.02
Unitedhealth Group	245.34	+4.4
Visa Inc	132.45	-.29
WalMart Strs	85.65	-.21
Wells Fargo & Co	55.44	+1.81

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.29	+11	+21.4
American Funds AmrcnBAlA m	27.14	+0.8	+9.3
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	650.81	+4.0	+10.6
American Funds CptlncBldra m	59.94	+2.7	+2.3
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	53.55	+6.5	+8.7
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	62.61	+3.9	+14.6
American Funds GfAmrcA m	54.01	+2.0	+22.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.71	+0.8	+5.8
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	40.35	+1.3	+13.0
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	45.09	+4.1	+15.0
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	44.35	+1.1	+14.1
DFA EMktCorEq	21.17	+3.3	+5.5
DFA IntlCorEqIn	13.94	+1.0	+8.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.37	...	+4.9
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.49	...	-1.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	201.47	...	+11.2
DoubleLine TTRetBdl	10.42	-.04	+8
Fidelity 500IdxIns	95.40	+0.8	+14.5
Fidelity 500IdxInsPmm	95.40	+0.8	+14.5
Fidelity 500IndexPmm	95.40	+0.8	+14.5
Fidelity Contrafund	132.07	+1.6	+24.1
Fidelity ContrafundK	132.04	+1.5	+24.2
Fidelity LowPrStk	55.00	+1.1	+13.1
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.31	+0.1	+3.9
Metropolitan West TTRetBdl	10.38	...	-6
Oakmark IntlInv	26.38	+2.9	+1.3
PIMCO IncInsl	11.99	...	+2.4
PIMCO TTRetIns	9.97	...	-3
Schwab SP500Idx	42.27	+0.3	+14.5
T. Rowe Price BCGR	107.61	+1.7	+27.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.87	+1.8	+23.0
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	250.98	+2.1	+14.5
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.54	+1.5	+11.3
Vanguard HCAmrl	85.15	+5.4	+2.1
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	13.89	...	+1.1
Vanguard InsIdxIns	247.75	+2.0	+14.5
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	247.77	+2.0	+14.5
Vanguard InsTISMIInPls	60.76	+0.5	+15.0
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	99.52	+7.3	+19.8
Vanguard MDCpAdmrl	195.17	+2.3	+12.3
Vanguard PmmCpAdmrl	139.67	+4.6	+18.2
Vanguard STInmGrdAdmrl	10.46	...	+2
Vanguard SmCpAdmrl	74.61	+0.2	+16.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.40	+0.8	+7.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.51	+0.5	+6.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.70	+1.1	+8.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.74	+0.7	+9.3
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.43	...	-6
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIns	10.43	...	-6
Vanguard TtinBdAdmrl x	21.87	+0.1	+3.0
Vanguard TtinSdAdmrl	29.02	+2.8	+7.1
Vanguard TtinSdIns	116.04	+1.0	+7.1
Vanguard TtinSdInsPlus	116.06	+1.0	+7.1
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DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.88	1.88
6-month disc	2.06	2.05
2-year	2.53	2.52
10-year	2.86	2.84
30-year	2.99	2.97

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1251.30	\$1247.80
Silver	\$16.104	\$16.951
Platinum	\$852.40	\$850.30

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.00
Discount Rate Primary	2.50
Fed Funds Target	1.75-2.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.50

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	28.9226
Australia (Dollar)	1.3520
Brazil (Real)	3.8745
Britain (Pound)	.7581
Canada (Dollar)	1.3147
China (Yuan)	6.6262
Euro	.8570
India (Rupee)	68.446
Israel (Shekel)	3.6604
Japan (Yen)	110.88
Mexico (Peso)	19.8768
Poland (Zloty)	3.75
So. Korea (Won)	1113.52
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.47
Thailand (Baht)	33.02

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2847.42	+60.5/+2.2
Stoxx600	379.93	+3.1/+0.8
Nikkei	22304.51	+34.1/+0.2
MSCI-EAFE	1959.56	+23.2/+1.2
Bovespa	72762.50	+996.0/+1.4
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TEMPE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A self-driving Uber SUV struck and killed a woman crossing an Arizona street in March.

TESTING DRIVERLESS CARS

Worry about the car, or the backup driver?

Americans who have the heebie-jeebies about driverless car technology thought they got their I-told-you-so moment in March, when an Uber self-driving SUV slammed into a woman walking her bicycle across a roadway in Tempe, Ariz., killing her. Video from the car showed the collision. It also showed the backup driver looking down, then suddenly looking up and appearing stunned a half-second before impact.

As it turns out, the thing to fear the most was not the car, but the fallibility of humans.

Tempe police say Rafaela Vasquez, the woman Uber hired to take the wheel and brake in an emergency, had her eyes glued to her smartphone as she watched NBC's "The Voice" in the moments before the crash that killed 49-year-old Elaine Herzberg. During the 22 minutes preceding the collision, she had been looking down instead of at the road for about a third of the time. Investigators are now considering whether to file vehicular manslaughter charges against Vasquez.

According to an investigation conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board, the SUV's sensor system worked as it should. Its array of laser sensors, radar and front and side cameras detected Herzberg six seconds before impact.

The car was equipped with an emergency system that brakes if a collision is imminent. But Uber had been disabling that system on driverless cars it was testing on public roads, because in the car's autonomous mode it was producing a rough, jerky ride. Instead, Uber put the onus for preventing a crash on the backup driver.

The agency cited another factor in the crash — Herzberg was crossing the road where there was no crosswalk.

Uber's driverless car pilot program has hit a crater-sized pothole, but it's not be-

cause of a widget breakdown or computer glitch. The ride-share company has hired former NTSB Chairman Christopher Hart to look into ways it can improve its safety culture and has said it's also reviewing its training procedures for backup drivers.

Driving a regular car assumes immense responsibility, which gets magnified when the car involved is a driverless vehicle undergoing testing in real-life environments.

There's a lot more fine-tuning of driverless car technology that has to happen before we can confidently get into a vehicle with no one behind the wheel. For example, the NTSB report flagged this important point: Though the SUV's sensor system detected Herzberg six seconds before the crash, the system is not designed to alert the driver. It should. If the car has detected a potential danger that the driver hasn't, some kind of alert mechanism could prevent a collision.

Uber shut down its driverless testing program in Arizona. After the Tempe crash, some critics called for a shutdown of all driverless car tests on U.S. roads. Uber's not the only company testing self-driving vehicles — there's Waymo, Ford, Lyft and others. At the time, we thought shutting down all driverless car testing was shortsighted, and we still do.

Fast-forward to a future where drunks, speed demons, lane weavers and, yes, distracted drivers no longer imperil people getting from A to B on American roads and streets. That's the promise of driverless car technology. No, we're not there yet. A lot more testing and technology-tweaking has to happen before we reach that point. Eventually, though, the technology will be advanced enough to no longer require backup drivers. That's driverless technology's ultimate goal — taking human error out of the equation.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The right to abortion, if there is such a thing, is usually spoken of in clinical and abstract terms, but of course the application of this right is hideous and disturbing, difficult even to discuss without blanching. The abolition of the Eighth Amendment will allow the Irish, to take just one component of this grim subject, to wipe out an entire population — namely those with Down syndrome, a genetic disorder causing moderate intellectual disability and distinctive facial features.

In North America and much of Europe, a prenatal screening revealing this chromosomal abnormality usually results in the destruction of the unborn person. It's difficult to know how many pregnancies end in abortion as a result of a Down syndrome diagnosis, but it's likely close to 67 percent in the United States. In Europe, that figure is 92 percent and perhaps higher. One rarely encounters a person with Down syndrome in continental Western Europe.

No parents would prefer that their child have Down syndrome, so in a sense it's understandable that expecting parents receiving the news that their child is affected by the disorder would seek a way to avoid this outcome.

Yet government policies permitting abortion for any or almost any reason have meant not just the dramatic reduction of Down syndrome, but the dramatic reduction of a class of persons.

Barton Swaim, The Weekly Standard

Despite a very high-profile public-relations diplomacy tour by Muhammad Bin Salman, Saudi Arabia remains a troll state. It still funds mosques throughout the Islamic world, and deep in Christendom, that fuel Sunni radicalism.

It is now openly contemplating pouring its wealth into the project of making Qatar, a neighboring country, into an island — by building one of the world's largest canals where its land border with Qatar currently exists.

And our relationship with Saudi Arabia

involves us in the moral enormity of its long fruitless war against Houthis in neighboring Yemen. Our operations in this theater — refueling Saudi planes, assistance with targeting for bombing runs, intelligence sharing, and some "boots on the ground" — make the United States a belligerent in the war, and party to one of the worst humanitarian catastrophes in the Middle East.

The Saudi war has induced and exacerbated one of the worst cholera outbreaks in modern history, and its blockade of Yemen has led to famine-like conditions in a country that must import its food. It is in Yemen, not the American Southwest, that U.S. policy is causing the most human misery.

Michael Brendan Dougherty,
National Review

The professionalization of youth sports makes many parents feel as though a travel team is a kind of insurance policy: If you want your kid to keep playing sports on evermore competitive school teams, you'd better sign up for travel.

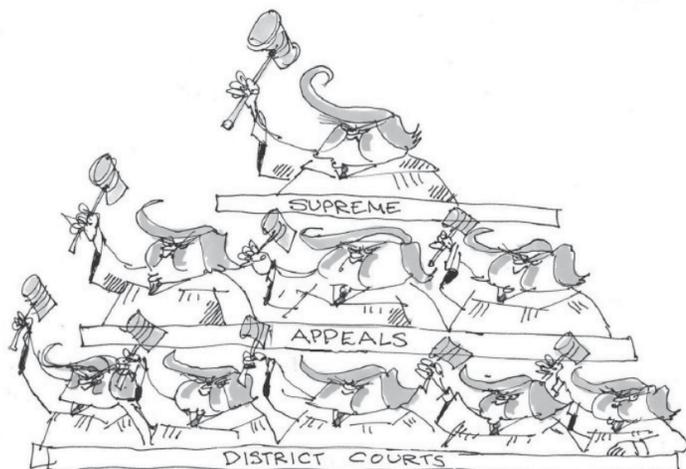
How much are parents investing in the elite club-team experience? TD Ameritrade surveyed 1,001 such parents in 2016 and found that half were spending between \$100 and \$500 per month. Almost 20 percent said they spent \$1,000 or more per month. Welcome to crazy town! ... To afford elite sports, surveyed parents said they cut back on vacations, their own retirement funds, and their child's college savings.

What could you do if you escaped your child's travel-team commitment? Where might your family go this weekend, if that tournament wasn't on the calendar?

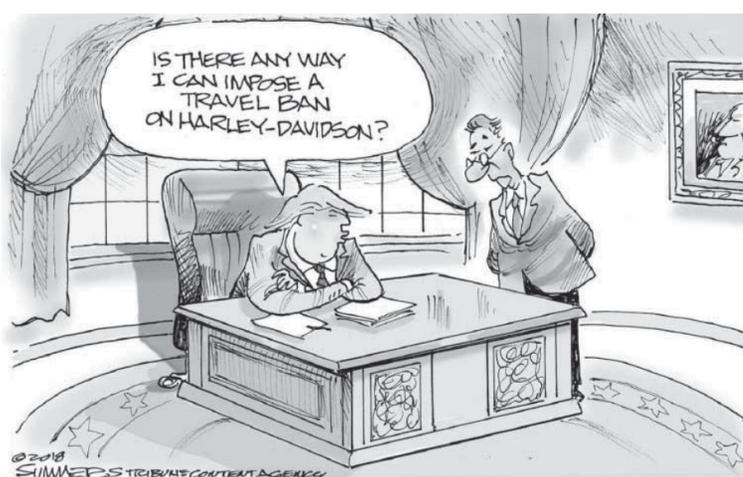
Let's not forget your young athlete. You've given her the travel-team experience, now give her something truly rare in middle- and upper-class American childhoods: a wide-open weekend. It's 48 hours of pure possibility, including the gorgeous possibility of doing nothing at all.

Debra Moffitt, Slate

Cartoon gallery



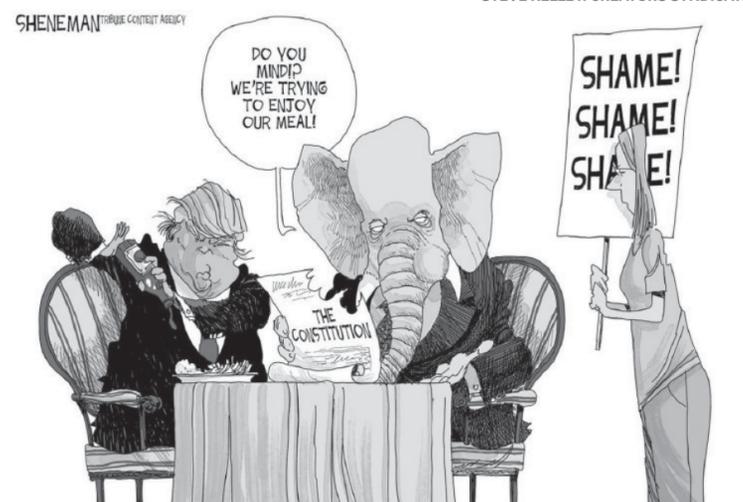
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The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority plans to demolish the O'Hare Oasis over I-294.

Farewell, old friend

It saddens me to learn of the likely demise of the O'Hare Oasis. It's such a cool place to relax and watch the traffic. So unique. We'd take the kids there, sometimes just for lunch. We have celebrated there with a treat on the way home after a big win by the Wolves. It's a good rest stop. I even sold Final Four tickets there once to a fan from up north. It was a convenient meeting spot.

And I hear the Hinsdale Oasis may be targeted, too. Come on, Illinois. There's no other way to add lanes?

— Steve Metsch, La Grange

Southwest service

For 47 years, Amtrak has understood the importance of being a national system. While it's spent most of its resources on the busy Washington-Boston Northeast Corridor, it also operates several long-distance routes, which often serve places with few public transportation alternatives.

But Richard Anderson, formerly of Delta Air Lines, who was appointed Amtrak CEO last July, clearly wants to kill off the long-distance trains. He complains that few passengers ride them end-to-end, as if passengers riding, say, from Chicago to Albuquerque, N.M., or even Naperville to Los Angeles don't count. Anderson seems to have no plans to replace or even rebuild the double-deck Superliner equipment used on most Western long-haul routes.

Anderson's first target is the Chicago-Los Angeles Southwest Chief, successor to the Santa Fe Super Chief. If promoted, it could be an Amtrak success story. Former Amtrak CEO Joseph Boardman, who negotiated with Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico, along with railroad officials, to maintain the route, said the Chief is the "first — but not last — long-distance train to target for cutting." Anderson has reneged on his predecessor's promise to make a \$3 million copayment to keep the line open. He proposes to bus passengers between Dodge City, Kan., and Albuquerque — the most scenic part of the trip. It's the first step in killing the service outright.

It's time for Anderson to step down, and for Amtrak to reaffirm the "national" in its official name, the National Railroad Passenger Corp.

— Stephen Wylder, Elkhart, Ind.

A worthy investment

The front-page photo with the caption "Young adults flock to urban areas ... for public transportation," and accompanying story "Millennials largest age category in Cook" caught my eye.

In a state and region facing population declines, we should be attempting to keep or attract young workers, as many are also high wage earners, especially in the tech, medical and financial services industries.

Sadly, Illinois state government has — unlike other states like Indiana or Texas that are investing more — cut mass transit funding by hundreds of millions. Mass transit grows the private-sector economy in studies showing \$4 in returns for each public \$1 invested. Every workday, one-sixth of Illinois' population, over 2 million riders, take mass transit to work, school, doctor visits or for leisure.

Nationally in the past two election cycles, nearly 70 percent of all mass transit referendums to expand or improve service passed. Where transit goes, the economy grows.

— Kirk Dillard, chair, Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago

A wild decision

The board of directors of the Association for Library Service to Children has decided to change the name of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award to the Children's Literature Legacy Award as reported in the Chicago Tribune. The Guardian, in its reporting, said that the ALSC also has an award named after Theo Geisel (Dr. Seuss) and the board is thinking about renaming it as well.

Having worked my entire adult life as a university professor, I have on occasion been asked if I was ever worried that I might be shot. I have always answered that I was not concerned about that; my greatest worry was that the attitudes of two of

my former students might spread. One of these students said to me, "The truth doesn't matter; it is only my perception that is important." A second student remarked, "I am not interested in anything that happened before I was born."

I would hope that all members of the board read each of the nine books in the series; I will assume that everyone on the board also had knowledge about the frontier in the 1800s to ascertain if the details Wilder gives were accurate for the time period. I trust that anyone who is a great reader of history would understand that not all Sioux or Osage (to use two examples) were good and not all settlers were bad.

It is therefore easy to discover that Wilder gives a variety of settlers' views and personalities, not all of them pleasant. Yes, her mother initially was very fearful. No doubt she had heard about young girls and women being abducted (examples would be Abigail Gardner Sharp and Olive Oatman); nevertheless, Ma overcame most of her fear and cooked for the hungry Osage who appeared at the cabin door. Yes, the Ingalls family's neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, said, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian," but Pa says he disagrees. Pa mistakenly settles on Osage land; U.S. soldiers support the Osage and the "squatters" have to move and they do.

It is true that no single book can give an entire historical perspective from all sides as well as pleasing all people 83 years later; however, Wilder wrote of what she experienced and she wrote about it well enough so that generations of children and adults have found qualities to love and admire about Laura. She had curiosity, a willingness to learn and, above all, grit.

The ALSC says the writing of Laura Ingalls Wilder does not meet its core values of "inclusiveness, integrity, respect, and responsiveness." I respectfully disagree that the writing lacks these values and intend to write another Letter to the Editor when the time comes as a defense of Dr. Seuss.

— Jane Cox, professor emerita, Iowa State University

Middle-class morass

As we approach the midterm elections, we are left in Illinois with two real choices for governor, both of whom have personal wealth beyond the imagination of the typical middle-class individual. In the last presidential election, we ended up with someone who also has material wealth beyond the average individual's imagination, as he often reminds us and brags about, although the exact amount remains somewhat questionable. I would also imagine that a number of those in the U.S. Congress, and those in Trump's administration, likewise have immense wealth, well beyond that of the average middle-class family.

Why should anyone assume that these people have even the slightest knowledge of what it is like to live a middle-class lifestyle, struggling to save for retirement, putting children through college, keeping a reasonable roof over their heads, while still rewarding themselves with an occasional vacation? Politicians have the benefit of generous retirements, perks and connections that set them up for a most comfortable lifestyle once they leave those public positions, all at the average middle-class taxpayer's expense.

It would be nice to have someone in these positions who actually lives a middle-class life, who could truly relate to those in the middle class. That now appears out of the realm of possibility, with the cost of running a campaign nowadays. It appears that we may be back in the days of old England, when the rich ruled at the expense of all others. Even worse is what we are handed by these wealthy leaders, a few crumbs here and there, while the bulk of the rules and regulations seem to favor those of wealth.

There definitely appears to be something wrong with this picture of our country, and I don't see it being fixed by those of immense wealth who are currently in positions of authority. My concerns now rest mainly with my children and grandchildren, who need to find a way out of this morass. Let's hope they find it before the middle class disappears.

— Charles Kliche, Lombard

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IN PERFORMANCE

Griffin going strong

Comedian delivers 3-hour set running gamut from celebrities to controversy

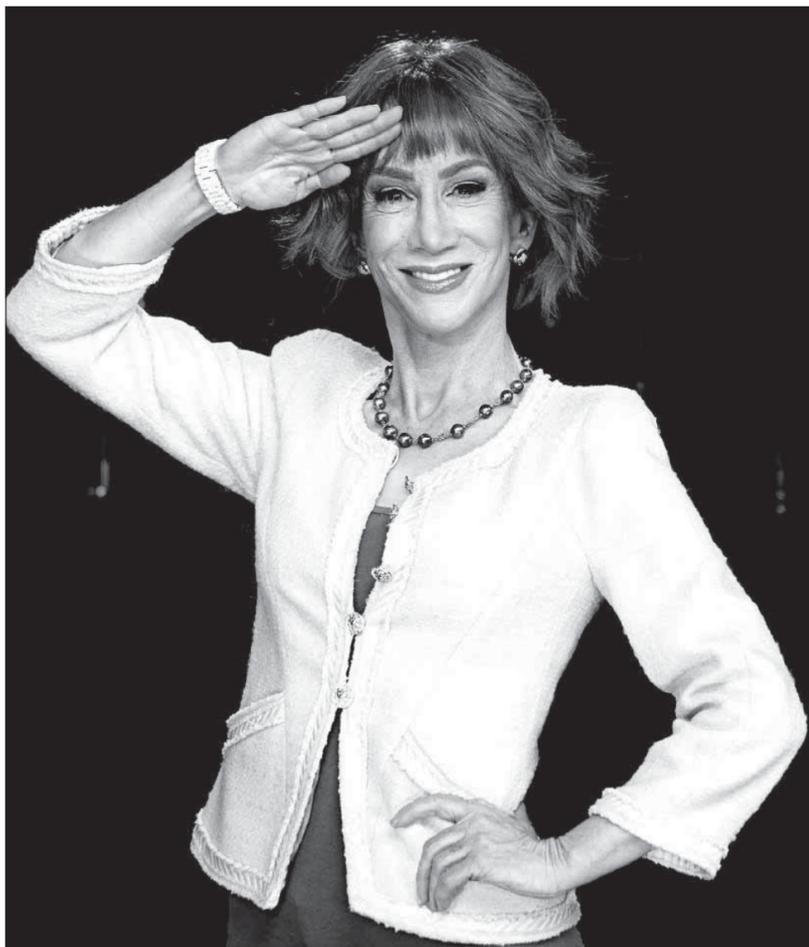
By ZACH FREEMAN
Chicago Tribune

Walking through a metal detector and watching purses and backpacks get thoroughly searched — not that halfhearted open/shut you often see at music festivals and sports venues but a real honest-to-goodness top-to-bottom search — at the Chicago Theatre on Thursday night served as a pre-show reminder that while comedian Kathy Griffin may make jokes about receiving death threats on stage, that doesn't mean that she's laughing about them backstage.

In an expansive, freewheeling set that lasted almost three full hours — and would have gone much, much longer, promised Griffin, if the venue didn't have a curfew — the fast-talking comic, who performed without an opener, circled around and around the topic that gives her “Laugh Your Head Off World Tour” its take-no-prisoners name: the backlash from her controversial career-stalling photo holding a phony severed head resembling the president's.

As a gossip queen who made a name roasting celebrities (and roasting her own non-celebrity on her popular reality show “My Life on the D-List”), she knows that the behind-the-scenes stories surrounding that photo — which became a highly publicized (and highly politicized) event just over a year ago — are the juiciest of juicy tales and so she teases them, hints at them and even makes false starts into them several times over the course of the night before ultimately diving into the details in fits and starts.

Even knowing that she's drawing it out, intentionally misdirecting the audience with segues that lead to further segues, it's hard to begrudge Griffin the time, as she manages to stay engaging and funny (if not completely linear) throughout her set. Her singular ability to turn a seemingly endless monologue into something that feels like a conversation (with a packed theater, no less) is captivating. Less-skilled comedians would almost certainly lose the crowd the eighth



RICARDO DEARATANHA/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Kathy Griffin, whose career was sidetracked by a Trump gag, has returned to the road.

time they proclaimed, “Wait, wait wait! You have to hear this!”

Just to be clear, three hours is almost unheard of for a stand-up show, especially for a touring headliner in a venue like the Chicago Theatre (Griffin also played Radio City Music Hall on Monday — three hours — and Carnegie Hall on Tuesday — 2½ hours). I've reviewed more than 50 comedians and I've seen only one other show where a single comic did more than two hours. It was Griffin, last year in Skokie at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

The biggest (and maybe only) downside is that it really (really!) doesn't need to be three hours. It doesn't even need to be two hours. Griffin could cut at least half of the material she delivered Thursday night, rearrange the remaining bits, and have an incredible 90 minutes that follows a more traditional narrative, hits all the high notes and still earns the two gut punches she lands near the end when she forcefully recounts death threats received by both her mother and her sister, and when she discusses fighting back against the Department of Justice.

As it stands, the many diversions — even when they're Trump- or photo-adjacent — start to feel too obviously like diversions (funny diversions, yes, but diversions none-

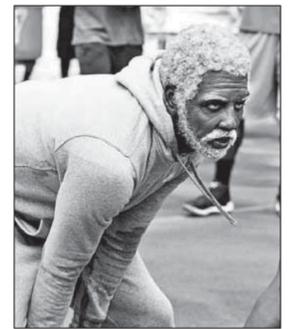
theless) thrown in by a performer who is overly hesitant to get serious.

Perhaps Griffin is worried that without an immense amount of shallow silliness her audience will be turned off by her subject matter (over the course of the night she indicts the media, the government and most of Hollywood), or that without stories of Kim Kardashian West (formerly Griffin's next-door neighbor) posing nude in a tree they will feel that her act isn't what they have come to expect from her. Judging from the reactions in the audience Thursday — standing ovations when she got serious, angry boos when she read tweets attacking her, cheers when she talked freedom of speech — she can cast those fears aside. Rather than cramming in so much material that she pushes up against the cutoff times for venues — “I have so much to get to in a half-hour, I'm freaking out!” she remarked at 10:30 p.m. — she can give the parts of her story that are most relevant the time and dedication they deserve. Griffin is a thrill to watch and this is thrilling material.

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Kyrie Irving in “Uncle Drew.”

MICHAEL PHILLIPS MOVIES

“Uncle Drew”

The film pulls together a feature-length movie from a series of Pepsi-funded short films made by and starring Boston Celtics superstar Kyrie Irving, who plays Uncle Drew. The story goes Dax (played by Lil Rel Howery) gave up playing basketball after getting a crucial buzzer-beater whapped out of the sky by his nemesis, Mookie (Nick Kroll). Now Dax coaches Harlem street ball and has sunk his life savings into the Rucker Classic tournament. He's maintaining, barely, a relationship with untrustworthy Jess (Tiffany Haddish). Uncle Drew holds the key to Dax's redemption. Somehow, as corny and predictable as it is, and even with a tsunami of product placement, it works. It's pretty funny; it's pretty charming; it's good-natured. PG-13, 1:43, comedy

CHRIS JONES THEATER

“Haymarket”

A girl of roughly middle-school age was directly in my field of vision at the Den Theatre; by the end of “Haymarket,” I could see that her eyes were flooded with tears. Not bad for a musical about a labor protest in 19th century Chicago. The Underscore Theatre Company's “Haymarket” is the musicalized story of one of the bloodiest days in the history of Chicago, with book, music and lyrics by Alex Higgin-Houser and David Kornfeld. It's a highly effective, made-in-Chicago musical that's well worth a look. Through July 22 at the Den Theatre, 1331 N. Milwaukee Ave.; \$30-\$35 at 773-697-3830 or www.underscoretheatre.org

IN PERFORMANCE ‘Tilikum’ ★★ ½

Dark and daring tale of captive orca

By CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

In 2010, a captive whale named Tilikum killed his trainer, Dawn Brancheau, by grabbing the 40-year-old woman's ponytail and pulling her into the water. It was the third death of a human that involved this orca, first captured in Iceland and subsequently obliged to perform at marine parks in North America. Brancheau's death took place at SeaWorld Orlando after a show called “Dine with Shamu,” wherein guests ate dinner as Tilikum and other orcas entertained the paying customers. Tilikum, also known for his prowess as a stud, continued to live at SeaWorld until his death last year.

You will not be seeing Kristiana Rae Colon's new play “Tilikum” at SeaWorld, nor any other marine park or aquarium that entertains customers with shows featuring the interaction of animals and humans.

This is, in essence, an impassioned defense of Tilikum — and, at the same time, a similarly fervent indictment of the ecologically invasive practice of capturing magnificent creatures in the wild and then expecting them to live in pens and perform practiced routines for their supper. None of the names have been changed; Colon must be sure of her legal ground.

“Tilikum” is a very bold piece of activist playwrighting and a huge challenge for the Sideshow Theatre Company and the ambitious director Lili-Anne Brown, who

When: Through July 29

Where: Victory Gardens Richard Christiansen Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

Running time: 90 minutes

Tickets: \$20-\$30 at 773-871-3000 or www.victorygardens.org

does not shy away here from boldly staging a work with two main human characters: Dawn (Sigrid Sutter), The Owner (Matt Fletcher) and a leading whale, Tilikum (Gregory Geffard).

In this conception, Tilikum both walks and talks (and dances) in an environment that looks like a pool, and he also appears in video form.

So do three other unnamed whales, all females with a complex view of the orca thrust into their midst.

But the communications of those female whales also are expressed by a trio of drummers at the rear (Melissa F. DuPrey and Joyce Liza Rada Lindsey, working under the musical direction of Coco Elysses), and even, on occasion, by text appearing on a screen.

Orcas are complex creatures, but that makes a whole lot of competing metaphors. Frankly, I'd lose the video, which has a way of making the whales look like images in a video game, and let the drummers and the personality of these fine musician-performers tell the story. We can see the whale in our mind's eyes.



JONATHAN L. GREEN PHOTO

Gregory Geffard stars in Kristiana Rae Colon's “Tilikum.”

The story also needs greater attention to truth. Colon is under no obligation to be fair to SeaWorld — she's an artist, not a journalist, but, especially as overplayed here, the character of The Owner is so evil and over-the-top heinous as to be impossible to believe. It is as if Colon wanted to encapsulate everything she hates about SeaWorld and its ilk into one terrible guy, which is a tad reductive, given that entertainment corporations are complex entities with many tentacles and, usually, they have learned how to mask their more diabolic ways for public and employee consumption. Colon merely has created a simplistic, and thus impotent, paper tiger here; the political and pedagogical force of her work would be far greater if her villain had at least a touch of complexity.

The Dawn character, quite movingly played by Sutter, works much better, especially in the less predictable sections of the play that go after how marine park shows tend to cloak themselves in a kind of faux-environmentalist mythology, often co-opting the mythology of Native Americans, and appropriating those sacred stories in service of T-shirt sales. Dawn's genuine desire to get close to her aquatic companion

and the ethics thereof is the most complex part of the show — and, as yet, it's underwritten. Colon has to trust her audience to intuit what she cares most about: It is not necessary to render it so obvious.

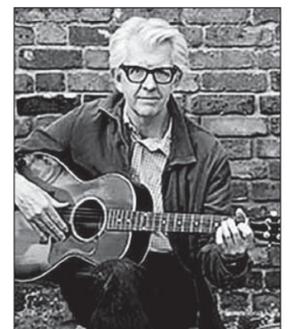
I admired a great deal of what Geffard is doing here — it is far from easy to play a whale. But the energy dial is set way to the right, even at the start. He needs to leave himself more room to swim.

Nonetheless, there are a lot of compelling and skillfully staged questions in play in the scenes between Dawn and Tilikum. Is there any such thing as an ethical performative relationship between humans and animals? Can a captive animal ever be said to be happy? Is there any argument for bringing animals closer to children who might never see them? Is it time for a ban on all nonhuman forms of entertainment?

All of these whale-sizes issues are worth your time. And to its credit, “Tilikum” is not only arrestingly original, but it gives voice and agency to an entire species rarely heard from in any theater.

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“Tokyo Bay/Crying Inside” may seem like just a modest little EP, but Nick Lowe is swinging hard again and that's good news for a couple of generations of fans who value the “roll” in rock 'n' roll. 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, American Music Festival, Fitzgerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn; \$50; www.fitzgeraldsnightclub.com.

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Emmerich Kalman's tuneful masterpiece “The Csardas Princess” opens the Chicago troupe's 2018 season in a fully-staged production sung in English, conducted by Mark Taylor and directed by Gerald Frantzen. The 1915 show, about the love affair between an aspiring young singer from the provinces and the scion of a wealthy Viennese family, takes aim at the rigid class divisions of the period. July 7-22 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.; \$25-\$40; www.folksoperetta.org

How 'Handmaid's Tale' got Oprah on board

Producers pitched a storyline to fan of popular show

BY DANIELLE TURCHIANO
Variety

Spoiler alert: Do not read if you have not yet watched "Holly," the 11th episode of the second season of "The Handmaid's Tale."

Yes, that was Oprah. Oprah Winfrey lent her voice to the second season of Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale" in the 11th episode, titled "Holly." Winfrey portrayed a radio host whose voice caught Of-fred/June (Elisabeth Moss) by surprise after she turned on a car and heard a channel broadcasting over the stereo.

"We'd heard Oprah was a fan of the show, and had a story idea, and thought, wouldn't it be wonderful if So we asked and she said yes, and it was a lovely, easy process," showrunner Bruce Miller says. "The radio segment she recorded was inspired by the free radio of the Allies from World War II. It was an absolute honor to have Oprah featured on the show, and especially thrilling as she was the one who presented us with the Emmy last year."

The writer of the episode, Kira Snyder, told Sirius XM's Jessica Shaw that initially when working on the script she did not know she was writing for Winfrey but was "beyond delighted that I got to hear her say the words."

"It gave me chills," she said. Snyder shared that the script was written, and the idea to cast Winfrey, as she understood it, came from Tori Larsen, who works in the production office.

And while there was just a "little snippet" of Win-



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Oprah Winfrey portrays an unseen radio host on an episode of the "The Handmaid's Tale."

frey in the episode, Snyder said she actually ended up writing about a page of content once she did know the words would be said by Winfrey so there would be options to "pick and choose what the actual text was going to be."

Writing for her became "as good as it gets," she said.

Although neither Miller nor Snyder confirmed whether Winfrey was portraying herself, her character acted as a beacon of hope, as well as proof that the outside world beyond Canada has not completely turned its back on America.

Winfrey's unnamed character is "broadcasting from somewhere in the Great White North" and revealed information about "economic aid" coming in from countries such as India and China, as well as the fact that "in the United Kingdom additional sanctions on Gilead were announced, as well as plans to raise the cap on American refugees relocating from Canada."

"Now a tune to remind everyone who's listening — American patriot or Gilead traitor — we are still here," she said in the scene. "Stars and stripes forever, baby."

Winfrey, who is best known for "The Oprah Winfrey Show," also launched Oprah Radio on Sirius XM Satellite Radio in 2006. That channel signed off in 2015. She publishes O, The Oprah Magazine and is the president of Harpo Prods. as well as the CEO of OWN, the Oprah Winfrey Network.

Through the latter she has partnerships with such creators as Tyler Perry, Mara Brock Akil and Ava DuVernay. She also recently signed a multiyear content partnership with Apple. Under the deal, Winfrey and Apple will create programs that will be released as part of Apple's original content lineup.

"The Handmaid's Tale" streams new episodes Wednesdays on Hulu.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Engagement without 'nagging'

Dear Amy: This summer, my boyfriend and I will be celebrating our seventh anniversary as a couple.

We have been living together for a year. He's 32, and I'm turning 26.

I am ready for the next step: engagement. While he says he wants to be engaged, too, he doesn't seem to be taking any steps to get us there. It seems like everyone around us is getting engaged or married, while I feel like we're not progressing.

Can I get him to propose without nagging him?

— *Unengaged Upstate Woman*

Dear Unengaged: You were quite young when you and your guy first got together, and you are now at an age where many people feel pressure to tie the knot.

As emotionally loaded as the prospect of marriage is, the ability to discuss marriage openly and with comfort now will predict other important conversations later — about sex, money, children, work and family responsibilities. A therapist once told me, "People 'nag' when they don't feel heard."

Having a conversation is not the same as nagging, as long as both of you talk and listen and feel heard and understood.

If you want to create a timeline for engagement, you should say so. If you and he want to adhere to the concept that the man must ask the woman to get married, and if you agree to a time frame, then he would have time and space to create a special "proposal" moment.

You should then relax and let things happen.

Dear Amy: I have an issue with my brother. I feel somewhat used in the relationship, but I don't want to cut him off because he's the only living relative I have.

We are both in our early 60s, married and with grown children.

I never hear from my brother unless he has plans to be in my city and wants a free place to stay for the night. Otherwise, he doesn't seem to have any interest in having a relationship with us.

I'm not sure what to do. Our parents are dead. I'm afraid that if I press the point and tell him that I feel like I'm being treated as free room and board whenever he feels like it, I'll end up never seeing him.

He's one of those personality types that gets angry easily and cuts off relationships. Do I keep letting him treat us as the Holiday Inn, just in order to see him?

— *Used Sister*

Dear Sister: You don't provide details about what your experience is like when you see your brother during his visits.

Is he asking to stay with you because he wants to see you? When he does stay with you, does he interact with you and your spouse, or does he treat your home like a pit stop? Does he ever reciprocate? Does he express gratitude?

If you changed your perspective even slightly, you might enjoy and appreciate your own generosity and hospitality, and get more pleasure out of this relationship, flawed as it is.

You could also be brave

enough to try to communicate with your only surviving family member, expressing this idea: "I feel like if we didn't have housing you wanted to use during your visits, we'd never see you. You are the only family I have left, and I'd like for things to be better between us."

Dear Amy: While I think your answer to "Frugal Older Sister" was on the right track, the unspoken reason for this difference in lifestyles between these sisters is that each is living her own values.

Even if the older sister had more financial resources, she would probably make decisions that were not like her younger sister's.

Younger Sister seems to be fine living without a clothes dryer. It's her own home. She didn't ask her sister for a dryer. This is Older Sister applying her own values to her sister's life.

I have a wonderful older sister; we're both in our 60s. She has accumulated many more resources than I have. She occasionally makes financial gestures that I appreciate. Sometimes I take her up on them, sometimes I don't.

What I love about her is that through it all, she honors my decisions and values when I am applying them to my own life.

— *Grateful*

Dear Grateful: Great and beautiful point.

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Unexpected film superheroes? Mr. Rogers and RBG

BY JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Escapism is usually the domain of big-budget spectacles, but a pair of blockbuster documentaries have caught on at the summer box office partly because they're a respite from today's headlines.

The Fred Rogers documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor" and the Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg portrait "RBG" have each played to some of the season's most packed theaters. In eight weeks, "RBG" has made \$10.9 million, a mammoth sum for any documentary. Morgan Neville's "Won't You Be My Neighbor" has grossed \$4.1 million in three weeks, including \$1.9 million last weekend at 348 theaters.

Both movies have cracked the top 10 movies

at the box office, ranking an 85-year-old justice and a deceased Presbyterian minister in multiplexes alongside spandexed superheroes and supernatural thrillers. Documentaries, often sober counterprogramming for the summer months, are instead supplying the movie season's most potent wellspring of feel-good inspiration — particularly to liberal moviegoers.

"It's an escape from what they're reading every day in the newspapers or online. These are both messages of positivity and how people's good character can triumph over horrible situations," said Eamonn Bowles, president of Magnolia Pictures, which partnered with Participant Media and CNN to distribute "RBG."

"There's a huge swath of our country that's horribly dissatisfied," added Bowles. "RBG and Fred Rogers,



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"RBG" is a documentary about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

their sensibilities lie in helping other people. Our current administration seems to want to basically hurt people who are in need and not see past the greater humanity involved." Rogers and Ginsburg

broke through in the late '60s and early '70s. "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood" made its national debut in 1968. Ginsburg rose to prominence four years later co-founding the Women's Rights Project at the ACLU. Both were modest, soft-spoken people driven by a sense of empathy and a belief in community.

"Fred was telling 2-to-6-year-olds how to be people and how to treat other people. And it feels like we all need to be sat down and be taught that lesson again," said Neville. "He tried to teach us how to behave in a community and a society

together, and the value of civility and the value of honoring this relationship with each other. And we live in times that don't honor that at all."

Both films arrive at an especially fraught moment in American politics. On Tuesday, Ginsburg joined with Sonia Sotomayor in authoring a scathing dissent to the court's 5-4 ruling in favor of President Donald Trump's travel ban for seven Muslim-majority nations. Her reputation for tenacity was only enhanced Wednesday when her fellow Supreme Court justice Anthony Kennedy,

four years her junior, announced his retirement.

"We'll run all summer," said Bowles of "RBG."

It's the indie distributor's highest-grossing release ever. (Second place for Magnolia belongs to the 2017 James Baldwin doc "I Am Not Your Negro.") Neville wanted to make "Won't You Be My Neighbor" because he felt Rogers' voice was missing from American culture. The documentary features Rogers' powerful gestures on behalf of equality and his passionate advocacy for public television. But the film — like its lifelong Republican subject — seeks to avoid politics and instead focus on Rogers' humanist, compassionate lessons.

"People tried to politicize Fred many times and he always resisted. He never wanted to give a child or a child's parents an excuse not to watch the show. And I kind of want to honor that," said Neville.

That has been especially challenging of late. As Neville's film hit theaters, outraged swelled over the Trump administration's policy of separating immigrant children from parents who cross illegally into the United States. A federal judge in California on Tuesday issued a nationwide injunction temporarily stopping the policy.

"Fred would have been heartbroken over what was happening with children being divided from their families," Neville said.

What has given the filmmaker hope is the overwhelming response to "Won't You Be My Neighbor." Some theaters have held charity drives alongside screenings.

"People are looking around and they're saying: We want shared experiences," said David Linde, chief executive of Participant. "And these are real films directed by filmmakers who intended them to be seen in the movie theater."

"It's not spinach. It's inspiration."

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MOVIE RATING GUIDE

G-Suggested for **GENERAL** audiences
PG-Parental Guidance Suggested
 some material may not be suitable for children
PG-13 Parents Strongly Cautioned
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R-Restricted Persons under 17 not admitted unless accompanied by parent or adult guardian
NC-17 No children under 17 admitted

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (June 30): Let your heart guide you this year. Get inventive with a partner. Community changes require adaptation. Strengthen foundations for long-term growth. A personal win this summer leads to shifting family financial conditions that incite an income increase. Partnership flowers this winter.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Friends are a big help. Fantasy and reality clash. Adapt to a surprising development. Share information and resources. Don't believe everything you read. Keep a secret.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Career opportunities are worth pursuing. Balance practicality with following a dream. The cash situation fluctuates. A startling revelation requires a change in plans.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. The open road is calling. A rewarding opportunity tempts. Can you take off and go? Consider consequences before committing. Expect the unexpected, and stay flexible.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Don't rely on an unstable financial source. Verify intuition with facts. Think before speaking or acting. Develop practical plans and adapt in real time.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Postpone a romantic interlude for better conditions. Mechanical or communication breakdowns would disrupt things. Ideas fly fast and furious. Collaborate on solutions, and celebrate later.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Physical action provides satisfying results. Slow down to navigate unexpected changes at the top. Stick to tested routines and practices.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Fun, play and romance call to you. Technical difficulties could arise, and distractions abound. Finish work first, or it could interrupt your fun.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Domestic matters engage you. Maintain objectivity. Mechanical problems or temporary confusion could frustrate the situation. Creative insights emerge.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Capture your ideas into your writing and creative expression. Clean up messes and miscommunications. Avoid jumping to conclusions.

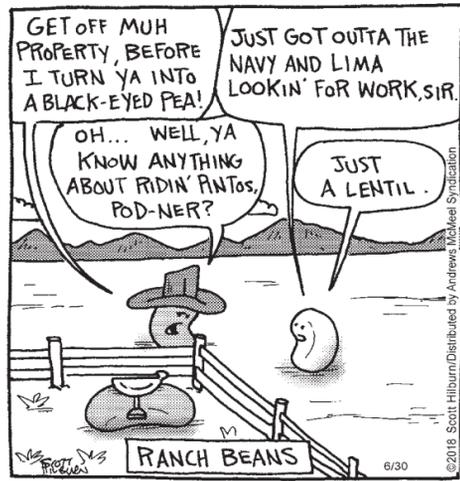
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Surprising news could impact your bottom line. Push for extra income. Get terms in writing. A financial misunderstanding could get awkward.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Personal matters take focus. Stay out of someone else's argument. Tempers may be short. Keep a low profile, and focus on your own priorities.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Peaceful privacy suits your mood. Avoid reacting blindly to surprising news. Consider the impacts before commenting.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



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Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ 10 6 5
 ♥ A J 6 5
 ♦ 10 7 4
 ♣ K 5 2

West
 ♠ 4
 ♥ Q 2
 ♦ K Q 8 6 5 2
 ♣ J 8 6 4

East
 ♠ Q J 9 8
 ♥ K 7 4 3
 ♦ J 9 3
 ♣ Q 9

South
 ♠ A K 7 3 2
 ♥ 10 9 8
 ♦ A
 ♣ A 10 7 3

South's jump to game was probably too bold, but North would have accepted an invitation, so the final contract was normal. It would have sailed home on a 3-2 trump split, but it required good play on this layout.

South won the opening diamond lead in hand, perforce, and led the eight of hearts, ducked to East's king. East shifted to the tricky nine of clubs, which declarer won in hand with the ace. He cashed his two high spades, learning the bad news, and led the 10 of hearts to the queen and ace. South ruffed a diamond, cashed the nine of hearts, and crossed back to dummy with the king of clubs. The jack of hearts was cashed and dummy's last diamond was ruffed by declarer.

That did it! Four spades, three hearts, one diamond and two clubs gave South his contract. Declarer timed this hand perfectly, making good use of his limited entries to dummy. Had he won the club shift with dummy's king, for example, the contract would have failed.

It seems that the unlikely opening lead of the queen of hearts would have defeated the contract, denying South an important entry before it was needed. West, of course, cannot be faulted for his diamond lead. Well played!

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♦	2♣	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: King of ♦

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



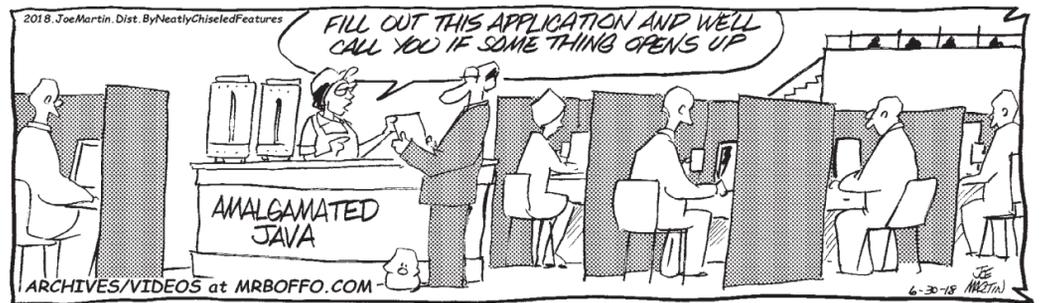
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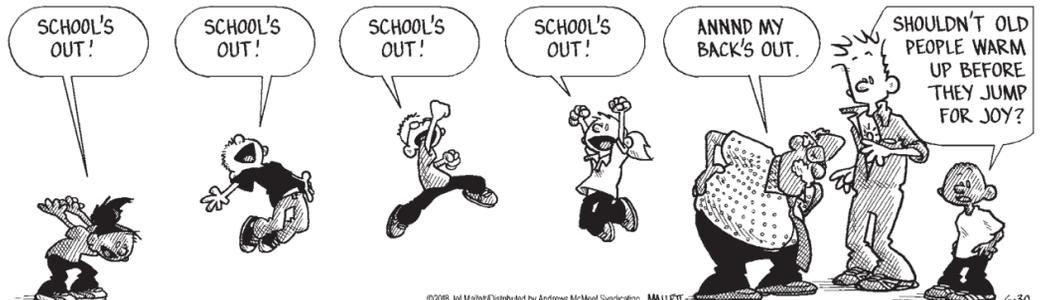
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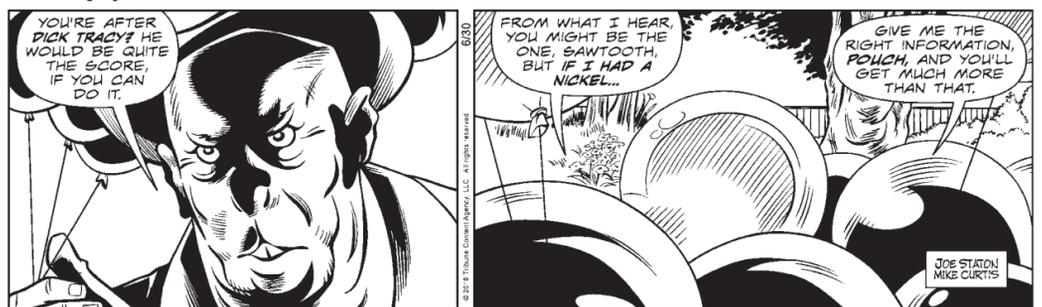
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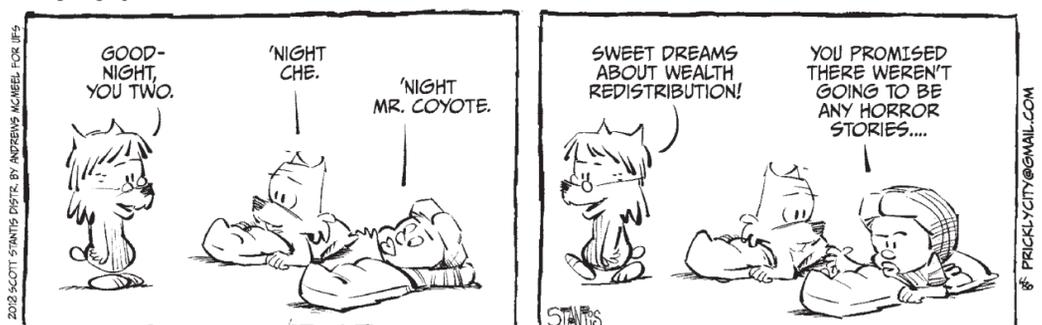
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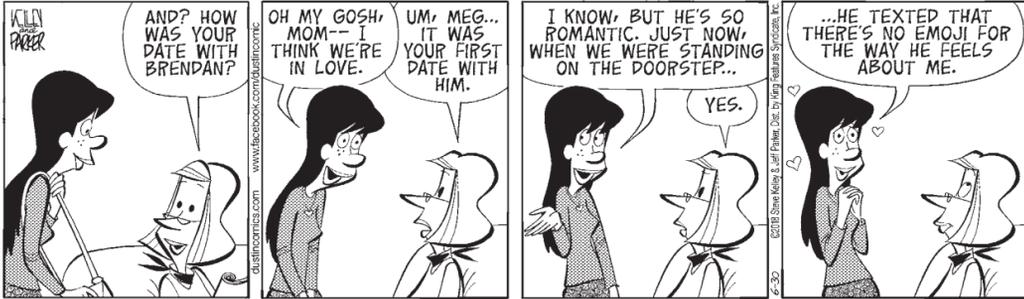


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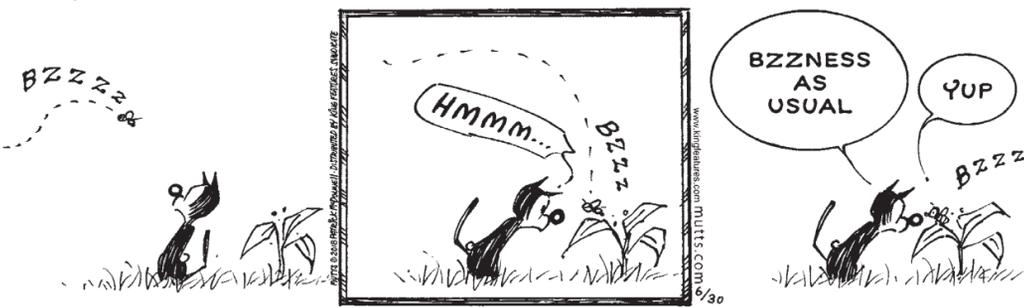
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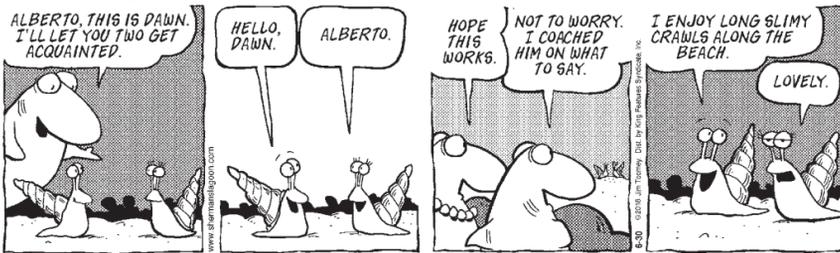
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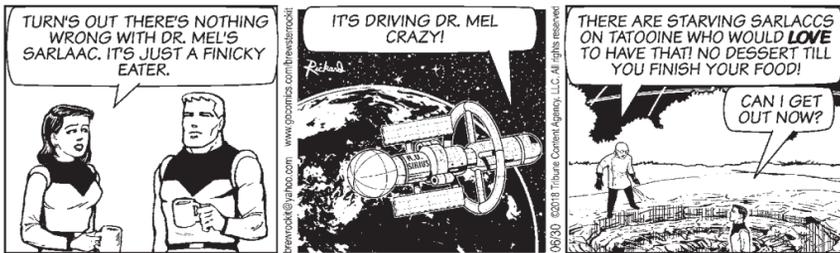
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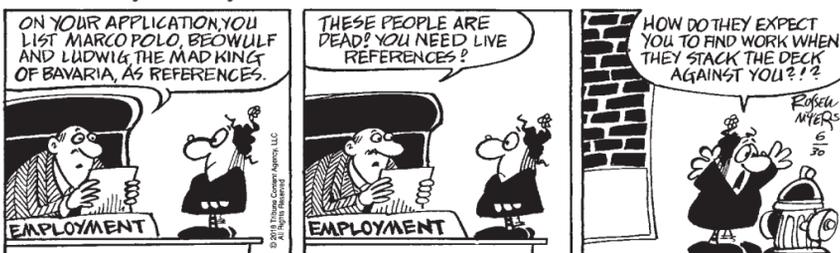
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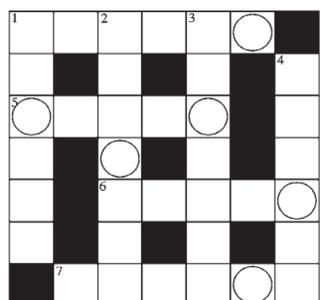
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Trivia Bits

Identified by the CDC in 1976, Legionnaires' disease is closely related to what life-threatening illness?
 A) Ebola Virus
 B) HIV/AIDS
 C) Malaria
 D) Pneumonia
Friday's answer: In an early form, the video game character, Mario, was called Jumpman.
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Jumble Crossword

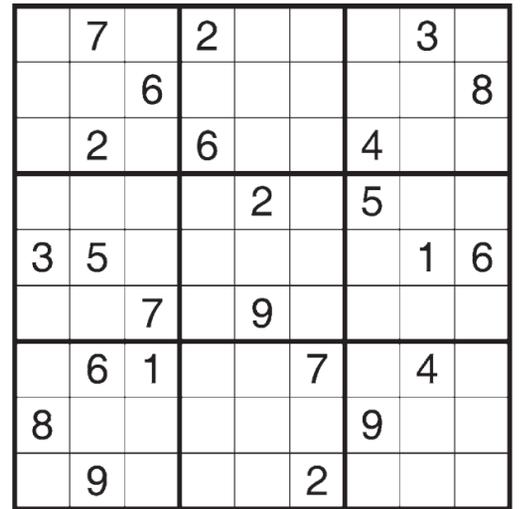


- ACROSS**
- CLUE**
- Gunk
 - Outspoken
 - Picker, chooser
 - Recoil, flinch
- DOWN**
- CLUE**
- Appetizing
 - Reveal, unearth
 - Jiggly dessert
 - Mandate
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: GELDSU, CLOVA, ROTEV, RCIGEN
 DOWN: AYSVR, ENVROUC, LIGTAEN, CDREU

DOUBLE BONUS
 The circled letters can be unscrambled to form two different BONUS answers.
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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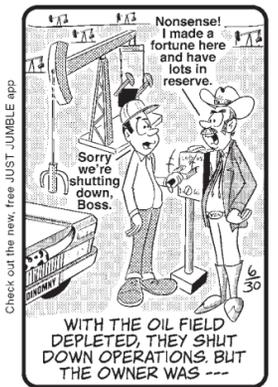
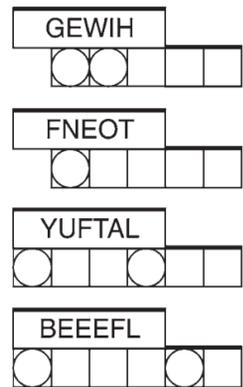
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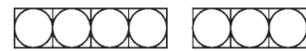
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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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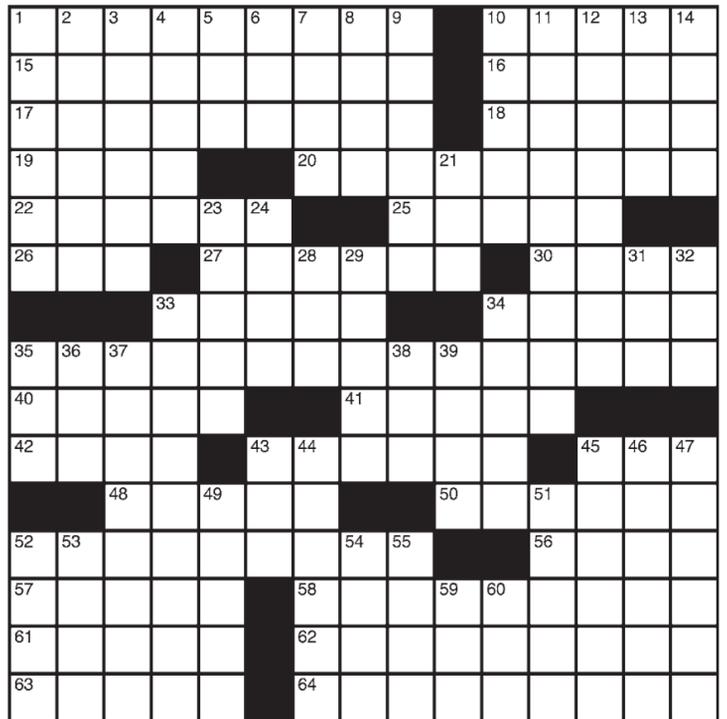
Friday's answers

Jumbles: INPUT FOAMY LAWYER NOODLE
 Answer: The sun has been coming up in the east every morning since the — DAWN OF TIME

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Crossword

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- Across**
- Complies with a "Star Trek" order
 - Larkish?
 - Field reporter's signoff
 - Stan's partner
 - Inspiration for many pop songs
 - Period of time 19 120 dozen?
 - "I Miss You" (1994) R&B singer
 - Ring combination 25 "Carmen" parts
 - Gun offspring?
 - Giving relief to
 - "Growing Up in New Guinea" author
 - Let out, say
 - In the worst way
 - Stretch limits
 - Two-time A.L. HR leader Tony
 - Wide-eyed
 - Razor —
 - Monty Python co-founder
 - "Doctor Who" airer
 - Eastern European capital
 - Small '90s-'00s Nissan
 - Worked the room
 - Inventor Sikorsky
 - "Politically Incorrect" host
 - Great Depression symbol
 - Putting to work
 - Dog school focus
 - Bug
 - Sycophant
 - Citizenship promise
 - Understand
 - Sherlock's adversary Adler
 - Lofty peak
 - Tint
 - Lighting event?
 - Angled cut
 - Super —
 - Browser bookmark
 - Blockbuster
 - "Auld Scotland wants — skinking ware": Burns
 - Passport endorsement
 - Tech boss
 - Big name in taking it easy
 - Kicks off
 - Super Bowl 50 champ
 - Lean dangerously
 - Waive
 - Bannister, for one
 - Self-satisfied
 - Trophy holder
 - "Law and Order: CI" actress Kathryn
 - They leave a lot of room for improvement
 - Payroll service co.
 - 21-spot item, typically
- Down**
- Guiding principles
 - Johnson & Johnson brand
 - Wayans family member
 - "Trophy, Hypertrophied" artist
 - Stop: Abbr.
 - It's charged
 - "Rack City" rapper
 - McGwire rival
 - Left in the dust
 - President after Anwar
 - Top dog
 - "I would like that!"
 - Difficult sort
 - Scream
 - Dot follower
 - Paintball mementos
- Friday's solution**
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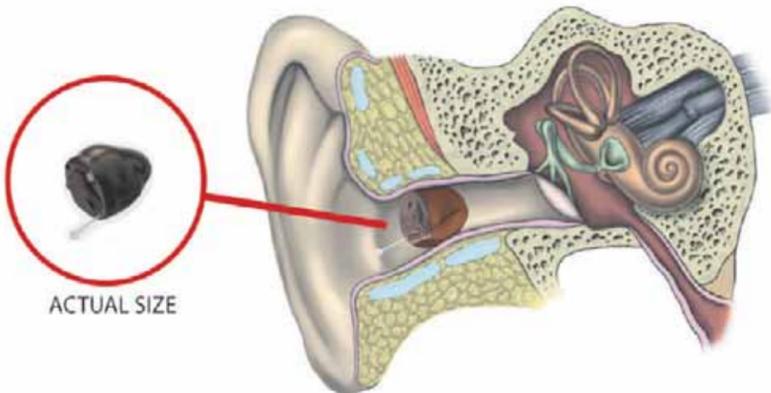
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Carlos Boozer now plays for the Ghost Ballers in the Big3, but his return to Chicago rekindled memories of his four years spent with the Bulls.

BIG3 AT THE UNITED CENTER

Filling up Memory Lane

Return to Chicago gives big man Boozer chance to recall his Bulls days

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

It seemed fitting that Carlos Boozer rolled into the United Center on Friday on the same day LeBron James declined his player option with the Cavaliers to enter free agency for the third time.

Eight years have passed since the Bulls went all in to chase James in his first foray into free agency and instead signed Boozer and assorted parts that affection-

LEBRON OPTS OUT
Cavaliers star decides to become free agent for third time. **Page 7**

ately became known as “The Bench Mob.”

Boozer is playing his first season in the Big3, the entertaining half-court game that Ice Cube has marketed well despite Friday’s less-than-capacity crowd. James is about to make any team he signs with an NBA Finals candidate.

And the Bulls still are chasing James, although figuratively now because his string of eight straight finals appearances represents

where they want their rebuild to go.

The Big3 is as much about memory lane as current competition. It’s something to see Charles Oakley coach Ron Artest, er, Metta World Peace and Nate Robinson stroll down the players’ tunnel he used to fill with nonstop chatter.

So Boozer couldn’t help himself when asked if he believes the Bulls would have knocked James off his throne and won an NBA championship if Derrick Rose’s knees had not betrayed him.

“Absolutely,” Boozer said. “There’s not a doubt in my mind.”

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WORLD CUP

One last goal left for Argentine great Messi

Maradona’s success as World Cup champion still casting a shadow

Associated Press

MOSCOW — No matter what Lionel Messi does at the World Cup, Diego Maradona will be watching.

With FIFA’s in-stadium cameras cutting to Maradona’s every outsize reaction and the antics of Argentina’s biggest World Cup hero generating breathless media attention, Maradona is an inescapable part of what could be Messi’s final World Cup. He’s sure to be emotional in the stands again Saturday when Argentina begins the round of 16 against a talented France squad.

Messi’s club career has far eclipsed Maradona’s. He’s a five-time FIFA Player of the Year, has led Barcelona to three Champions League titles and holds a long list of scoring records, including the most goals in a club season — 73 in 2011-12.

But Maradona led Argentina to its last World Cup title, in 1986, and Messi has a reputation — fairly earned or not — for failing to come through for his national team in the biggest moments.

Only a championship would allow Messi to fully escape Maradona’s shadow. At 31, an age when many players begin to decline, the pressure on him is immense. And it showed when he missed a penalty kick in Argentina’s opening draw against Iceland. He got his first goal of the tournament in the 2-1 win over Nigeria that put Argentina into the

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KNOCKOUT ROUND

Saturday’s games | On FOX-32
France vs. Argentina, 9 a.m.
Uruguay vs. Portugal, 1 p.m.



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

INSIDE CHICAGO SPORTS

Canadian bakin’ at Women’s PGA

Ontario native Brooke Henderson shoots a 1-under 71 at steamy Kemper Lakes in Kildeer, giving her a share of the second-round lead with So Yeon Ryu and Sung Hyun Park at the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship. **Page 2**

■ Saturday’s TV: 2-5 p.m., NBC-5

He’s chasin’ a victory

With momentum on his side, Chase Elliott eyes his first NASCAR Cup series victory at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet. **Page 2**

■ Overton’s 400:

1:30 p.m. Sunday, NBCSN



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Addison Russell thrusts his arm in the air rounding first base after hitting a grand slam in the fifth inning of Friday’s victory over the Twins.

CUBS 10, TWINS 6

A scorching day

Russell’s slam, 3 other homers help Montgomery grind through oppressive heat

With a heat index of 106 degrees Friday on the North Side, the hottest place at Wrigley Field probably was inside the center-field scoreboard.

But the Cubs hitters seem to thrive in the sauna-like environment and smacked four home runs in a 10-6 victory over the Twins before a microwaved crowd of 41,992.

Addison Russell’s fifth-inning grand slam erased a 5-2 deficit



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

and sent the Cubs to their third triumph in four games after a five-game losing streak.

So hot was it? So hot they opened 23 scoreboard innings windows to get some air circulating in the 81-year-old contraption

where workers insert scores for every inning of every game.

So hot that during Ian Happ’s at-bat in the fourth, fans down the right-field line and in the bleachers gave a loud ovation to a

MORE COVERAGE

After second opinion on elbow, Yu Darvish gets cortisone shot. will rest 3 to 5 days. **Page 3**

UP NEXT

Twins at Cubs, 1:20 p.m. Saturday, ABC-7

here. ... That was unbelievable.”

The game-time temperature of 96 was the hottest at Wrigley since a 97-degree day on July 20, 2011, but was far from the record. The Cubs have temperatures for only the last 30 years, but they played two games in 103-degree weather — on June 25, 1988, and July 13, 1995.

The starting lineup was without Kris Bryant, who is due to come off the disabled list Tuesday, and Javier Baez, whose

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cloud. It wasn’t an ordinary cloud, but one that momentarily blocked the sun from beating down on them.

“Woof,” manager Joe Maddon said. “That’s as hot as I’ve been

GOLF



STACY REVERE/GETTY-AFP

Brooke Henderson, right, who is tied for the lead after two rounds, grabs a club from her sister Brittany.

LPGA KPMG WOMEN'S PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Family-driven

Grandfather, father helped to mold Henderson's game

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

Brooke Henderson's last major championship did not go as planned.

Henderson, 20, played one round at the U.S. Women's Open before withdrawing to be with her family at the time of her grandfather's death. Robert Moir, 81, died of cancer June 1 in Ottawa.

What started as a promising week for Henderson ended in heartbreak.

"It was really unfortunate how everything kind of went down (with my grandfather)," she said. "We're extremely sad to see him gone, but we know he's in a better place now, and that gives us peace and happiness."

Henderson's sister, Brittany, is her primary caddie on the LPGA Tour. In their grandfather's obituary, they described Moir's role in shaping them as golfers, hockey fans and lovers of the great outdoors.

"The bond we shared with our Gramps was truly special," the sisters wrote. "Between the golf courses, hockey rinks, our love of nature, just hanging out at home or our texts from afar, we shared so many great laughs, smiles and memories that will be deep in our hearts forever."

Their personal struggle at the last major makes Brooke's present success even more special.

With her sister on the bag, Brooke Henderson opened the KPMG Women's PGA Championship with a 5-under 67, then followed with a 71 on Friday to reach 6 under at Kemper Lakes

AT A GLANCE

Kemper Lakes Golf Club, Kildeer
Par: 72.

Purse: \$3,650,000.

Rounds 3-4: Saturday and Sunday. Gates open at 7 a.m.

both days. First tee time projected for 7:20.

Tickets: Grounds tickets are \$30 per day. Juniors under 17 admitted free with a ticketed adult.

Getting there: Free public parking is available at Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Road, Grayslake. Complimentary shuttles will run from public parking to the gate starting at 6:30 a.m. Complimentary shuttles also will run from the Prairie Crossing station on Metra's Milwaukee District North line. For more information on train schedules, go to metrail.com

TV coverage: 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, NBC-5.

■ Second-round scores, Page 7

Golf Club in Kildeer. A 12-foot birdie putt on No. 18 gave her a share of the lead with Sung Hyun Park (69) and So Yeon Ryu (72) halfway through the LPGA's third major of the year.

"It was an up-and-down day," Henderson said. "I made some birdies but I countered them with bogeys, so to finish off with a nice birdie putt on 18 gives me a lot of confidence going into (Saturday)."

Henderson also is an exuberant hockey fan.

The Smith Falls, Ontario, native played goalie for years before hanging up her skates at 14 to focus on golf.

Her accomplishments on the links indicate it was the right decision.

Henderson became the second-youngest player in LPGA history to win a major when she captured the 2016 Women's PGA

Championship at Sahalee Country Club in suburban Seattle. She also became the first Canadian to win a major in 48 years.

She nearly repeated in last year's Women's PGA at Olympia Fields, finishing one shot behind Danielle Kang.

At 5-foot-4, Henderson is not a physically imposing presence, but she credits her powerful swing to her hockey background.

"Physically and mentally, it was a big bonus to me, just carrying around those heavy pads and working with my teammates," Henderson said. "I got a lot of strength that way, which I use in my swing playing golf."

"Mentally, being a goalie, you have to be a lot different. There's a lot of pressure. Playing on the LPGA Tour, I see where hockey has really helped me."

Henderson, an Ottawa Senators fan, followed in her father's footsteps by playing for the Smiths Falls Cubs in Ontario.

Dave Henderson played hockey for the University of Toronto and is now Brooke's golf coach.

Henderson quit hockey soon after making Golf Canada's National Development Squad.

"It was cool growing up playing both sports, but I made the decision that I was better at golf," Henderson said. "It seemed to work out the best way."

And her family is along for the ride.

"Having someone who knows you very well is important, especially on the golf course where there's a lot of pressure and tension," Henderson said. "I like having my family around. My mom also tags along but she doesn't play golf. But she's my best cheerleader."

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AUTO RACING

He's hoping to ride wave of momentum

Elliott, 22, beginning to show what it takes to compete in Cup series

BY JAY COHEN
Associated Press

Chase Elliott arrived at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet this week with a blister on his hand and a certain level of satisfaction.

The blister was the product of shifting with his right hand while driving with his left on a hot, sweaty weekend at Sonoma. The positive feeling stemmed from a gratifying fourth-place finish on a challenging road course that had frustrated him in the past.

Heading to the midpoint of his third season on the NASCAR Cup Series, Elliott, 22, remains in search of his first win. But he is learning more and more about what it takes to compete at the highest level of stock-car racing.

"One thing I've realized this season is when you have things that are on your side you need to make the most of them," Elliott said Thursday. "I feel like in my career, I've had some portions of seasons that were really good car-wise and we were really strong, had some great things going for us, things that if I knew then what I know now I would love another shot at them."

"That's the biggest thing is you just have to pick your battles ... and you have to really just kind of sit back and make the most of what you have."

Elliott takes another shot at his first win Sunday when the Cup Series returns to a midsummer date at Chicagoland for the first time since 2010. The track hosted the opening round of the playoffs the last seven years, but Las Vegas Motor Speedway gets the honor this season.

The last time NASCAR visited the 1 1/2-mile oval, in September, Elliott led for 42 laps and finished second. It was a nice moment for one of racing's most popular young drivers.

Then, just like that, it was gone. Elliott's Hendrick Motorsports team was penalized for an aerodynamic modification that was discovered during a post-race inspection. Crew chief Alan Gustafson was fined \$25,000 and suspended one race, and the team was docked 15 driver points and 15 owner points.

Elliott, who won an Xfinity Series race at Chicagoland four years ago and finished third in his first Cup race at the track in 2016, dropped from sixth place to eighth in the postseason standings. He took his second straight



BRIAN LAWDERMILK/GETTY-AFP

Chase Elliott finished third in his first Cup race at Chicagoland Speedway in 2016.

NASCAR IN JOLIET

At Chicagoland Speedway

Saturday (all on NBCSN):

Monster Energy Cup Series

practice, 10:30 a.m.; Xfinity Series

qualifying, 11:40; Cup Series final

practice, 1 p.m.; Xfinity Series

Overton's 300, 2:30;

Cup Series qualifying, 6:05.

Sunday: Cup Series

Overton's 400, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN.

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playoff appearance all the way to Phoenix, where Matt Kenseth passed him with 10 laps left. Elliott was eliminated with another second-place finish.

"The past two races here have been really good for us," Elliott said.

Elliott's success at Chicagoland was part of 22 top-five finishes in the previous two seasons. A similar showing this weekend could provide a big lift for the son of 1988 Winston Cup Series champion Bill Elliott.

Chase Elliott is just 13th in the series standings. But he appears to be picking up some momentum, finishing in the top 10 in his last three races.

"There are some things going on among our group that (are) really good, and you have to have to go and compete for race wins, and we're doing some of that," he said. "Not everything, but we're doing some of the things it takes. So, put all the pieces together and hopefully we'll be there."

■ Brett Moffitt took the lead on the final lap and won the NASCAR Trucks Overton's 225 on Friday night, holding off Ben Rhodes at the finish. John Hunter Nemechek, who led 64 of the 150 laps, encountered a late mechanical problem and finished seventh.

Shadow of Maradona still looming over Messi

World Cup, from Page 1

second round.

"I don't remember ever having suffered as much, with the situation, with what was in play," Messi said after the victory.

This year's Argentina team has shown signs of dysfunction and an outside dependence on Messi, who even appeared to be giving embattled coach Jorge Sampaoli advice about in-game substitutions. Argentina allowed at least one goal in all of its matches, including a dispiriting 3-0 loss to Croatia. Now it must find a way to stifle France, which has a greater variety of attacking talent.

France has its own problems.

The team has lacked cohesion and the offensive stars have yet to shine. Its victories against Australia and Peru were far from decisive. Then France and Denmark kicked the ball around disinterestedly in a mutually beneficial 0-0 draw that allowed both teams to advance.

France has never lost in the World Cup round of 16, making it through in 1986, 1998 (when it won the title), 2006 and 2014.

Messi's longtime rival, Cristiano Ronaldo, has not been shy about embracing what could be his final World Cup, scoring four goals and carrying his team to victories in its first two matches. And Messi's Barcelona teammate, Uruguay's Luis Suarez — who bit an opponent at the 2014 World Cup — has shined in Russia while keeping his teeth to himself.

Uruguay's defense might be a bigger problem for Ronaldo and Portugal when the teams meet in Sochi.

La Celeste have yet to allow a goal, their back line anchored by captain Diego Godin and his Atletico Madrid teammate Jose Maria Gimenez, who missed the squad's final group game against Russia with a thigh injury.

Gimenez has returned to training and could be available to play against Portugal and his familiar Real Madrid adversary.

"We know that in 2018 they haven't lost any of their six games and didn't concede any goals," Portugal right back Cedric Soares said.

"That is something to pay attention. It's a team that has quality."

The last time Uruguay allowed a goal was in a 4-2 victory over Bolivia in World Cup qualifying last October.

Unlike Messi, Ronaldo has led Portugal to an international title, the 2016 European Championship, and at 33 the fanatically well-conditioned player still appears to have the physical gifts of his youth.

Whether he can break through against Uruguay will determine Ronaldo's World Cup legacy. But history weighs less heavily on him than on Messi, the benefit of playing for a smaller nation that's never reached a World Cup final.

Fair play will get review: FIFA plans to review the "fair play" tiebreaker rule that resulted in Senegal being eliminated from the World Cup because it had more yellow cards than Japan, but is unlikely to remove the measure.

"We will review after this World Cup, we will see what the feedback and the situation is," FIFA's competition director Colin Smith said Friday, "but as it currently stands we don't see any need to change."

The rule, in use for the first time at the World Cup, caused a stir when the last games in Group H were being played simultaneously and it became obvious it would be needed as a tiebreaker between two teams finishing equal in every other way.

PGA NATIONAL

Hossler among crowd at the top

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

POTOMAC, Md. — Beau Hossler has been hanging around the lead on the weekend in search of his first PGA Tour victory, and he gets another chance at the Quicken Loans National.

So does Tiger Woods.

Hossler, the 23-year-old in his first full year on the tour, birdied four of his last five holes and finished with a 35-foot birdie putt on No. 18 for a 4-under 66, tying for the lead with Ryan Armour and Brian Gay.

Armour (65) and Gay (64) each made short birdies on the par-3 ninth hole to finish their rounds and tie for the lead.

Woods finished a steamy morning on the TPC Potomac at Avenel with two pars that felt just

as big. On a day in which he made seven birdies — all but two of them from 15 feet or longer — Woods didn't let a good round go to waste at the end. He saved par from the bunker on the eighth and ninth holes for a 65. That matched his low score of the year and left him four shots behind, the closest he has been going into the weekend since he was two shots back at the Valspar Championship.

"I'm not that far back," Woods said. "The scores aren't going to be that low and it's going to be a tough weekend. It will be over 100 degrees and it will be a long weekend mentally and physically. I'm in a good position now."

Hossler has at least a share of the 36-hole lead for the third time this year, and he had a close call in the Houston Open, losing

in a playoff to Ian Poulter. He has shot in the 60s in 21 of his last 38 rounds.

"I've had a lot of really good rounds. Unfortunately, I've had some kind of high ones that are uncharacteristic for me," Hossler said. "I think that was six in a row in the 60s, so I'm feeling good. I'm getting it in play nicely off the tee and I'm rolling the putter really well."

The leaders were at 9-under 131, one shot ahead of Francesco Molinari (65) and Billy Horschel (68). Molinari, who is playing the Quicken Loans National and John Deere Classic with hopes of boosting his FedEx Cup standing, hit all 18 greens in regulation.

Woods was among 20 players separated by four shots going into the weekend that is expected to be hot as ever along the Potomac River.

RANGERS 11, WHITE SOX 3



JEFFREY MCWHORTER/AP

White Sox starter Dylan Covey walks off the field after giving up seven runs in the second inning Friday.

State of misery

Covey rocked in 2nd inning, Sox rolled by Rangers

BY PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

ARLINGTON, Texas — Rowned Odor's home run on the first pitch he saw leading off the second for the Rangers on Friday night was only the beginning of Dylan Covey's misery in the inning in his dreadful start for the White Sox.

And by the time the Rangers second baseman saw Covey again and singled off him — in that same inning — it only underscored the extent of the carnage Covey was enduring.

When that half-inning from hell was over, the numbers were hard to swallow:

- Three home runs, with Robinson Chirinos and Nomar Mazara joining Odor.
- Six hits.
- Seven runs, six earned.
- 42 pitches.
- 11 batters faced.
- 28 minutes long, as one reporter in the press box clocked it.

And that half-inning wasn't the only calamity in this 11-3 laughter of a Sox loss at Globe Life Park. Covey gave up a career-high fourth home run in the third to Joey Gallo that had an exit velocity of 113.3 mph.

A crestfallen Covey (3-3) felt as if the Rangers were dialed into anything he threw for strikes.

"(I) made a couple of mistakes that they capitalized on," he said. "But for the most part I felt I was throwing good pitches and they were just ... all over everything that was in the zone.

"I don't have an explanation. I felt good, the ball was coming out good. Just got to put that one behind me and face Kansas City in five days."

Covey left his previous start early with a twinge in his groin area but said he was healthy Friday: "I feel fine, just a rough one. (I'm) frustrated, obviously."

Added Sox manager Rick Renteria: "When you get hit around a little bit, you're searching for reasons. I think there were a lot of pitches that were probably left out over the center of the plate."

When Covey walked Delino DeShields two batters after Gallo's homer, Renteria instituted his own version of the mercy rule and gave Covey the hook after he allowed nine runs (eight earned) in just 2 1/3 innings. Chris Volstad came on in relief — you guessed it — gave up a first-pitch, two-run blast to Shin-Soo Choo for a 10-0 Rangers lead.

Charlie Tilson could be forgiven for falling flat on his diving attempt to catch Mazara's leadoff double in the sixth, but he just plain muffed Jurickson Profar's high fly that scored Mazara with the 11th run. It was Tilson's first big-league error.

Renteria called on designated hitter Matt Davidson to make his first career relief appearance in the eighth. A pitcher in high school, Davidson retired the side in order.

"We tried to save the bullpen a little bit that we've been taxing for the last seven, eight days," Renteria said. "Matt did a nice job."

Yovanni Gallardo (2-0) struck seven Sox in 7 1/3 innings.

Yes, folks, there was enough stink to go around, almost enough to mask the fact Yoan Moncada committed his 13th error of the season.

The second baseman bobbled Profar's routine second-inning grounder seemingly three times on the same play for his second error in three games. At one point, Moncada reached behind and between his legs for the ball, finally got hold of it and then dropped it again before the throw to first base.

It's a recurring theme with Moncada. Renteria has advised him to square himself more to ground balls. In this case, Moncada did, but the ball rolled up his glove and into his abdomen before dropping to the dirt.

THE BOX SCORE

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Moncada 2b	4	0	0	1	2	.223
A.Garcia rf	4	1	2	1	1	.248
Abreu 1b	4	0	0	1	1	.268
Palka dh	3	0	0	0	2	.238
Smith c	4	0	1	0	1	.345
L.Garcia 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.285
Anderson ss	3	0	0	0	0	.248
Tilson lf	3	1	1	0	0	.280
Engel cf	3	1	1	0	1	.211
TOTALS	32	3	5	3	8	

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Choo dh	4	1	1	2	0	.286
Andrus ss	5	1	2	0	1	.272
Mazara rf	4	2	2	3	0	.281
Rua rf-1b	1	0	0	0	0	.165
Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.306
a-Tocci ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.069
Odor 2b	5	1	2	1	1	.228
Profar 1b-3b	4	1	1	0	0	.237
Gallo lf	3	2	1	1	2	.192
Chirinos c	4	1	1	3	1	.207
DeShields cf	3	2	2	0	1	.232
TOTALS	38	11	12	10	6	

WHITE SOX	000	100	020	-	3	5	2
TEXAS	073	001	00x	-	11	12	0

a-lined out for Beltre in the 8th. E: Moncada (13), Tilson (1). **LOB:** Chicago 3, Texas 6. **2B:** Engel (8), Mazara (15), Profar (21). **3B:** A.Garcia (1). **HR:** Odor (4), off Covey; Chirinos (11), off Covey; Mazara (15), off Covey; Gallo (19), off Covey; Choo (15), off Volstad. **RBI:** Moncada (34), A.Garcia (8), Abreu (47), Choo (2), Profar (3), Mazara (3), Odor (19), Gallo (43), Chirinos (31). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chigo 1 (L.Garcia); Texas 4 (Andrus, Beltre, Gallo 2). **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 4; Texas 2 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Abreu, Moncada, Mazara, Odor, Choo.

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Covey, L, 3-3	2 1/3	8	9	8	3	0	4.82
Volstad	3 1/3	4	2	1	0	3	4.20
Minaya	1 1/3	0	0	0	2	4	5.50
Davidson	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gallardo, W, 2-0	7 1/3	4	3	3	1	7	9.00
Barnette	1/3	1	0	0	0	2	2.52
Moore	1	0	0	0	0	1	7.51

Inherited runners scored: Volstad 1-1, Minaya 1-0, Barnette 2-2. **WP:** Minaya 2. **Umpires:** H, Marty Foster; 1B, Joe West; 2B, Mark Ripberger; 3B, Doug Edgings. **Time:** 2:47. **A:** 28,156

HOW THEY SCORED

RANGERS SECOND: Odor homered. Profar reached on Mocado's error. Gallo walked, Profar to second, Chirinos homered, scoring Profar and Gallo. DeShields singled. Choo flied out. Andrus singled, DeShields to second. Mazara homered, scoring DeShields and Andrus. Beltre flied out. Odor singled. Profar lined out. **Seven runs, Rangers 7-0.**

RANGERS THIRD: Gallo homered. Chirinos flied out. DeShields walked. Volstad pitching. Choo homered, scoring DeShields. Andrus struck out. Mazara grounded out. **Three runs, Rangers 10-0.**

WHITE SOX FOURTH: Moncada struck out. A. Garcia tripled. Abreu grounded out, scoring A. Garcia. Palka grounded out. **One run, Rangers 10-1.**

RANGERS SIXTH: Mazara doubled. Beltre grounded out. Odor grounded out. Mazara to third. Profar reached and advanced to second on Tilson's error, scoring Odor. Minaya pitching. Profar to third on Minaya's wild pitch. Gallo struck out. **One run, Rangers 11-1.**

WHITE SOX EIGHTH: Anderson grounded out. Tilson singled. Engel doubled, Tilson to third. Barnette pitching. Moncada grounded out, scoring Tilson, Engel to third. A. Garcia singled, scoring Engel. Abreu grounded out. **Two runs, Rangers 11-3.**

"I think he tried to rush out of it to recover the ball," Renteria said. "And then one of the things you don't do when you bobble and the ball lays on the ground is to try to recover it with your glove hand. ... Those plays happen. I think it's an experience he will use."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Garcia warms to idea of hot corner

BY PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

ARLINGTON, Texas — Leury Garcia's return from the disabled list last Friday looks even more fortuitous in light of Yolmer Sanchez's left quadriceps bruise suffered during Thursday's game against the Twins.

As expected, Sanchez was a scratch for Friday night's game against the Rangers and Garcia was penciled in at third base. The utility man, who is recovered from a knee sprain, sounded up to the task when asked about it.

"Hell, yeah," Garcia said. Matt Davidson is an option too, but Garcia is considered more defensively sound even though he is primarily an outfielder and hasn't played third base since 2014.

"It's good to have (Garcia) back," manager Rick Renteria

said. "Obviously he plays multiple positions (and) he's actually swinging the bat pretty well."

Garcia said his body and swing feel good. He was 9-for-18 before Friday since his return.

"It's always about timing when you're out a couple of weeks," Garcia said. "I just try to swing at a good pitch and make good contact."

Injury updates: Starter Miguel Gonzalez returned to rehab at Triple-A Charlotte after having a setback in his recovery from right rotator cuff inflammation. He experienced shoulder discomfort after throwing a side session. "He felt a little something," Renteria said. "He'll be rechecked and we'll go from there."

Sanchez, meanwhile, is still day to day and there is no timetable for his return.

Signings: The Sox reached agreements this week with two prospects from this month's amateur draft.

Oklahoma outfielder Steele Walker, the Sox's second-round selection and the 46th overall pick, reached a deal with the team Friday. Terms were not disclosed and a team official could not confirm a report by MLB.com's Jim Callis that Walker signed for \$2 million, \$443,900 more than the recommended bonus for his slot.

Earlier this week, the Sox signed third-round pick Konnor Pilkington, Mississippi State's left-handed ace. Neither Walker nor Pilkington had been assigned to minor-league affiliates yet.

First-round pick Nick Madrigal has yet to sign, but the second baseman just ended his season Thursday as Oregon State won the College World Series.

CUBS 10, TWINS 6

CUBS NOTES

Darvish treatment: Cortisone shot, rest

2nd opinion reveals elbow impingement — but no Tommy John

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

The Yu Darvish saga continued Friday with the news the Cubs' big free-agent pickup flew to Dallas on Thursday for a second opinion on his triceps tendinitis.

Darvish will remain out for at least a few weeks after Rangers team physician Keith Meister diagnosed him with right elbow impingement and inflammation, but it beats the worst-case scenario of a second Tommy John surgery.

Darvish, who has been on the disabled list since May 23, received a cortisone shot and will rest for three to five days before starting his rehab program again.

He won't return until after the All-Star break, and manager Joe Maddon said another rehab stint in the minors is likely.

"I would bet another rehab," Maddon said. "He has hardly even thrown, so there has to be regression with his arm. So I would say it almost has to build back up to what we thought it was before this happening."

Catcher Chris Gimenez, who caught Darvish's bullpen, said: "I think he's just a little frustrated, and rightfully so. I know he wants to get back out here. I really can't tell you how he's feeling because I honestly don't know."

Maddon said he could tell "something wasn't appropriate or right" during the bullpen session.

Russell hits grand slam, helps offense heat up

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fiancee, Irmari Marquez, gave birth to their first child, a boy, on Thursday. Baez, who received a standing ovation pinch-hitting, was the second Cub to have a child this week, following Tyler Chatwood's baby boy.

"It's something we all have in common," Russell said. "We all father on different paths, so it's really cool seeing where they come from to see where they are to this point, and now they're basically raising a little mini-them."

After a power outage for the first three months, in part because of a finger injury, Russell has taken off the last two days with a pair of home runs and eight RBIs to become the first Cubs shortstop with four RBIs in back-to-back games.

The grand slam came with the Cubs down three runs and was a sky-high fly that the wind carried into the basket in left. He thought he hit it too high.

"But I'm glad it's summertime now in Chicago," he said. "The balls are flying."

Jason Heyward pushed Russell out of the dugout afterward for a curtain call.

"I haven't done a curtain call in a while," he said. "It felt good to see the crowd out there and their reaction. It was awesome."

The Cubs also got home runs from Heyward, Ben Zobrist and Kyle Schwarber, who bounced one off the roof of a seating area and into the upper part of the center-field bleachers. The slugging helped offset a five-RBI afternoon from Twins first baseman Joe Mauer, whose three-run homer off Mike Montgomery in the second opened the scoring.

Montgomery lasted five innings in the heat for his third victory, helping save the bullpen a bit by grinding through the start.

"Those guys really picked me up today," Montgomery said. "It wasn't the easiest way to pitch, but for me it was just keep it close and give our team a chance. And it worked out."

The Cubs were coming off a 2-6 trip, though Maddon focused on the split with the Dodgers instead of the overall record.

"There's nothing to lament right now," Maddon said. "I kind of like what our guys did."

The up-and-down nature of the Cubs' season is common knowledge at the halfway point, and no one can predict whether they're ready to go on a prolonged roll. But Maddon admitted the home-run barrage is "who we are" and blamed the tepid first-half power numbers on the cooler-by-the-lake weather through early June, which he said robbed them of 15 to 20 homers.

"Today if the wind was blow-

"We have to take it to this next level and be very patient with it," he said.

Darvish went to see the Rangers' doctor because he felt comfortable with him. When Darvish had triceps tightness in Texas during spring training of 2015, he underwent Tommy John surgery and missed the entire season.

Night flight: Friday's late 4 p.m. start gave the players a break after the flight home from Los Angeles, though Maddon would have preferred a night game.

The Cubs aren't allowed to schedule Friday night games because of a city ordinance written when lights were installed in 1988. The team was given special dispensation for one Friday night game last summer, but none is scheduled for 2018.

Maddon said he didn't "want to get dragged in" to Chicago politics but called himself a "night game freak" who prefers to play every game at night.

"I'm not here to complain or cry," he said. "It's going to be warm, but who cares?"

Extra innings: Carl Edwards Jr. faced four batters in relief for Triple-A Iowa on Friday night, giving up one hit and a walk while striking out two. ... Right-hander Eddie Butler joined Iowa and will make a rehab appearance Saturday. ... The Cubs' 22nd come-from-behind victory was tied with the Phillies for most in the league. ... A video board tribute to late clubhouse man Yosh Kawano appeared before Friday's game. Kawano died Tuesday at 97.

THE BOX SCORE

MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mauer 1b	5	1	3	5	0	.264
Escobar 2b	4	4	0	0	0	.279
E.Rosario lf	4	1	2	0	1	.312
Dozier 2b	3	0	1	0	2	.219
Grossman rf	5	0	1	1	2	.223
Kepler cf	5	1	1	2	2	.221
Garver c	3	2	2	0	0	.252
Adrianza ss	3	1	0	0	0	.258
Berrios p	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Presly p	0	0	0	0	0	—
c-Morrison ph	1	1	0	0	0	.191
Magill p	0	0	0	0	0	—
e-Cave ph	1	0	0	0	1	.194
Beltre p	0	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	36	6	10	6	9	

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Almora cf	5	2	3	0	0	.324
Heyward rf	4	2	3	2	1	.406
Zobrist 2b-1f	3	2	1	2	0	.290
Rizzo 1b	5	1	2	1	0	.246
Russell ss	4	1	1	4	1	.282
Schwarber lf	2	1	1	1	0	.239
Strop p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
f-Bote ph	1	0	0	0	0	.231
Wilson p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Morrow p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Happ 3b	2	1	0	0	0	.241
Gimenez c	2	0	1	0	0	.143
a-La Stella ph	1	0	0	0	0	.265
R.Rosario p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Bass p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Baez ph-2b	1	0	0	1	0	.284
Montgomery p	2	0	0	0	2	.067
b-Contreras ph-c	2	0	0	0	1	.268
TOTALS	34	10	12	10	6	

Minnesota	030	200	101	-	6	10	0
Cubs	002	042	11x	-	10	12	2

a-out on fielder's choice for Gimenez in the 5th. b-grounded out for Montgomery in the 5th. c-lined out for Presly in the 6th. d-struck out for Bass in the 7th. e-struck out for Magill in the 8th. f-grounded out for Strop in the 8th. E: Happ (3), Montgomery (1). **LOB:** Minnesota 9, Cubs 8. **2B:** Mauer (10), E.Rosario (23), Almora (17), HR: Mauer (2), off Montgomery; Heyward (5), off Berrios; Russell (5), off Berrios; Zobrist (6), off Magill; Schwarber (16), off Magill. **RBI:** Mauer 5 (8), Grossman (2), Heyward 2 (36), Zobrist 2 (29), Rizzo (54), Russell 4 (25), Schwarber (37). **CS:** Dozier (3). **S:** Adrianza, Heyward. **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 5 (Escobar, Grossman, Kepler, Adrianza 2); Cubs 5 (Montgomery 3, Contreras, Bote). **RISP:** Minnesota 3 for 12; Cubs 4 for 11. **Runners moved up:** Gimenez, DP: Minnesota 1 (Escobar, Dozier, Mauer); Cubs 1 (Happ, Baez, Rizzo).

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Berrios, L, 8-6	4 1/3	6	6	6	4	2	3.52
Presly	1/3	1	0	2	1	0	4



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NATIONAL LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	2018 VS OPP
TEAM PITCHER	W-L REC	W-L IP ERA
MIL Chacin (R)	6-3 3.82 12-5	0-0 4.1 8.31
CIN Mahle (R)	3:10p 6-6 3.98 9-7	0-1 5.0 3.60
NY deGrom (R)	5-3 1.69 6-10	0-0 13.0 2.77
MIA Lopez (R)	3:10p 0-0 0.00 0-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
Was Hellickson (R)	2-0 2.28 6-3	0-0 0.0 0.00
PHI Velazquez (R)	5:05p 5-8 4.69 6-10	1-0 5.0 1.80
Ari McCarthy (R)	6-3 4.92 8-7	0-0 0.0 0.00
STL Weaver (R)	6:15p 4-6 4.80 8-8	0-0 0.0 0.00
Col Marquez (R)	5-8 5.53 7-9	1-0 13.0 3.46
LA Maeda (R)	6:15p 5-4 3.44 7-6	1-0 6.2 0.00
PI Williams (R)	6-5 4.03 8-8	0-0 6.0 6.00
SD Lucchesi (L)	9:10p 3-3 3.57 4-7	0-0 0.0 0.00
SF Rodriguez (R)	2-1 3.82 4-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
Ari Miller (R)	9:10p 0-1 12.27 0-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
TEAM PITCHER	W-L REC	W-L IP ERA
Sox Rodon (L)	1-2 3.70 1-3	0-0 0.0 0.00
Tex Colon (R)	8:05p 4-5 4.72 7-7	0-0 0.0 0.00
Det Boyd (L)	4-6 4.15 8-7	0-0 7.0 5.14
Tor Gaviglio (R)	12:07p 2-2 3.98 3-4	0-0 0.0 0.00
Cle Plutko (R)	4-1 4.65 4-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
Oak Jackson (R)	3:05p 0-0 1.50 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
LA Skaggs (L)	6-5 2.69 8-7	0-0 0.0 0.00
Hou Cashner (R)	3:05p 2-8 4.70 4-11	0-0 0.0 0.00
Hou Verlander (R)	9-3 1.82 10-7	0-0 6.2 1.35
TB Andriese (R)	3:10p 1-3 4.02 2-1	0-0 2.2 10.13
Bos Sale (L)	7-4 2.56 9-8	1-0 6.0 1.50
NY Gray (R)	6:15p 2-5 4.93 7-8	0-1 3.0 18.00
KC Hammel (R)	2-9 5.53 4-12	0-0 0.0 0.00
Sea Hernandez (R)	10:10p 7-6 5.19 9-8	1-0 5.2 4.76
INTERLEAGUE		
TEAM PITCHER	W-L REC	W-L IP ERA
Min Mejia (L)	0-0 0.00 0-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
Cubs Chatwood (R)	1:20p 3-5 3.82 6-8	0-0 0.0 0.00

Team rec: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent. 1280 statistics.

SCHEDULE, RESULTS

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

CUBS 10, **MINNESOTA** 6
TEXAS 11, **WHITE SOX** 3
LA, Angels 7, **BALTIMORE** 1
N.Y., **YANKEES** 8, **BOSTON** 1
TORONTO 3, **DETROIT** 2
TAMPA BAY 3, **HOUSTON** 2
WASHINGTON 17, **PHILADELPHIA** 7
MILWAUKEE 8, **CINCINNATI** 2
MIAMI 8, **N.Y.**, **METS** 2
ATLANTA 5, **ST. LOUIS** 1
SAN FRANCISCO 2, **ARIZONA** 1
CLEVELAND at Oakland, late
COLORADO at LA, **DODGERS**, late
KANSAS CITY at Seattle, late
PITTSBURGH at San Diego, late

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
MINNESOTA at **CUBS**, 1:20
WHITE SOX at **TEXAS**, 2:05
LA, Angels at **BALTIMORE**, 12:05
DETROIT at **TORONTO**, 12:07
HOUSTON at **TAMPA BAY**, 12:10

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Gennett, CIN	79	300	45	98	.327
Almora, ATL	75	238	43	77	.324
Markakis, CHI	80	316	47	102	.323
Reagan, ATL	80	309	51	98	.317
Crawford, SF	78	275	35	87	.313
Arenado, COL	76	290	54	90	.310
Kemp, LA	78	248	34	76	.306
Suarez, CIN	65	244	37	74	.303
Dickerson, PIT	72	272	33	82	.301
Martinez, STL	74	276	34	83	.301

HOME RUNS

Aguilar, MIL	19	Albies, ATL	26
Arenado, COL	19	Markakis, ATL	25
Harper, WAS	19	Reagan, ATL	25
Albies, ATL	17	KMarte, ARI	8
Gidschmidt, ARI	17	CTaylor, LA	7
Muncy, LA	17	STOLEN BASES	
Albies, ATL	61	McIntire, ATL	23
Blackman, COL	60	Turner, WAS	21
Gidschmidt, ARI	56	PITCHING	
Upton, PIT	56	Lindor, CLE	10-2
Pham, ST. LOUIS	56	Nolan, PHI	10-2
Arenado, COL	53	Schwarz, WAS	10-2
RBI		Godley, ARI	9-5
Schwarz, CIN	59	Stroy, COL	9-9
deGrom, NY	58	deGrom, NY	1-69
Baez, CHI	57	Schwarz, WAS	2.04
Arenado, COL	56	Flynnwicz, ATL	2.14
HITS		Lester, CHI	2.18
Gennett, CIN	102	SCHRIKES	
Scherzer, WAS	165	Altuve, HOU	112
Freeman, ATL	97	Corbin, ARI	129
Albies, ATL	92	deGrom, NY	126
Anderson, MIA	92	through Thursday	
Arenado, COL	88	Lowrie, OAK	94

ANGELS 7, ORIOLIS 1

LOS ANGELES	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Calhoun rf	4	0	0	1	1	.166
Trotter cf	2	1	1	1	2	.221
Upton lf	3	1	0	1	1	.254
Pujols dh	5	0	1	0	0	.246
Simmons ss	5	1	4	1	1	.322
Valbuena 1b	5	0	1	1	1	.214
Kinsler 2b	5	0	0	0	0	.243
Maldonado c	4	2	2	2	0	.217
Fletcher 3b	3	0	1	1	0	.300
TOTALS	38	7	13	7	5	

BALTIMORE AB R H BI SO AVG
Mancini lf 3 1 3 0 0 .234
Jones cf 4 0 1 1 2 .288
Machado ss 2 0 0 0 0 .284
Trumbo dh 4 0 0 2 2 .260
Davis lb 4 0 0 0 1 .181
Valencia rf 3 0 0 0 1 .252
Schoop 2b 1 1 0 0 1 .197
Beckham 3b 3 0 1 0 0 .192
Sisco c 3 0 0 0 1 .214
TOTALS **31** **1** **7** **9**

LOB: Los Angeles 8, Baltimore 4. **2B:** Pujols (12), Simmons (14), Fletcher (1), Mancini (2). **HR:** Trout (24), off Hess; Maldonado (5), off Meisinger. **RBI:** Calhoun (15), Trout (49), Simmons (37), Valbuena (28), Maldonado (2), Fletcher (3), Jones (32). **SF:** Calhoun. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 2 (Upton, Valbuena). **RISP:** Los Angeles 3 for 2; Baltimore 1 for 3. **GDP:** Calhoun, Pujols, Kinsler, Jones, Machado, Trumbo. **DP:** Los Angeles 3 (Kinsler, Simmons, Valbuena), (Simmons, Kinsler, Valbuena). **Impires:** H. Adam Hamari; 1B, Phil Cuzzi; 2B, Dan Bellino; 3B, Tom Hallion. **Time:** 2:53. A: 24,007.

BRAVES 5, CARDINALS 1

ATLANTA	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Alciantare cf	4	0	0	1	1	.248
Isiabs 2b	5	1	1	0	1	.270
Freeman 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.317
Markakis rf	3	1	1	0	0	.323
Flowers c	3	0	1	0	1	.250
Suzuki c	0	0	0	0	0	.290
Acuna lf	4	0	0	0	1	.256
Camargo 3b	5	3	2	2	0	.253
Swanson ss	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Teheran p	1	0	0	0	0	.143
a-Santana ph	1	0	0	0	0	.222
b-Flaherty ph	1	0	0	0	0	.248
TOTALS	31	5	10	5	4	

ST. LOUIS AB R H BI SO AVG
Carpenter 3b 3 0 1 0 1 .271
Garcia ss 2 1 1 0 0 .253
d-Munoz ph-ss 1 0 0 0 0 .261
Martinez 1b 4 1 0 0 0 .301
Ozuna lf 4 1 0 0 0 .288
Molina c 2 0 0 0 0 .265
Pham c 2 0 0 0 0 .246
Wong 2b 4 0 0 1 1 .191
Bader rf 4 0 1 0 2 .259
Mikolas p 2 0 0 0 2 .332
c-Guyokoh ph 1 0 0 0 0 .241
TOTALS **31** **1** **4** **6** **4**

Atlanta 000 000 131-5-4 3
St. Louis 000 000 001-1-4 3
a-struck out for Teheran in the 7th. b-flipped out for Biddle in the 8th. c-grounded out for Holland in the 8th. d-flipped out for Garcia in the 8th. E: Garcia (4), Bader (1), Cecil (1). **LOB:** Atlanta 11, St. Louis 7. **2B:** Camargo (11), Bader (3), **RBI:** Alciantare (31), Markakis (5), Wong (16), St. Louis (34), Swanson (30), Wong (16). **SF:** Markakis. **S:** Teheran.

ATLANTA IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Teheran, R, 6-5 6 2 0 0 2 4 4.21
Moylan, H, 2 ½ 0 0 0 1 0 4.56
Biddle, H, 2 ½ 0 0 0 1 0 4.48
Minter 1 0 0 0 0 1 2.91
McAllister 1 0 0 0 0 0 3.58
Winkler, S, 1-3 ½ 0 0 0 1 2.48
ST. LOUIS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Mikolas, L, 8-3 6½ 7 1 1 1 5 1.261
Gomber, 0 0 0 0 0 0 4.261
Mayer ½ 0 0 0 0 1 2.81
Hicks ½ 1 3 1 1 1 2.66
Holland ½ 0 0 0 0 2 7.00
Cecil 1 1 1 0 2 0 4.20
Gomber pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. **Inherited runners scored:** Biddle 1-0, Winkler 3-1, Gomber 3-1, Mayer 3-1, Hicks 1-0, Holland 1-1. **HBP:** Gomber (McIntire), Holland (Suzuki). **Umpires:** H, Jerry Meals; 1B, Chris Segal; 2B, Gabe Morales; 3B, Ed Hickox. **Time:** 3:14. A: 46,226 (45,583).

■ **Extra innings:** Addison Russell hit his second grand slam and Jason Heyward, Ben Zobrist and Kyle Schwarber homered in the Cubs' 10-6 win over the Twins. ... Julio Teheran pitched six scoreless innings and Johan Camargo had a two-run double in the Braves' 5-1 win over the Cardinals. ... Marcus Stroman pitched seven innings for his first win of the season and the Blue Jays handed the Tigers their 10th straight loss 3-2. ... Shin-Soo Choo reached base for the 41st straight game and hit one of five homers in the Rangers' 11-3 rout of the White Sox.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	53	26	.671	—	6-4	W-1	30-11	23-15
Boston	55	28	.663	—	6-4	L-1	28-12	27-16
Tampa Bay	40	41	.494	14	7-3	W-1	21-17	19-24
Toronto	38	43	.469	16	5-5	W-1	21-20	17-23
Baltimore	23	58	.284	31	3-7	L-6	11-28	12-30
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	44	36	.550	—	7-3	L-1	27-13	17-23
Minnesota	35	43	.449	8	4-6	L-1	20-20	15-23
Detroit	36	47	.434	9½	0-10	L-10	23-21	13-26
Chicago	28	53	.346	16½	4-6	L-2	16-27	12-26
Kansas City	25	56	.309	19½	3-7	L-1	11-29	14-27
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	55	29	.655	—	6-4	L-1	25-17	30-12
Seattle	52	31	.627	2½	6-4	W-5	26-14	26-17
Oakland	45	38	.542	9½	8-2	W-5	21-20	24-18
Los Angeles	42	41	.506	12½	4-6	W-1	20-21	22-20
Texas	37	46	.446	17½	8-2	W-2	18-25	19-21

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YANKEES 8, RED SOX 1

Yankees strike 1st in battle for top

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Packed home, summer heat, Red Sox-Yankees for the best record in baseball.

So, CC Sabathia, did it feel like a really big night in Bronx? "I wish I could tell you it did," he said, "but it didn't."

Instead, he just pitched as if the calendar read October rather than June.

Sabathia shut down the high-scoring Red Sox, Greg Bird hit two home runs and Aaron Judge connected as the Yankees rolled 8-1 on Friday night to edge ahead in the AL East.

Not since the famed Bucky

Dent playoff game in 1978 had the Yankees (53-26) and Red Sox (55-28) met so late in a season when they owned the two top marks in baseball. Home runs decided this matchup, too, with Miguel Andujar also going deep for the Yanks.

"We're a good club," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "We're a confident group. We know we can play with anyone."

Sabathia helped end the Red Sox's four-game winning streak as he gave up one run on six hits in seven innings.

Betts and Andrew Benintendi hit consecutive doubles for the Red Sox's only run in the opener

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EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	46	34	.575	—	5-5	W-1	23-17	23-17
Philadelphia	43	37	.538	3	5-5	L-1	26-16	17-21
Washington	42	38	.525	4	4-6	W-1	19-20	23-18
New York	32	47	.405	13½	1-9	L-2	14-26	18-21
Miami	33	50	.398	14½	4-6	W-1	16-24	17-26
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	48	33	.593	—	6-4	W-2	24-17	24-16
Chicago	45	35	.563	2½	4-6	W-2	22-14	23-21
St. Louis	42	38	.525	5½	5-5	L-2	23-20	19-18
Pittsburgh	39	42	.481	9	4-6	W-2	21-21	18-21
Cincinnati	34	48	.415	14½	7-3	L-2	17-25	17-23
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	47	35	.573	—	7-3	L-1	23-17	24-18
Los Angeles	43	38	.531	3½	5-5	L-2	22-22	21-16
San Francisco	43	40	.518	4½	8-2	W-1	26-14	17-26
Colorado	40	42	.488	7	6-4	W-2	15-22</	



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Former NBA player Nate Robinson receives congratulations from entertainer Ice Cube while coming off the court at the end of a Big3 game Friday at the United Center.

Return to Chicago gives Boozer warm memories

Bulls, from Page 1

If we were healthy, we would have won at least one."

The Bulls led the NBA in regular-season victories in the first two of Boozer's four seasons in Chicago. They fell to James' Heat 4-1 in the 2011 Eastern Conference finals and seemed headed back there before Rose crumpled to the ground after a simple jump stop — and pass to Boozer — in the first game of the 2012 playoffs.

Rose's torn left ACL on April 28, 2012, marked the beginning of the end.

"We had a really good run, (but) we wish we would have had one more year," Boozer said. "Obviously, injuries hurt us. We never really were healthy at the time you need it the most — the playoffs.

"It wasn't even just Derrick. Obviously, that's the biggest fish, but Joakim (Noah) was hurt in the playoffs, Luol (Deng), myself, Kirk (Hinrich). It's because we were doing a lot in practice and in games."

Boozer thrived with Tom Thibodeau's tactics and became an ironman of sorts after his inauspicious beginning that featured him tripping over a gym bag in his darkened home, fracturing his finger and missing 23 games out of the box in 2010-11. He played in all 66 games in the lockout-shortened season and missed only nine over the next two seasons.

His averages of 15.5 points and nine rebounds never felt fully appreciated here, perhaps always viewed as the consolation prize to James.

"I never thought about that," Boozer said. "I was moving forward with my group. I wasn't thinking, 'We didn't get 'Bron.' I just thought I was with a great group of guys who had a chance to win."

Indeed, Boozer only has good memories from his Bulls stint, which is why returning with the Big3 carried extra impact.

"I was playing on a really good team in Utah, but we didn't have enough to overcome San Antonio or the Lakers, so I was looking for a team that had a shot to go to the finals," Boozer said of his 2010 free agency. "I looked at Chicago and I'm like, 'Wow, they have a stud point guard in D-Rose. They have a badass center in Joakim Noah, Taj Gibson is coming into his own (and) they have an ironman in Luol Deng who can score inside or outside and defend anybody.'"

"And then we had Thibs coming to town from Boston with that championship pedigree from that old (Jeff) Van Gundy style. The only thing they needed was a



Former Bull Brian Scalabrine squares up for a shot Friday while playing for the Ball Hogs in a Big3 game at the United Center.

power forward. It was a perfect fit for me."

For what it's worth, Boozer's teammate, fellow Big3 player Brian Scalabrine, isn't convinced the Bulls would have fully broken through.

"For me, it's really hard to imagine LeBron not going," Scalabrine said. "Winning by 20 in Game 1 (of the 2011 Eastern finals) and then not winning another game, I can't say that with certainty. I know our team was good, but we had weaknesses."

Still, Scalabrine also has great memories of that time. Boozer's happy memories aren't even limited to what happened on the court.

"It was almost like a college environment," Boozer said of that team's closeness. "We really kicked it. We were all in our primes. We didn't leave the arena and go our separate ways; we left the arena and went to the same restaurant, went to the same lounge, went to the same house to play cards.

"We were close. That's what made it so fun."

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Balmer, James C.

James C. Balmer 88 Of Rockford, IL Passed away Friday June 15, 2018. Born January 1, 1930 in Chicago, IL to Fredrick and Gertrude Balmer. James was a Chicago area noted Artist, a popular, well known participant in Chicago area art fairs and established in many art galleries. His career replete with many awards and honorary mentions. His passing ended a 50 year distinguished career. James loved his classical music. He was a Corporal in the Constabulary from 48-52. He married his loving wife Doris and resided in Chicago for many years before retiring to Rockford, IL. James is preceded in death by his beloved wife Doris. Survived by a Brother Guy. James will be missed and forever held within our hearts. Final Resting Place Prairie View Cemetery Chippewa Falls, WI. Burial will be private.
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Brychel, James Albert

James Albert Brychel, 70, of Lenexa, Kansas, died Thursday, June 28, 2018 at his home. Jim was born February 14, 1948, in Chicago to John J. and Florence (Hospadka) Brychel. He married Donnell L. Rauscher December 14, 1970 in North Dakota. A memorial service for Jim will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 7740 Lackman Rd, Shawnee, KS 66217. Contributions in his memory may be made to Johnson County Developmental Supports, Lenexa, KS, or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements: Porter Funeral Homes & Crematory, 8535 Monrovia, Lenexa, KS (913) 438-6444 porterfuneralhome.com
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Flood (nee Courtney), Margaret

Margaret Flood (nee Courtney) age 75, passed away on June 27, 2018. She was a native of Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland. She was a devoted mother of Brian Flood, Yvonne (Gary) Thommes, Courtney (William Braunshausen) Finn, and Sheila (Jeff Gorman) Flood. She is also survived by her brother Cornelius (the late Noleen) Courtney; adored grandmother to eight, and dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Cornelius and Bridie Courtney, cherished aunt, Chriss (late Paddy) Cronin, dear sisters, Joan "Maura" (late John "Sean") Riordan, Breda Courtney, her brother Patrick (Sandra) Courtney, and beloved granddaughter Molly Gorman. Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation services were handled with care by Conley Funeral Home, Elburn, IL. For more information, please call 630-365-6414.
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Geni, John Raymond

John Raymond Geni age 98 of Chicago passed away June 20, 2018. WWII Army Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Rebecca "Becky" (nee Audino). Dear friend of Marilyn Cummins. Loving father of Larry Geni (Nancy Engelhard) and the late Gary Geni. Fond brother of the late Ralph (Evelyn) Geni and Virginia (Edward) Lemberg. Proud grandfather of Abby Geni (Scott Westerman) and Joe Geni. Great grandfather of Milo Westerman. Uncle of Jean Trnka, Diane Joergens, and Ron Geni. Memorial gathering Saturday, July 7th from 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul of the Cross 320 S. Washington Ave, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Burial will be at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to American Heart Association in Johns name americanheart.org. Cremation care provided by G.L. Hills Funeral Home, Des Plaines, IL. For information 847.699.9003 or glhillsfuneralhome.com.
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Hill, Kevin Damian

With great sadness, the family of Deacon Kevin Hill announces his passing after battling ALS. Born 1/20/1946 in Latrobe PA, he died 4/21/2018 in Chicago, IL. A veteran of the United States Air Force where he received an Honorable discharge. He will be lovingly remembered by his large extended family. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the ALS Foundation. A memorial service will be held at Resurrection Parish, 3043 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago, IL 60618 at 10 am on 7/5/18.
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Jacobson, Gail F.

Gail F. Jacobson, age 77, beloved wife of Milton Jacobson, happily married for 57 years; loving mother of Steven (Felicia Libbin) Jacobson and Lynne (Jon) Shapiro; cherished grandmother of Wiley, Jacob and Joey, much loved sister of Robert (Jane) Alter, fond aunt of Greta (Matt) Fruhan. Gail was a devoted, loyal friend to many. Chapel service Sunday, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment will follow at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Jewish United Fund (JUF) or a charity of your choosing. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Kramer, Adeline M

Adeline M. Kramer (nee Mason), age 89, of Oak Lawn, IL passed away on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. Beloved mother of the late William Kramer; loving grandmother of Kristina Kramer; dear Aunt of Joseph, Frank, William, Thomas and the late Cathy Mason. Adeline was an Elder of the Oak Lawn Community Church, Editor of the church newsletter, published Poet, director of the telephone prayer line, Advocate Hospice volunteer and a retired CNA supervisor. Visitation, Sunday July 1st 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home** 11333 S. Central Ave Oak Lawn, IL. Funeral Monday, July 2nd 11:00 a.m. chapel service at **Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home**. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. For more information 708-636-1200 or visit www.chapelhillgardensouth.com

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Ruback, Allan Lincoln 'Bud'

Allan L. Ruback, age 81, Air Force Veteran, beloved husband of Elizabeth (nee Brock), loving father of Steven, Deborah (Jason) Overby, Thomas (Jane); devoted grandfather of Chris, Danny, Joe, Jessica, Trevor, Chloe; dearest great-grandfather of Tori, Stephanie, Timothy; great-great-grandfather of Effie; fond brother of the late Robert (Marion), the late Harry (Anne), Donald (Toni), Howard (Patricia); dear Uncle to many; devoted friend to all. King Train Dude of Burbank (Golden Spike Train Shop). He truly loved helping people and will be greatly missed by so many. Visitation Sunday 2-8 P.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7909 State Rd. Burbank, IL 60459. Lying in State Monday 10:00 A.M., at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 8607 S. Narragansett Ave. Burbank, IL 60459, until time of service 11:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.
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Shimizu, Mitsuo 'Mits'

Mitsuo Shimizu, 91, of Lincolnwood, passed peacefully surrounded by family. Born in Kealakekua, HI. Beloved husband of Aiko (nee Sakamoto); loving father of Ronald (Patrice); grandfather of Sarah. Visitation Saturday, 4-8pm at **Barr Funeral Home**. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donate to your favorite charity in his name. For information call (773) 743-4034 or leave a condolence at BarrFuneralHome.com.
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Tursman (Doolittle), Elizabeth G. 'Betty'

Elizabeth (Betty) Grace Tursman (Doolittle), of Glen Ellyn, Chicago native, age 90, born July 1, 1927, passed away June 9, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Stanley E. Tursman, mother of Douglas (Judy), Bruce, Susan (deceased) and Anne Blog (Tom), grandmother of Eric, Eleanor, Bronwen, Sarah and Aaron. Betty Doolittle was born in Chicago and graduated from Hinsdale High in 1945. She was named after her grandmother, Elizabeth Doolittle (Fulton) who managed the antiques department at Marshall Fields, traveling the world finding antiques for the store, later establishing an interior decorator service at 900 N. Michigan in 1920s. Betty's father, David Douglas Doolittle, established a direct advertising firm (Doolittle & Co., near the Marina Towers) in the 1920s as well as being a founding member of the Doolittles of America Society. Betty earned a BA in English from the Connecticut College for Women in 1949. She met Stan Tursman, an architect, as a blind date in 1952 and was married 4 months later on Valentine's Day, 14 February 1953. In 1969, she obtained a job with Illinois Bell Telephone in order to pay for her children's college tuition. This temporary job turned into a 20-year career from which she retired as a program manager in 1990. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In retirement, she and Stan became world travelers. Betty also volunteered for the local Food Pantry, library and jail. She will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother, a selfless volunteer and advocate for those in need. She was brilliant, a fierce friend, funny, could converse on any subject and read five books a week (usually mysteries) while bottle feeding her infants. The Funeral Service will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 7th, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 393 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn, IL, 60137, followed by interment at the Church's on-site columbarium. A reception will be held at the church following the interment. Donations of flowers are welcome and can be sent to the church. Monetary donations in her memory may also be made to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, 493 Forrest Ave, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, or online at glenellynfoodpantry.org.
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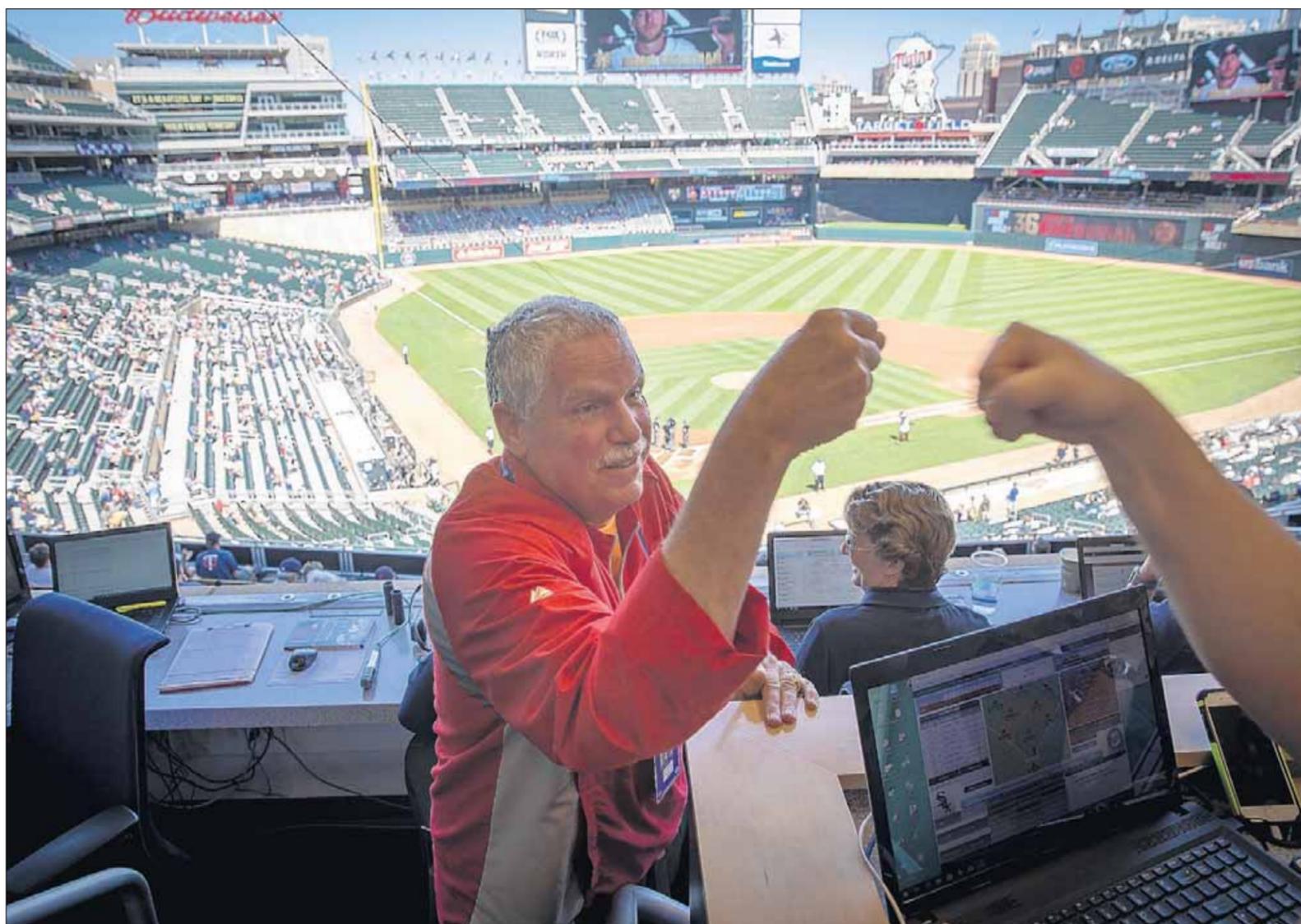
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Official scorer Stew Thornley fist-bumps a colleague before getting ready to sit down and work the Twins-White Sox doubleheader on June 5 at Target Field in Minneapolis.

Analytics intrude on scoring

New metrics make judging hits, errors a different business

BY CHRIS HINE
Minneapolis Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Stew Thornley waited before looking at his laptop.

The official scorer first wanted to make his call — hit or error — after the Twins' Brian Dozier reached base after a grounder he hit to White Sox third baseman Yolmer Sanchez on June 5. Sanchez didn't field the ball cleanly, and his throw to first was in the dirt.

Thornley took into account all the aspects of the play to determine whether it would require more than "ordinary effort," the threshold for scorers to distinguish between a hit and an error, for Sanchez to make the play.

Thornley, one of three official scorers for the Twins, watched a replay in the Target Field press box on his 17-inch TV screen, which he keeps on an eight-second delay for just this purpose, and delivered his verdict: Hit.

"We treat each part of the play (catch and throw) separately, and it was a 50-50 play," Thornley said. "Each one leaned a little above 50 on the hit side for me."

But what Thornley did next might drive baseball purists to drink, especially when somebody like the official scorer, a position that has been around almost as long as the game itself, is doing it.

Thornley peeked at his laptop for the exit velocity of Dozier's hit — 85 mph — and jotted down "85" in his scorebook. He wanted to see if the data matched his eyes — and he wanted to note the exit velocity in case somebody on the White Sox later challenged the play.

Thornley recognizes what he did might be sacrilegious.

"Exit velocity is kind of a dirty word with many," Thornley said.

Exit velocity and other analytical terms might be encroaching on the job of official scorer, redefining the core of what makes their job important to the game — what makes a hit and what makes an error — and even pushing the error as a statistic further to the brink of irrelevance.

More than their eyes

With the launch of its Statcast technology in 2015, Major League Baseball introduced a number of terms into the baseball lexicon. Exit velocity — how hard a ball comes off the bat — and catch probability — the likelihood of a fielder catching a fly ball based on his and the ball's speed — have become part of the vernacular.

That changed things for official scorers who, for decades, made



A pencil, a scorebook and a copy of the rules — not to mention neat handwriting — are essential for Stew Thornley when he scores a game. The use of Statcast in making his decisions? Maybe or maybe not.

decisions with their eyes and without computers spewing information at them.

The three Twins official scorers — Kyle Trainor, Gregg Wong and Thornley — have different viewpoints about employing Statcast information on the job. On one end there's Wong, who describes himself as "old school" and said judging a hit or an error is more nuanced than just exit velocity.

"If somebody tells me, 'Hey, that was 108 mph' — there are balls hit 110 mph that are caught," Wong said. "It depends on the type of play. If the ball is hit harder, the fielder has less time to react, but was it hit to him? One hop? Did he have to make a backhanded play on it?"

On the other end of the spectrum is Trainor, 48, an obstetrician by day. He is willing to use exit velocity to help him decide between a hit and an error. He hasn't done that yet in any games he has scored but is prepared to look up the exit velocity on difficult plays fielders make and plot what he would rule if the batter was safe.

"It plays into the decision-making," Trainor said. "If you're on that 50-50 type of call or 45-55 type of call, I'm kind of leaning this way and I'll realize, 'Wow, that was actually hit at 109 mph and it was a corner infielder — that's a tough play. I can't imagine being on the other side of that.' That's going to lead me."

Thornley, 62, is between Wong and Trainor. He won't use Statcast data to inform his decision on a hit or an error, but he will make note of the exit velocity after making his call, as he did with the Dozier hit. He might use it to defend a ruling that a player might challenge later, something Thornley said he has done only once.

"I hear the arguments: Rely on

our eyes, make the call that you think," Thornley said. "I agree totally with that. But I think there are spots that this can be useful. I just ask other scorers to keep open about it. Don't shut it all down."

There are still issues with using it in absolute terms. While Thornley ruled the Dozier ball a hit at 85 mph, he has handed out errors on balls hit harder because of where players were positioned and how far they had to move.

"There is no magic number when using exit velocity that this is a hit and this is an error," Thornley said. "It depends. But I think it's worth looking at."

Statcast optional

Thornley said he and Trainor have embraced Statcast more than most official scorers.

Or as Wong puts it: "I'm 71, and there's a lot of guys scoring that are older than me who are even more dinosaurs than I am. There's no way those guys are going to be using it."

MLB has no guidelines on official scorers using Statcast. They are free to use or not use it at their discretion.

Traditionalists can breathe a sigh of relief when it comes to plays in the outfield. Statcast figures little in the decision of official scorers, even Trainor and Thornley, who rarely use catch probability data when awarding a hit or an error on fly balls.

"I'll see a play that was a catch probability of 20 percent and see that it was a 'SportsCenter' type of play," Trainor said. "How can they say that's going to be caught 20 percent of the time? So something doesn't fully jibe there with me yet, but that's going to evolve, I suspect."

To official scorers, outfield er-

rors are more cut and dried than infield plays — was the outfielder in good position to make the play without potential interference from the wall? In that sense a player's athletic ability can work against him. If a fast outfielder gets to a ball a slower fielder might not have — and the fast outfielder bobbles it — he still can get charged with an error.

The scorers won't be checking Statcast data to see if the fielder should have made it over there, nor do they care as much about exit velocity on fly balls.

Similarly, a ball that falls won't be labeled an error if the catch probability was high but the outfielder was too slow to make it in time.

"And you don't know when the sun (was in) eyes, or when he turned did a bug fly in his mouth?" said Bill Matthews, an official scorer for the Rays. Matthews coaches other scorers to evaluate what is and isn't an error and is against Statcast use in the profession.

"These are things that we don't have an algorithm for," he said. "Rather than try to create an algorithm that covers everything with catch probability, just score the play."

This is where using errors as an evaluation for defensive players becomes problematic in the analytics community. An infielder or outfielder can't make an error on a ball he can't reach because he's too slow. If he is more athletic and gets to more balls, he will have more chances to make errors.

Statcast and advanced data will be able to provide those answers, but official scorers likely won't. The error still has a place in the game, even if it doesn't mean what it once did.

Key reversal

Nate Jones, the White Sox pitcher on Dozier's grounder, disagreed with Thornley that it was a hit.

If Sanchez had made the play, the White Sox would have had three outs in the inning. But Jones allowed four runs after Dozier reached, and because of Thornley's ruling, all the runs were earned.

Jones challenged Thornley's decision to Major League Baseball in an attempt to make those runs unearned and lower his ERA, which stood at 4.01. Thornley said he did not cite the exit velocity of the ground ball in his defense of the call.

Jones lucked out. After reviewing the play, MLB decided to assess an error on Sanchez — on his throw, not on the bobble — meaning Jones' runs that inning went from earned to unearned. His ERA plummeted to 2.55, and that's why official scoring and errors, flawed as they may be, still matter. They matter a great deal to pitchers when their ERAs still influence arbitration proceedings and contract negotiations, even with myriad advanced stats available today that diminish the ERA's power.

"I don't know if ERA is quite as important, but sometimes it's still important and it still gets people accolades," Twins starter Jake Odorizzi said.

Thornley said he has had only a handful of calls overturned in his 11 years on the job, and at least MLB still agreed with him that the ball was hit too hard to require a clean catch.

He might not have used the exit velocity on Dozier's hit to make his call, but Statcast might have been working in the back of his mind, influencing his eyes.

"If anything, it helps me to understand the difficulty (in the field) a little bit more," Thornley said. "It maybe is causing me to call a few more hits than back when I was sitting in the armchair thinking, 'Oh, that idiot called that a hit? What's with that?' I've seen a little bit of the difficulty that there is."

Thornley imagines there will be a day when every aspect of a play is available in real time — how Statcast might quantify the time of a bobble on a ground ball, how long it takes the fielder to go from catching the ball to throwing it and how it all affects the play. As Statcast advances, so will its relation to official scoring.

But as long as the error is around, the official scorer will need to make calls. Their tools just might include more than their eyes.

"These guys are individuals out there," Trainor said. "The 'droids aren't out there doing the games yet."

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NFL

Taken to a higher degree

Some NFL players completing college work in offseason

By JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — When Bruce Irvin got a multimillion-dollar signing bonus after being a first-round NFL draft pick in 2012, the idea of getting his college degree was the last thing on his mind.

A former high school dropout who spent time in jail and dealing drugs while growing up in Atlanta, Irvin later decided to set a better example for his 5-year-old son, Brayden, and show that he is more than just a professional athlete.

"When kids come up to him, they can say that his dad was a good football player and he can stop them and say he was a good football player, but he also got his associate's degree (and) got his bachelor's degree," Irvin said. "He wasn't only a football player; he put education up there right along with his job."

"It was bigger than me. It was for my son and his kids and generations after me."

From the troublesome childhood that he detailed last year in a Player's Tribune article titled "The Things I've Done," Irvin has developed into a leader on the Raiders and in the community, earning a nomination for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award.

He will have made more than \$36 million playing football by the end of this season, winning one Super Bowl during his four years with the Seahawks and earning plenty of other accolades. But walking on stage in May to get his degree goes right near the top of his accomplishments.

"The odds were stacked against me to get my bachelor's degree," Irvin said. "It was a surreal moment. I put it up there with the Super Bowl, neck and neck, (though the) Super Bowl probably would have been better if we'd won two in a row."

"It was a great moment, not only for me but for my son and my family. I'm glad I got to experience it."

Irvin was one of several NFL players who earned college degrees this offseason, taking advantage of a program negotiated in the collective bargaining agreement that provides tuition reimbursement for players seeking to continue their education. Players can earn up to \$60,000 in tuition reimbursement based on their



BRIAN PERSINGER/AP

Raiders defensive end Bruce Irvin receives his college degree in May, six years after he was in the NFL draft.



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Irvin called his college graduation in May "a surreal moment ... up there with the Super Bowl, neck and neck."

time in the league.

Arthur McAfee, the senior vice president of NFL Player Engagement, said about two dozen players each year earn their degrees through the program. He added that the increased time off under the current collective bargaining agreement has made the process easier for players interested in getting their degrees.

"We try to find the appropriate balance between the players having (an) opportunity to go back as well as manage their offseason schedule," McAfee said. "The current format of the offseason schedule provides us with ample

opportunity for players to find that time to work toward their degree."

The most high-profile case this offseason was Chiefs guard Laurent Duvernay-Tardif.

The Canadian-born Duvernay-Tardif became the first active NFL player to get his medical degree when he earned his from McGill University in Montreal just over a year after signing a five-year, \$41.25 million contract.

"When I got drafted in 2014, it was a promise I made to myself that I was going to keep pushing to combine my two passions at the highest level and show people it



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Irvin joined the Raiders in March 2016 after spending four years with the Seahawks.

was possible," he said.

Duvernay-Tardif, a sixth-round pick in 2014, did most of his graduate work in the offseason, taking advantage of the increased time off for players provided in the current CBA. He did take one orthopedic exam during a bye week in 2015, spending a flight back from London studying while his teammates celebrated.

While some teams were wary of his desire to become a doctor, Duvernay-Tardif said Chiefs coach Andy Reid has always been extremely supportive.

"Coach Reid it was the total

opposite," Duvernay-Tardif said. "It was like, 'If you're here and you still have medicine as a plan B, it's because you really love to play football and I'm going to help you to the best of my ability.' That's what he's been doing for the past four years."

"Every season during our exit meeting he's been asking me, 'What's next for you, doc?' and we've been talking about different clinical rotations and stuff. And his mother actually went to McGill University and was one of the first women to graduate in medicine, so there was a little bit of a connection."

"I really think that he helped me through the process. I don't think it would have been possible if it was not for him."

The Raiders have also been extremely supportive of players pursuing their degrees.

In addition to Irvin, star receiver Amari Cooper (Alabama), starting right guard Gabe Jackson (Mississippi State) and backup tackle Jylan Ware (Alabama State) graduated this offseason thanks to the tuition assistance and guidance from the team.

Annelie Schmittel, who works on the Raiders' player-engagement staff, has been heavily involved in helping the players do what they need to graduate and even went to West Virginia for Irvin's ceremony. Schmittel hopes the recent graduates are able to serve as role models for young players who are just entering the league.

"That's something no one can take away from them," she said. "It's great having guys (such as) Amari, Bruce (and) Gabe, starters on this team, veterans who have played in this league a long time and don't really need a degree but wanted to go back and finish what they started. That's incredible to see because we're seeing the hard work they put in."

"It's a really proud moment. We're really involved in it because it's such a huge accomplishment for us."

Several other players also have gotten their degrees this offseason, including Jets linebacker Jordan Jenkins, who got a degree in business administration from Georgia, and Titans running back Derrick Henry, who graduated from Alabama. Henry's degree kept a promise he made to his late grandmother, whom he honored in an article for the Players' Tribune.

"Graduating is something that I've wanted to do for myself but also for you," he wrote. "I always wanted you to be proud of me, and I know that you are."

NHL

Free agency extends beyond highly-sought Tavares

Other talent available that can give a boost to contending teams

By STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

NHL teams seeking a center are in luck, especially the ones that can get an audience with John Tavares.

It's no secret Tavares is where free agency begins. The 27-year-old superstar and his representatives have already met with the Maple Leafs, Bruins and Sharks and were set to speak with the Stars and Lightning on Wednesday.

"We've had a discussion on that front," Bruins general manager Don Sweeney said Saturday at the NHL draft. "I think that's still a bit to be determined."

As the No. 1 pending free agent, Tavares not only gets to hand out his rose like hockey's version of "The Bachelor," he can set the tone for the rest of the players available. Only the Islanders can offer an eight-year contract — unless they execute a sign-and-trade to recoup some value — and he could very well become the league's second-highest-paid player behind Oilers captain Connor McDavid, who makes an average of \$12.5 million a season.

"I think that (at)91Tavares should join the Sharks!" Sharks captain Joe Pavelski's grandmother, Mary Ann, tweeted.

As soon as Tavares decides whether to stay with the Islanders or sign elsewhere, the movement will begin.

Paul Stastny should be the next-best center available after putting up 15 points in 17 playoff games

with the Jets. Another 32-year-old, the Leafs' Tyler Bozak, could be a fallback plan for teams that don't sign Tavares, and the Sabres will continue to get calls about two-way star Ryan O'Reilly as the push from contenders to add talent heats up.

The Sharks are right in the middle of a lot of those conversations. Owner Hasso Plattner, GM Doug Wilson and coach Peter DeBoer made their pitch to Tavares at Creative Artists Agency's Los Angeles office Tuesday.

"We explore everything, every opportunity," Wilson said Saturday after Ilya Kovalchuk chose to sign with the Kings.

"It's a good thing that I think players look at our place as a place they want to consider to play."

The Lightning, who re-signed J.T. Miller to a five-year, \$26.25 million deal, provide an attractive destination for Tavares and others after reaching the Eastern Conference finals with a young core, but the team's salary-cap space is tight.

"We would have to make room if we brought in a significant salary," GM Steve Yzerman said.

The Stars could soon agree with center Tyler Seguin on a long-term contract, but they have much more free cap space than the Lightning to use this summer. Expect GM Jim Nill to be active.

"We'll be getting a lot of calls from players," Nill said. "It's exciting just to see what's out there."

Tavares' hometown Leafs are the most intriguing destination because they're a playoff team with a Stanley Cup-winning coach in Mike Babcock and young talent everywhere, from forwards Auston Matthews, Mitch Marner and William Nylander to defenseman



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Islanders center John Tavares is the NHL's most coveted free agent. He has met with three teams already and plans on visiting others.

Morgan Rielly. They also have almost \$25 million in salary-cap space, and GM Kyle Dubas hopes the Leafs can add a substantial player in free agency.

"We'll try to figure that out if the opportunity presents itself," Dubas said. "We're confident right now with our cap situation that we can do whatever we want to do at this point."

"Nothing is going to stop us or hold us back. That's how we'll proceed through the summer."

Here are some things to watch in free agency beyond Tavares:

Winging it with JVR: Only two unrestricted free agents scored 30 goals this past season: Tavares and Leafs left wing James van

Riemsdyk, who had 36 after recording a career-high 62 points in 2016-17. Teams don't ordinarily let a 6-foot-3, 217-pounder such as van Riemsdyk get to July 1, but the Leafs are in on Tavares, will need to give Nylander a raise as a restricted free agent and can talk extensions for Matthews and Marner this summer.

With that in mind, van Riemsdyk could easily get a maximum-length, seven-year deal in free agency — perhaps from the Rangers or the nearby Islanders or Devils. New Jersey trade acquisition Patrick Maroon and veteran Rick Nash also fit the bill for teams looking for big forwards who can fill the net.

"We've had great communica-

tion with Rick and his representatives," Sweeney said of Nash, whom the Bruins traded for in February. "(It's) in his court to initiate whatever talks he wants (about) wherever he wants to go. I think he strongly indicated that Boston is a place he would consider, as would we."

Flawed goaltenders: The crop of available puck-stoppers has a shortage of sure-thing starters. Veterans Jaroslav Halak, Kari Lehtonen and Cam Ward have done it before but may be at the stage of their careers that they'll have to split time.

Late-blooming 32-year-old Carter Hutton hasn't been a No. 1 in the NHL but looks to have that potential after his .931 save percentage last season was the best among goalies who appeared in at least 20 games.

Teams could also take a shot at two goalies who were not tendered contract offers as restricted free agents and are now open to sign anywhere: Robin Lehner and Petr Mrazek.

Depth defensemen: After John Carlson, who re-signed with the Stanley Cup champion Capitals at \$64 million over eight years, there's a significant drop-off to the rest of the available defensemen. And there are not many out there who are particularly productive offensively.

Carlson's former Capitals teammate Mike Green showed in Detroit he could still run a power-play unit at 32 and can be valuable on the right side, 29-year-old Ian Cole is a shutdown defender and 31-year-old Jack Johnson could benefit from a change of scenery after parts of seven seasons in Columbus.

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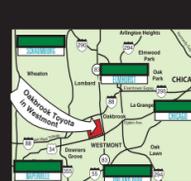
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TEST DRIVE



2018 Lexus LS

By Christian Wardlaw, New York Daily News

True luxury is defined by quality, comfort, and simplicity. Lexus, as I determined during a wine-tasting road trip to Napa Valley, California, gets two out of the three elements right with the redesigned 2018 Lexus LS.

Slipping into the optional 28-way power adjustable, heated and ventilated, massaging, and semi-aniline leather-dipped front seats is easy, thanks to an available air suspension that raises the car for easier entry and exit. The strangely undersized floor mat, however, gets caught on the edge of my right foot as I adjust to use the accelerator pedal, forcing me to reach down and flatten it to the floor.

Pushing the engine start button, the LS 500h model's 354-horsepower gas-electric hybrid drivetrain activates yet is silent, defaulting to EV mode whenever possible. For nearly the next hour, I go through the car's various menus and settings, choosing the ones that will be most satisfactory. Yes, I needed the owner's manual. Especially the 316-page tome explaining the infotainment system.

Next, with my overnight bag stowed in the huge back seat rather than the somewhat small 15.2 cubic foot trunk, I activate the voice recognition system. It works fine when selecting my first destination, as though it knows owners of an \$80,505 (\$104,540 as tested) flagship luxury sedan might head for a golf resort in California wine country. During the rest of the week, voice destination programming was less successful.

Leaving the northwestern suburbs of Los Angeles, the navigation system says it will take an extra 14 minutes if I choose the more scenic route up California 101. But that is based on current, rather than future, traffic conditions. No thanks. I'll stick to Interstate 5 north, on which cruising speeds are, evidently, now 90 mph.

With massage activated, and with down-tempo house music playing over the optional 23-speaker Mark Levinson Reference surround sound system and in Comfort driving mode, the LS wafts up I-5 with the cruise set to 80 mph, a crawl compared to other traffic except for the semi-trucks. Sharper bumps and holes in the pavement are louder and more unsettling than expected, and the 245/45R20 Bridgestone Turanza tires rumble more than is preferable over rougher patches of the freeway. Bug splat spray collects on the side windows after the insects meet their demise on the opposite sides of the pedestal mirrors.

Quality permeates the loaded test car's cabin, though the "Odo Trip" button tucked behind the slender left paddle shifter looks suspiciously like a component from a Toyota Corolla, and on certain tracks with deep bass I detect a bit of unintended sizzle from one of the car's 23 speakers.

Artifice is present, too. Lexus evidently pipes different mechanical music to the cabin, depending on the driving mode you've selected, attempting to make the LS 500h's 3.5-liter V6 engine aurally evident as appropriate. Between this simulated symphony, the "multi-stage hybrid" transmission (a CVT with a 4-speed automatic gear set) that is designed to sound and feel like a 10-speed automatic, and occasional unwanted braking and steering intrusions by what I assume is a Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management (VDIM) safety-net system, I can't shake the sense that the car's driving experience is helicopter-parented by software.

As I close in on my destination, late afternoon traffic begins to choke the freeways on the outskirts of greater San Francisco, and I learn that the LS 500h's regenerative braking system is unpredictably grabby. I do not believe that the adaptive cruise control technology would have solved for this, as it had regularly exhibited inconsistent braking and a lack of refinement during the trip up the spine of the state.

The navigation system provides regular updates regarding my ETA, giving me a sense of whether or not I will arrive by a planned dinner engagement. When it offers to re-route me to avoid traffic, I hesitate and then accept. I'm instructed to take the next exit. Just as I guide the LS onto the ramp, the navigation genie changes her mind, telling me to stay on the freeway. Too late. Now I need to find my way back onto the route, having lost precious time.

Back on I-680 north, the navigation genie again suggests that I take the next exit to avoid traffic. I know better than to listen. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

But I do need gas, so I request via the

voice recognition system directions to the nearest gas station. Choices are shown on the display screen, and I select a Chevron for its Techron, whatever that is. By the time I jump through all of the hoops necessary to program it as my destination, I'm passing the exit I need. Crap. So the search begins again, and instead of adding the station as a stop on my planned route, I just request a direct trip to the next Chevron.

After filling the tank with premium unleaded, I re-program my Napa hotel into the system. Thankfully, this seems to cure the navigation genie's desire to suggest exiting I-680 to avoid traffic, not that I would trust her anyway. The navigation genie also surprises me by routing me over a toll bridge with a \$5 ask. I guess I missed the "No toll roads" selection while futzing with the LS 500h's myriad menus and settings.

The resort has a lengthy, narrow drive leading to the front steps and porch of "The Mansion." Valet is overwhelmed. Vehicles clog the drive. Despite its flagship sedan dimensions, however, the LS slips through, the throngs gathered out front taking note of the car's huge grille and its mind-bending mesh insert. I self-park, and the Lexus sits for the next 36 hours.

Fortified with a large, iced caramel macchiato and a protein smoothie, I depart for home shortly after sunrise. But first, I drive deeper into Napa Valley on the quiet 2-lane roads traversing the region's endless vineyards.

I've selected the Sport driving mode, which quickens the LS 500h's pulse and stiffens up the car's steering and suspension. That's nice. But the engine note is louder, and I don't find it terribly pleasant.

Heading north on Silverado Trail, I'm curious to see what my options are for cutting across the mountains and getting on the 101 freeway north of Santa Rosa. But when I zoom the navigation map out, the secondary roads disappear, and it is not intuitively apparent to me how I can scroll the map display while zoomed in close enough to see the necessary detail. With a touchscreen display, this is smartphone-easy to execute. With RTI, not so much.

Instead, I turn around and return whence I came, driving past the resort for home, which is 6.5 hours away.

By the time I get back to my L.A. suburb, I've piled almost 1,000 miles on the new Lexus LS 500h. The all-wheel-drive test car averaged 25.1 mpg, not far off the 26 mpg EPA rating in combined driving. Normally, that would be satisfying, but the majority of the miles driven were on the highway, so it ranks as a disappointment.

Unquestionably, the new LS is far more stylish than the car it replaces, inside and out. Many of the exterior cues are familiar, though, reducing their visual impact. People know this is a Lexus. And a fancy one, at that. But from its dramatic grille to its tapered taillights, you can't help but think you've seen this car before.

My kids sure thought it was cool, though. My wife liked the interior, which is definitely different from any other Lexus let alone any other car, though she voiced many of the same complaints I had with the RTI and infotainment system. And my tech-avoider dad commented on how comfortable it was, from the seats to the ride quality, while simultaneously saying he could never own a vehicle this complex.

Though a long road trip is a telling test of any automobile, I wanted to see how the new LS would perform on my standard testing loop. In the city-driving portion, it achieved 21.6 mpg. Overall, it mustered no better than 20.3 mpg. That's a far cry from the EPA's estimate of 26 mpg in combined driving.

This Lexus can hustle. If you leave the transmission to its own devices the Sport+ driving mode transforms the LS into a decent sport sedan.

Acceleration to 60 mph takes 5.2 seconds according to Lexus, and it's a shame the car doesn't sound and feel better when you mat the go pedal, because it is satisfyingly quick. Handling is secure, too, and the steering benefits from added weighting. The brakes suffered no fade while under duress, but the mid-50s temperatures were unseasonably cool.

Rain pours from the sky as I closed in on home. Water ponds on local freeways. Drainage channels in my neighborhood flow like raging rivers. Thanks to its full-time all-wheel-drive system, though, my test car takes the inclement weather in stride.

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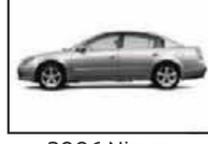
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ACROSS

- crush on; is infatuated by
- Where dandruff forms
- Overly proper
- Hardly ___; seldom
- Mid-afternoon
- Costa ___
- Easter flower
- Think better of
- Presidential monogram
- Actress Remini
- Pays attention to
- Sleazebag
- Methane or ethane
- Inventor's paper creature
- Slow-moving
- Assumed name
- Weight revealer
- O'Neill & Begley
- Clumsy person
- Writing pen of old
- Manufactured
- Relatives
- Leader
- Bulgaria's capital
- de corps; camaraderie
- Prepares spuds
- Van Winkle of fiction
- Cattle snarer

DOWN

- on to; kept
- Passionate
- Choices
- Suffix for station or custom
- "Sesame ___"
- Low-priced
- Part of the foot
- Name for 13 popes
- Paper Mate product
- Man of the cloth
- Carousel or Ferris wheel
- Like cinnamon rolls, usually
- Second-smallest planet
- Be generous
- Part of the eye
- Peruse

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25 Seabird
26 Prepare for a trip
27 Jane Curtin role
28 Saga
29 Jumping insect
30 Albert or Fisher
32 Hearts, for one hero
33 El ___; Spanish
35 Caribbean and Black
37 Witty remark
38 Velvety green ground cover
40 Prepare beans for coffee
41 Be impudent

43 Pieces of indisputable evidence
44 Infuriate
46 Cyclist
47 Top file drawer, perhaps
48 Drama
49 Actor's part
50 Melody
52 Hilarious person
53 Hotels
55 Greedy person
56 "___ Father, Who art in heaven..."
57 "___ Lazy River"

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