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Trump: 'I don't expect anything'

Russia summit could backfire, leave U.S. at disadvantage, some say

BY ELI STOKOLS AND LAURA KING
Washington Bureau

HELSINKI — On the eve of his first formal summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin, President Donald Trump on Sunday described the European Union as a trading "foe," further unnerving some of America's closest partners after disruptive visits to NATO headquarters and Britain.

Trump has not said what he hopes to gain from four hours of scheduled talks — including 90 minutes one-on-one without any note-takers or aides — with Russia's strongman early Monday in Finland's main presidential palace.

"I don't expect anything," he told the "CBS Evening News" shortly before he left Scotland for Helsinki. "I frankly don't expect — I go in with very low expectations."

Many foreign policy experts have similar expectations. But they worry that Trump's lack of preparations, his disparagement of U.S. allies in Europe, and his oft-expressed hopes of building a personal friendship with Putin could backfire, leaving Washington and its allies at a disadvantage on a host of security concerns.

Trump said he might press Putin to hand over a dozen Russian military intelligence officers who were charged in a detailed federal indictment Friday with interfering in the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign, adding that he "hadn't thought about" it. The U.S. has no extradition treaty with Moscow.

"Certainly, I'll be asking about it," Trump said. "But again, this was during the Obama adminis-

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Protesters march Sunday near the scene where Harith Augustus, 37, was fatally shot the previous evening by a Chicago police officer.

CPD releases video footage of fatal shooting by officer

Move comes less than 24 hours after incident sparked protests

BY WILLIAM LEE, JEREMY GORNER AND MORGAN GREENE | Chicago Tribune

Chicago police on Sunday released a snippet of video of a fatal police shooting less than a day after it sparked violent clashes between officers and protesters on the South Side.

The footage, taken from an officer's body-worn camera, appears to show Harith Augustus, 37, a barber, break away from officers and move his hand toward his waistband. He was shot dead in the street by police.

The video, however, runs less than a minute and does not include sound, so it is unclear what exchanges occurred between Augustus and officers in the seconds before the shooting.



Officers at the scene of the shooting Saturday in the South Shore neighborhood.

At a news conference Sunday afternoon at police headquarters, Superintendent Eddie Johnson said he released the video so swiftly in hopes of avoiding a repeat of violent clashes Saturday night between baton-wielding officers and protesters, some of whom lobbed

bottles at officers, in the South Shore neighborhood where the shooting took place.

"In this particular instance after seeing what transpired last night, I have an obligation to this city, to the community and to these police officers to make sure this city is safe and calm," Johnson told reporters. "And last night after what I saw on video, you know, bottles being thrown, urine being thrown at the police officers, we can't have another night like that."

Johnson said the investigation into the shooting remained open, with "tons" of other video still being reviewed.

Chief police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said a probationary officer with less than two years on the job fatally shot Augustus in the 2000 block of East 71st Street near the barbershop where he worked. The Chicago Fraternal Order of Police contract

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New rail, road projects to unsnarl South Side tracks



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

Six sets of railroad tracks cross each other at 75th Street near Western Avenue, surrounded by trees and Queen Anne's lace.

The site looks innocent, almost pastoral. It does not look like what it is — one of the nastiest trouble spots in the nation's entire railroad system.

"It's a major chokepoint for Metra," said Bruce Marcheschi, chief engineering officer for the commuter railroad.

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intersection for interstates.

To untangle the knot, railroad and government officials plan to build a flyover bridge so CSX tracks can go up and over the other set of tracks. The bridge also will carry trains over 71st Street, eliminating an at-grade crossing and cutting delays for motor vehicle traffic.

The flyover is part of a publicly and privately funded plan to ease street and rail congestion on the South Side, to be built over the next 4½ years, with construction starting this spring. The 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project, with an estimated cost of \$474 million, will include the flyover and track and signal improvements to allow for increased train speeds. A smaller, complementary project, estimated at \$65 million and funded with federal, state and city money, will allow trains to

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New gun bills await signature of Gov. Rauner

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Impact on gun control could come rapidly

Although the fight over Brett Kavanaugh's nomination has mostly focused on abortion and health care, President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee could have a rapid impact on the national debate over gun control. **Nation & World**, Page 10

Lightning stuns family: 'You don't see it coming'

Strike at Grant Park after Fourth fireworks was harrowing ordeal

BY PAIGE FRY
Chicago Tribune

Sandra Valencia Brongel lit a Marlboro Menthol as people around her scrambled for cover from the rain and lightning that provided the finale to Chicago's downtown Fourth of July fireworks.

She and her family had sought the shelter of a tree for the moment. Protect her 1-year-old grandson from the downpour and the chaos around them, she thought. He was prone to sickness anyway, and already has had pneumonia.

They were under the tree for maybe 15 minutes. She stood almost touching shoulders with her 20-year-old son Eric as the baby sat in his stroller near her

son's girlfriend and his sister.

Then darkness. Brongel said she woke up flat on her back, her cigarette out and people screaming around her. She had lost feeling in her feet and the right side of her face drooped, as if she had had a stroke. She apparently had been hit by lightning drawn by the tree.

"We didn't even know what happened," she said. "I couldn't walk. My feet were definitely paralyzed and my face was drooping. ... I felt like I was sunburned on my arm."

A week later, Brongel said she and her family are generally OK, although she still is feeling some symptoms.

At least three other people were either hit or had close calls with lightning in Illinois that night. Farther north along the lakefront about half an hour

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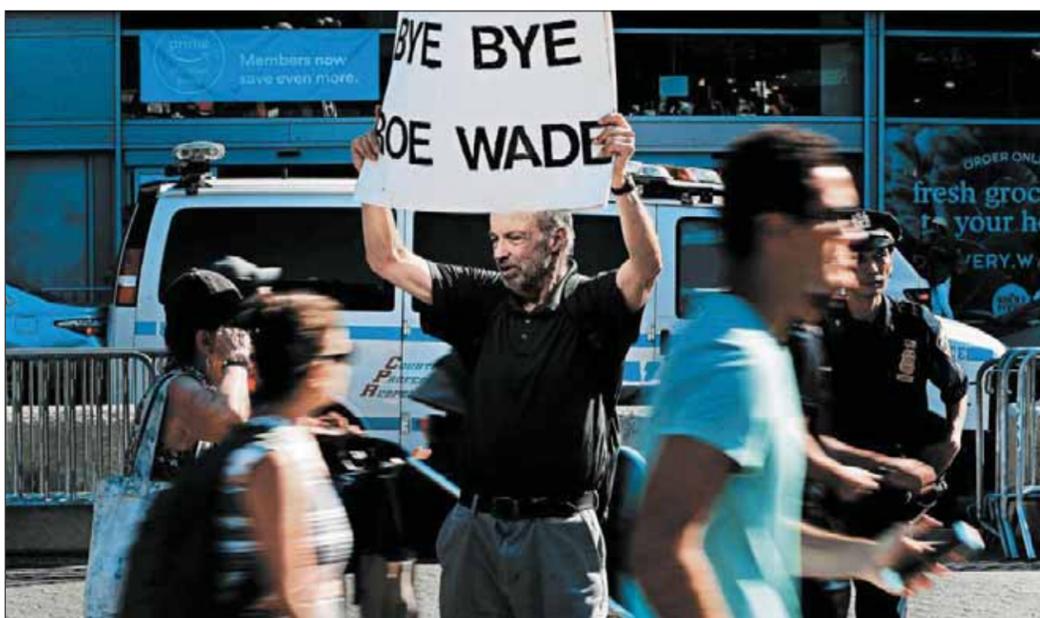
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A counterprotester's sign references Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade at a pro-abortion rights rally last week in New York.

Think about summer of '68 as you watch progress evaporate



RON GROSSMAN

From the perspective of Chicago's streets, the old guard seemed on the run in the summer of 1968. My students were dashing off to anti-war protests, and in the face of rallies and marches against the Vietnam War, President Lyndon Johnson had thrown in the towel, announcing he wouldn't run for re-election.

Now, in the summer of 2018, it feels like I'm watching 50 years of news-reel footage being run backward through a movie projector as the progress of half a century is undone.

Back then, the Democratic Party met in Chicago to pick its presidential candidate, and the police collided with young demonstrators in what a federal government report dubbed "a police riot." The cops' batons struck enough middle-class bystanders that my Lincoln Park neighbors would compare notes, saying: "When were you radicalized?"

At Lake Forest College, students founded a chapter of Students for a Democratic Society and chose me as their faculty sponsor. SDS was a radical group, and the college drew students from upper-class Republican families. So it seemed that Bob Dylan had prophetically proclaimed: "The times they are a-changing."

And they were, though Richard Nixon won the presidency that fall. He was a fiercely anti-communist crusader, so I was pleasantly shocked when he ended the war with communist North Vietnam. Ditto when he didn't undo Johnson's social-welfare programs — like Medicare, Medicaid and Head Start — that gave conservatives sputtering fits.

His deeds, if not his words, showed that liberalism had become the new norm.

After that, though politicians might waver, the Supreme Court remained faithful to the philosophy of the '60s "flower children": The less fortunate and those suffering discrimination

deserve a helping hand; each of us gets to choose the path we want to follow.

In 1967, the Supreme Court — on behalf of an aptly named interracial couple, the Lovings — struck down laws prohibiting marriages between blacks and whites. In 1973, the court legalized abortion, saying a woman has the right to decide whether to have a child.

In 2003, when the court nixed laws criminalizing gay sex, Republican Party leaders quietly rejoiced at being relieved of a dicey issue. President George W. Bush had proclaimed himself a "compassionate conservative."

But recently, states have chipped away at Roe v. Wade, trying to put restrictions on abortion. Environmental, consumer protection and workplace safety regulations are being rolled back. Republicans have labored mightily to kill Obamacare. Hate groups are on the uptick. Civility is endangered.

President Donald Trump called African nations "shithole countries" and said Puerto Ricans want "things to be done for them" after a devastating hurricane. He wants to deport immigrants suspected of being here illegally — the U.S. Constitution be damned — with "no judges or court cases."

Europe is witnessing a parallel reaction against progressive policies, and I suspect the common denominator is that liberalism is a victim of its own success. Instead of asking what people need, elected officials began telling them what was good for them.

European Union bureaucrats decreed that British farmers had to equip pigpens with toys for the animals to play with. The Obama administration ordered public schools to give transgender students access to the bathroom of their choice.

Over there as well as here, immigration has become a wedge issue. Waves of refugees from poverty and violence washed across Europe, and politicians harvested voters' resentment of the European Union's open-borders policy. Shortly after that policy was established, I got an eerie feeling while crossing the Rhine

River. I used to lecture my history classes about the bloodshed of French and German armies fighting over that border. But there it was with nary a soldier guarding either bank.

Since then, in Europe the concept of free and open borders between nations has gone from a lofty ideal to a political albatross. So, too, I fear, has the shared pride Americans once took in our history as a nation of immigrants.

My mind tells me that, even as my heart asks: "Can it truly be?"

The government is currently using DNA tests in an effort to reunite children and parents separated during the administration's draconian crackdown on immigrants at the border. Didn't anyone think to keep records of which children belonged to which adults? Having thundered against "unaccompanied minors" crossing our borders, the government was creating more.

As I watch the progress of half a century being undone, I wonder how far back this regression is going to go. My thoughts go to an image even older than 1968, and it, too, involves immigrants.

My maternal grandfather was an "unaccompanied minor" in a different time. To free him from the violent anti-Semitism of czarist Russia, his mother persuaded a villager immigrating to the U.S. to get her son through Ellis Island. From there, he was on his own.

So among the mothers and children of today — separated just so the president can look like a tough guy — my mind's eye spots my great-grandmother saying goodbye to a son she'd never see again, because of love for him.

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Measures aim to prevent gun violence

1 allowing seizures if court sees threat set for Rauner OK

By **ROBERT MCCOPPIN**
Chicago Tribune

A proposal to let police in Illinois take away guns from those judged in court to pose a threat is expected to be signed into law Monday, its chief sponsor said.

The so-called red flag bill would allow family members or police to seek an order of protection to confiscate guns from those deemed “an immediate and present danger” to themselves or others.

The Firearms Restraining Order Act is among two proposals awaiting Gov. Bruce Rauner’s signature that attempt to take tools traditionally used against domestic violence and apply them to prevent gun violence. Another measure would allow schools, houses of worship and workplaces, rather than just individuals, to petition a judge for a no-contact order against someone viewed as a threat.

Lawmakers approved the measures largely in response to recent mass shootings at a high school in Parkland, Fla., and at the Capital Gazette newspaper office in Annapolis, Md.

The red flag initiative, similar to measures passed recently in several other states, was backed by the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence.

It would allow family members or police to ask a judge to temporarily remove firearms from someone who has displayed threatening or dangerous behavior.

“This is something we think will ultimately save lives,” Executive Director Colleen Daley said of the gun confiscation bill. She emphasized that the council negotiated with gun rights organizations, police and domestic violence groups to craft legislation that would be met with wide acceptance.

State Rep. Kathleen Willis, a Democrat from Addison who sponsored the measure, sees it as a way to help prevent both mass shootings and suicides. She said the bill allows families



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State Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, spent four years working on passage of the Firearms Restraining Order Act.

to try to head off problems based on red flags of erratic behavior, before violence occurs. After four years of working on passing the bill, Willis said she was “thrilled” that the governor plans to sign it Monday.

Both pieces of legislation passed by large margins but have raised some concerns among gun rights advocates, lawyers and domestic violence activists as to how the measures will work in practice.

Gun rights lobbyists said there is a risk the laws could be used maliciously to take someone’s guns unfairly or damage their reputation. And domestic violence groups expressed fear that attempting to confiscate guns from someone who’s unstable might prompt a dangerous outburst by that person.

The sponsor of the no-contact order bill, state Rep. Barbara Wheeler, a Republican from Crystal Lake, said the idea came as a reaction to shootings at Parkland and Northern Illinois University and out of her participation in the governor’s working group on public safety.

The law would allow a representative of a school,

workplace or house of worship to seek a no-contact order to prohibit a person from entering the building if that person has exhibited threatening behavior.

Wheeler said she consulted a Lake County judge for suggestions on shootings that might be prevented by keeping dangerous people away from schools and other targeted sites. The measure got bipartisan support and passed unanimously in both chambers. Wheeler said the governor’s office indicated he would sign it in late July or early August.

The governor’s office has not commented on whether he will sign either bill, but Willis said Rauner will sign her bill Monday in Chicago.

Attorney Lori Levin described the no-contact order as “an interesting idea that may be necessary.” But she raised concern about whether restricting someone’s access to a place of worship could be challenged as a freedom of religion violation.

Using laws traditionally aimed at domestic violence can be problematic, warned Vickie Smith, executive director of the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Vi-

olence. Her group supports the new bill for no-contact orders, citing an example of business co-owners who she said are being stalked and harassed by a former employee. But the coalition has concerns about the new proposal for orders of protection.

Smith gave a hypothetical example of a mother who gets an order of protection to take guns away from her son because he’s doing drugs and acting irrationally. She said the concern is that when police try to confiscate his guns, he could lash out angrily, creating a potentially dangerous situation.

“I appreciate what they’re trying to do, but I don’t think an order of protection is the way to go about it,” Smith said. She suggested that other measures aimed at gun control would be more effective.

An order of protection cannot by itself prevent violence, she said, but when someone shows up at 3 a.m. threatening a victim at home, it depends on police and the justice system to enforce it. And victims must be aware of the enforcement of court orders ahead of time so they can protect

themselves, she said. The bill does contain a provision asking that police give advance notice to anyone in an “intimate” relationship with the subject of the order.

On the other side of the issue, the Illinois State Rifle Association initially opposed the new order of protection bill but negotiated limits on the proposal that allowed the group to drop its opposition.

Sponsors agreed to shorten the period of gun removal from one year to six months, to provide an avenue to appeal such orders and to allow prosecutors to lodge perjury charges against anyone making false accusations. To appease gun owners’ concerns that a false accusation could haunt them, the law also provides that if the petition to take the guns is denied, the court file will be expunged, and if the order is granted, it will be sealed after three years.

The hearing and order to do so may be done ex parte, or without notice to the person who is the subject of the hearing, but the subject can petition for a hearing within two weeks. The measure serves an impor-

tant goal to help to prevent suicide and has provisions to ensure due process, rifle association Executive Director Richard Pearson said, though he still worries it may be misused.

“I’m concerned that people will use this maliciously,” Pearson said. “You’ve got to be extraordinarily careful with these rights. You need a way for (those accused) to get out if they did nothing.”

Ultimately, the laws will fall on police to enforce. If a judge finds a person is a threat, the judge will issue a search warrant allowing police to seize the person’s firearms and firearm owner’s identification card.

Local police already have the right to ask the state to revoke firearm owners’ identification cards. This new proposed law would only suspend someone’s FOID card, and it would be automatically reinstated after six months unless the court finds grounds to renew the suspension.

In determining whether someone poses a danger, a judge may consider the following factors: unlawful or reckless use, display or brandishing of a firearm; history of use of force or threatened force; prior felony arrests; abuse of controlled substances or alcohol; a recent threat or act of violence; a violation of a domestic violence emergency order of protection; or a pattern of violent acts or threats.

The petitioner must prove by clear and convincing evidence that the person poses a danger to himself or herself or to someone else by having a firearm.

The person whose guns are taken may petition to give them to a friend with a firearm owner’s ID card. That person must swear not to give the firearms back without authorization.

The Illinois State Police declined to comment. In a report the agency issued about the proposed legislation, state police noted that if the new law causes a lot of FOID card suspensions, the agency may have to hire additional analysts for about \$100,000 a year each to process the paperwork.

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Heimlich family members take on Red Cross

They say agency’s guidelines to stop choking ineffective

By **ESE OLUMHENSE**
Chicago Tribune

You’re dining in a restaurant when someone at a table nearby starts choking. As they gasp for air — and help — a bystander rushes to their aid.

If the bystander in this dramatic scene were trained in first aid at the American Red Cross, then the choking victim could be in trouble, say Janet and Phil Heimlich, adult children of the late Dr. Henry Heimlich, whose namesake maneuver to help choking victims was developed in 1974.

Current Red Cross guidelines advise administering five blows to a conscious choking victim’s back with the heel of the hand, and then performing abdominal thrusts — the Heimlich maneuver. Heimlich, who said his technique saved thousands of lives, spent decades condemning the mixture of methods, arguing that the blows could actually drive an object lodged in someone’s windpipe deeper into the airway.

Heimlich, who died in

2016 at 96, also maintained that there wasn’t scientific evidence proving the back blows actually work. Citing this, and recent high-profile uses of the Heimlich maneuver, Janet and Phil Heimlich this month launched their “Hug, Don’t Hit” campaign to educate the public on the technique’s significance. The announcement is the latest development in a long-running disagreement between some members of the Heimlich family and the Red Cross.

“Kids as young as 5 and 6 years old have been able to perform the maneuver,” Phil Heimlich said. “It’s clear, there are like four basic steps, and that’s why rescuers of all ages have been able to perform it.”

The Red Cross said it hasn’t found evidence supporting the idea that the Heimlich alone is better at preventing choking — the fourth leading cause of accidental death in the country.

“This recommendation is based on reviews of scientific literature suggesting that back blows, abdominal thrusts and chest compressions are equally effective, and that using more than one method could be more effective in helping to dis-



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The late Dr. Henry Heimlich developed his namesake maneuver in 1974.

lodge an object when a person is choking,” Don Lauritzen, a spokesman at the organization’s national headquarters, said in a statement. “To be clear, the Red Cross doesn’t discount the use of abdominal thrusts — but we have found no scientific evidence stating that this one technique is more effective than the others.”

Between 1986 and 2006, the Red Cross recommended the Heimlich maneuver to assist choking victims. But in 2006, it began advising the combined back blow and Heimlich maneuver approach it does today. The year before, a consensus conference held by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation determined that chest thrusts, back blows and abdominal thrusts were all effective for relieving choking in conscious adults and children older than 1. Still, the committee could not decide which one of the tactics should be

used first.

At least one study, published in 1982, found “a back blow could transform the situation into one of complete blockage.” The study however, has been challenged: It was partially funded by a nonprofit organization Heimlich founded.

Other leading U.S. medical and first-aid groups, including the American Heart Association, the American College of Emergency Physicians and the National Safety Council, all advise people to use Heimlich-style abdominal thrusts only, but not for children under a year old.

Local doctors follow that protocol, too, and advise using the Heimlich in almost every instance of choking, given the narrow window one has to act.

“I’m an emergency physician,” said Dr. John Purakal, an emergency doctor at University of Chicago Medicine. “The Heimlich maneuver is the only thing we ever got formal training

in.”

Heimlich’s technique is also the only thing Dr. Maura McKay, medical director at the Northwestern care center at Central DuPage Hospital, was trained in as well, during basic life support certification courses many doctors take through the American Heart Association.

“The only time you do back slaps is in an infant,” McKay said. “But never for adults.”

Most Americans who aren’t medical professionals have been able to easily save lives by using the Heimlich in emergency situations, said Janet and Phil Heimlich.

“The Heimlich maneuver is what most people use,” said Janet Heimlich, adding that she’s set online alerts to notify her of reported uses of the technique.

“It’s just part of our culture,” she said.

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CVS issues apology to black customer

White manager in Chicago store calls cops over coupon

Associated Press

CVS Health has apologized after a black customer said white store managers in Chicago accused her of trying to use a phony coupon.

Camilla Hudson posted cellphone video of one of the managers appearing nervous. Morry Matson’s left hand shakes as he calls police around 11:30 p.m. Friday.

The 53-year-old Hudson said another manager directly challenged her when she tried to use a manufacturer’s coupon for a free product. She told The Associated Press that he was “hostile.”

The Facebook video shows Matson talking to police on the phone. No action was taken when officers arrived.

CVS apologized to Hudson. The company said that it doesn’t tolerate discrimination against customers and that it’s investigating the matter.

Matson is running for Chicago City Council and was a state delegate for Donald Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign.

Changes on way for rail chokepoints

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go above motor vehicle traffic at Columbus and Maplewood avenues in Chicago's Ashburn neighborhood, eliminating delays for 11,500 vehicles daily.

These fixes won't solve all the problems of Chicago's tangled rail network, which sees 1,300 passenger and freight trains daily. But the projects are a big piece of the puzzle, and the way they are getting funded is a model for how projects like this will get done in the future, as federal grants become more competitive, government officials said.

"It's about a new way of funding infrastructure," said Randy Blankenhorn, secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, speaking to reporters before a tour of rail infrastructure last week. "The old ways of funding, where we got a bunch of money from the federal government and the state and local government put in a little are over."

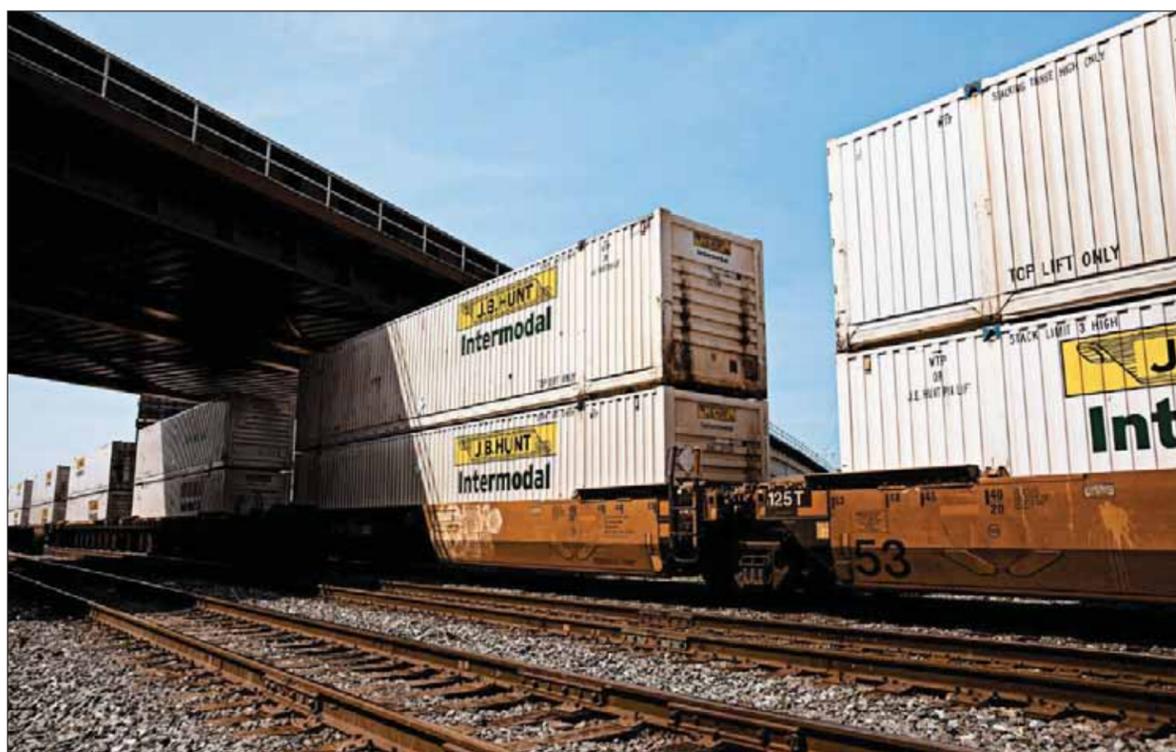
Last month, the federal government awarded \$132 million to help pay for the 75th Street project. That grant is being matched by \$111 million from IDOT, \$116 million from freight railroads (BNSF, CSX, Norfolk Southern, Canadian Pacific, Canadian National and Union Pacific), \$78 million from Cook County, \$23 million from Metra, \$9 million from the city of Chicago and \$5 million from Amtrak.

Besides the construction of the flyover and other improvements, the money will pay for the design of track changes east of Forest Hill Junction at the Belt Junction. This will eliminate another chokepoint, where five tracks narrow into two, and connect Metra's SouthWest Service to the Rock Island District line around 74th Street and Normal Avenue, allowing the service to terminate at the underused LaSalle Street station rather than at clogged Union Station, freeing capacity for both Metra and Amtrak.

There's no timeline for this second set of reforms, which are expected to cost an additional \$500 million. Blankenhorn said he is confident that the second phase also will get federal funds, but it will take the same kind of partnership and cooperation between governments and railroads as the first phase required.

Design will get done before the flyover is built, explained Bill Thompson, chief engineer for the Association of American Railroads, an industry trade group. CSX will use a bypass to be built on one side of the current tracks while the bridge is under construction.

The 75th Street project is part of the Chicago Region Environmental & Trans-



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The Englewood Flyover carries Metra trains over Norfolk Southern and Amtrak trains. A similar project is planned for Forest Hill Junction.

portation Efficiency Program, better known as CREATE, a \$4.4 billion plan launched in 2003 that involves 70 rail and highway infrastructure improvement projects. So far, \$2 billion has been spent or funded, and 29 projects finished, said Thompson. When complete, CREATE supporters say it will allow the region to handle up to 50,000 more freight trains annually by 2051, reduce congestion and pollution caused by idling train, car and truck traffic, and increase safety.

CREATE projects include the Englewood Flyover, completed in 2014, which carries Metra trains over Norfolk Southern and Amtrak trains on the South Side, saving rail commuters about 4 minutes per trip, Marcheschi said.

Another completed CREATE project runs 71st Street under the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad tracks in Bridgeview near Toyota Park. This project eliminated both motor vehicle and train delays and a pedestrian safety problem — which involved those attending concerts and soccer games crawling under and through stopped trains to get to their cars after events, said Bridgeview Mayor Steve Landek. The city of Chicago and the state also are studying a possible grade separation near Harlem Avenue at 63rd Street, to cut massive traffic backups south along Harlem. A grade separation separates motor vehicles from trains, by either building a bridge for trains over the road or running the road under the existing tracks.

CREATE projects, along with railroad

operational changes and privately funded infrastructure investments have cut the time it takes to get a freight train through Chicago from 48 hours to 24 hours in recent years, Thompson said. But the system still needs major changes, with rising pressure from shippers to get things where they're going.

"There's an absolute demand for on-time performance," Thompson said.

Why are there so many inefficiencies? One reason is that the system is old, with railroads being built in and out of Chicago starting in the early part of the 19th century. There are much longer trains now, with merged, consolidated railroads and different kinds of operations, said Jeff Srivier, director of transportation planning and programming for Chicago's Transportation Department.

"The railroads did not design this bottleneck into their systems, it sort of happened over time," Srivier said. He added, "We're basically modernizing the system to serve the way trains need it today, not the way they needed it 100 years ago."

Pets now allowed on Amtrak Midwest routes

In time for the dog days of summer, Amtrak customers traveling all around the Midwest can bring their small- to medium-sized pets on board trains.

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policy on Midwest trains following substantial completion of track improvements on that route, according to the passenger train service.

Amtrak already allowed pets on most Midwest trains, and on all trips of up to seven hours, but the new expansion that took effect in early July completes the pet-friendly policy for the states of Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri, explained Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari.

Rover cannot ride free — reservations are required and a surcharge of \$25, or 800 Amtrak Guest Reward points, is assessed for travel each way. Dogs or cats up to 20 pounds each are accepted in carriers that can be placed under the seat of each pet owner. For more information, see www.amtrak.com/pets.

Transportation song quiz

In our last quiz, the narrator was waiting on a boat dock for his girl. But rum got him in trouble. The song is "Havana Moon" by Chuck Berry. Phil Prale, of Lincolnwood, was first with the right answer.

This week's song explores a stereotype about the driving habits of older women with nice gardens. What's the song, and who recorded it first? The first person with the right answer gets a Tribune hat, and glory.

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Advanced Digital technology is used to eliminate a HUGE percentage of treatment failures. Every treatment at Joint Relief Institute is pin-pointed to the damaged area inside the knee. The doctors see the medication live as it goes to help the troubled joint.

doctors and surgeons who attempted these injections without using advanced imaging. Instead, they simply felt the knee with their fingers and BLINDLY delivered the replacement fluid.

The study revealed that these doctors missed the target most of the time . . . In fact, 30% of the time, they didn't even



Alternative to the knife for your knee pain? Non-Surgical treatment success rate soars after using new digital technology

place the treatment inside the joint. Yes THIRTY percent. It is not a typo.

Even after missing the target, they had no way of knowing they missed, because they are not SEEING it with advanced imaging.

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"We've had so many patients tell us they RECEIVED treatments like Synvisc or Orthovisc in the past, and it didn't work. So they were considering surgery, and some even had surgery scheduled. Luckily, we were able to save many of those people from the knife." Said Dr Mike Hana at the Joint Relief Institute.

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How does the treatment help relieve your joint pain...

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Here is what you need to do if you or a loved one is suffering with knee pain...

Call now for a free screening...

If you or a loved one is suffering with knee pain, this could be the blessed relief you're looking for. You are personally invited to a FREE knee pain screening from the Joint Relief Institute doctors to see if you are a good candidate for this all-natural, highly-precise treatment.

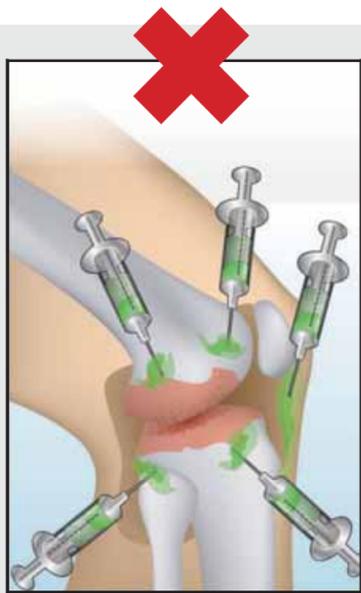
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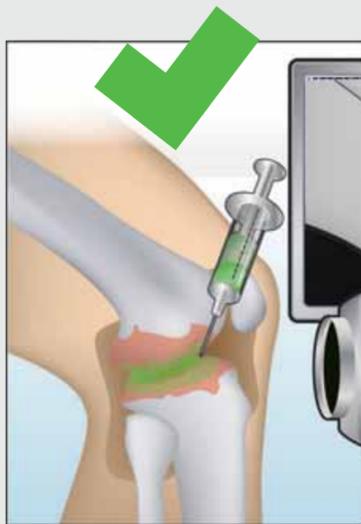
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Protests follow fatal shooting by police

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prohibits police from identifying the officer.

Court records show that Augustus had three minor arrests from more than a decade ago and that all three charges were eventually dropped by Cook County prosecutors.

By 6 p.m. Sunday, at least 200 people, many of them demonstrators, gathered at the Jeffery Plaza, decrying the shooting in spite of the release of the video by police. Activist William Calloway and the relatives of several men fatally shot by police in the past spoke out against police and Mayor Rahm Emanuel before the group marched north on Jeffery Boulevard.

A line of officers blocked the demonstrators from heading north of 67th Street near an entrance to Lake Shore Drive, turning them west and then south on Stony Island. Despite some angry shouting, including chants of “murderers,” the protest remained peaceful as of Sunday evening.

Making even part of the video evidence public in less than 24 hours marked the quickest the Police Department has moved to share images of a fatal police shooting since the city was forced by court order to release the video of the Laquan McDonald shooting in 2015, a year after the incident occurred. The black teen was shot 16 times by a white officer.

Before McDonald's fatal shooting, the city did not regularly release video of incidents at all.

In February 2016, the city's Police Accountability Task Force announced that audio and video recordings would be released within 60 days of a shooting or in-custody death. Law enforcement agencies can seek a 30-day delay in the release.

Video, audio and police reports are now regularly released on the website of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, which investigates all shootings by Chicago police officers.

The footage released Sunday from one officer on the scene shows three other officers approaching Augustus on Saturday evening.

One officer appears to take a nonaggressive position, pointing in the direction of Augustus' holstered gun while apparently talk-



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Protesters march in the South Shore neighborhood Sunday in the wake of the fatal shooting of Harith Augustus, a barber.

ing to him.

One of two officers who came up behind Augustus grabs his wrist. Augustus can be seen pulling away. It is then that a still image appears to show the gun in its holster on his waist. Augustus then runs away, spinning around off balance.

While the video appears to answer one question — that Augustus was armed — the decisions of the officers in how they approached him will no doubt be part of a COPA review that will likely take months. The Police Department also created a force review team that would look for potential policy or training issues to correct as a result of the shooting.

In a brief statement Sunday, COPA said a weapon had been recovered at the shooting scene.

Craig Futterman, a University of Chicago law professor and frequent critic of the Police Department, applauded the decision to so quickly release the video, saying it was “absolutely the right thing” to do. But he cautioned against drawing any firm conclusions, since such a brief section was made public.

“At least the small clip that I have seen far from answers all the questions about whether it was justified or whether policies,

tactics need to be revised or whether training is appropriate,” said the police accountability expert.

Futterman also thinks the department should consider releasing video of all police shootings within 24 to 48 hours — the “point at which public interest is most acute,” he said.

Meanwhile, the Cook County medical examiner's office said Sunday that autopsy results showed Augustus died of multiple gunshot wounds. The autopsy did not specify how many times he was shot or where on his body.

The office ruled the shooting a homicide — not an indication of wrongdoing by police.

In addressing reporters, Johnson nodded at reform as the department has pledged to correct years of widespread failings that were documented by the U.S. Department of Justice in a scathing report released early last year. It concluded that the department had engaged in civil rights violations against African-Americans and Hispanics, and failed to properly investigate or punish officers for misconduct. The report found that trust with the community was broken and that the department was also failing its officers with inadequate and shoddy training practices.



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Co-worker Antoine Howell said Sunday that Augustus was a quiet man, but he liked to talk about sports.

“If we expect neighborhoods to partner with the police, then the police have to do our part to be transparent without adversely affecting the integrity of the investigation,” Johnson said.

The superintendent said he moved so quickly to release the video in part because of erroneous details — most notably that Augustus wasn't carrying a gun — that spread through social media and on the street after the shooting happened.

Johnson said he spoke with Augustus' family before releasing the body camera video.

“To the family of Mr. Augustus, I offer you my sincerest condolences for your loss, especially as a

parent, as a father,” he told reporters. “To the officers involved, I know this is hard on you all, and you have my word that we'll ensure as a department that you all get the necessary support and mentoring you need through this difficult situation.”

Augustus' family and friends remembered a quiet man who worked at the barbershop.

“He keeps to himself. He don't bother nobody,” said co-worker Antoine Howell, 42, who was still in the barbershop when he heard the gunshots.

As Augustus gave him a haircut earlier Saturday, Howell said he encouraged Augustus to come to a bachelor party that night. He said Augustus smiled

but said he had to pass.

Augustus would only talk to customers at the shop if he had to, Howell said. But Howell said he drew out the quiet Augustus to the point that the two often talked and laughed about sports, especially basketball.

“He was so quiet, and I opened him up,” Howell said. “And everybody at the shop was like, ‘How did you do that?’”

Howell said memorials are being planned at the barber shop and the scene of the shooting.

Augustus, of the 7000 block of South Merrill Avenue in the South Shore neighborhood, was pronounced dead at Jackson Park Hospital at 5:50 p.m. Saturday, according to the medical examiner's office.

Late Saturday, before the release of the video, Guglielmi said Augustus was shot after patrol officers on foot saw a man who was “exhibiting characteristics of an armed person.”

“He looked like he may have something on him,” Guglielmi said. “They go to question him, and at that point, a confrontation ensues and he is shot.”

During a noontime news conference Sunday outside police headquarters, Calloway, the community activist, said he had already filed a Freedom of Information Act request with authorities seeking footage from body cameras, dashboard cameras and police surveillance cameras that might have captured Saturday's shooting.

“This department is not fixed,” he said. “This department is racist ... unconstitutional, and we're tired of it.”

The shooting Saturday only heightened tensions being rubbed raw by fear that Officer Jason Van Dyke will be acquitted in McDonald's killing in his upcoming trial, Calloway said.

“These tensions in the black community are flaring up, and we are going to see more of that,” he said.

As is routine, the officer who fired at Augustus will be placed on 30-day desk duty while COPA investigations.

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Family survives lightning strike

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earlier, a man said he saw a flash and felt a charge but declined treatment from paramedics. About 65 miles southwest of Chicago, a 4-year-old girl and an 18-year-old man were seriously injured by lightning just before the fireworks show in the town of Sheridan.

The storm generated at least 125 lightning strikes around Grant Park, where thousands of people had gathered to watch the fireworks at nearby Navy Pier. At least 30 of the strikes occurred over land and 95 over Lake Michigan between 9 p.m. July 4 and 2 a.m. the next day, according to the National Lightning Detection Network.

Brongel said her family had never gone together to the fireworks downtown, so they packed up chairs and a stroller and found a spot in front of Buckingham Fountain. When the show was over, Desiree Brongel, 17, led the group on a mile hike to where they had parked, near a Chicago firehouse where Sandra Brongel's boyfriend of two years works.

As the rain poured down and people raced past, Eric and his fiancée, Maggie Castro, 19, had trouble pushing the stroller. Crowds gathered in viaducts, under building awnings and at bus shelters. Thousands of people sought shelter under a bridge on Lake Shore



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sandra Valencia Brongel, from left, Eric Brongel, Maggie Castro, Desiree Brongel and Matthew Brongel had a scary July 4.

Drive.

Sandra suggested they cut through the park and pull up under a tree near Monroe Drive and Lake Shore Drive until the rain slowed down. They dropped their metal chairs along the way, figuring it was a safety hazard with all the lightning.

“I don't think we should be standing here,” Castro joked to her fiancée. “I learned in preschool you're not supposed to stand under trees during a thunderstorm.”

She told Eric to put his phone away as he walked toward his mom. That's when they believe the lightning hit the tree, throwing them all to the ground.

“You don't see it coming. You don't hear it coming,” Sandra Brongel said.

Desiree Brongel said she couldn't see or hear. She felt pressure well up in her head. She dropped to her knees, and a high-pitched ringing lingered after her senses slowly came back. The others believe they were knocked unconscious.

Castro was the first to become alert and said she saw her family on the ground. Her first instinct was to check on the baby. The normally energetic child sat still and quiet in his stroller. Maybe he was in shock or had the same ringing in his ears, Castro thought. But he looked OK.

Eric Brongel shook his mother after he woke up and found her lying next to him. When she regained consciousness, he grabbed the baby from his fiancée and ran toward the crowd of people, asking someone to call 911. He had lost his phone, and his sister Desiree's phone was damaged by the rain. He said people mostly ignored him until he went up to traffic aides.

“Why wouldn't you want to intervene?” Castro said. “Why would you want that on your conscience? What if one of us died?”

While Eric Brongel was trying to get someone to call for an ambulance, Castro said she and Desiree Brongel placed Sandra

Brongel on top of the baby stroller because she was having problems walking. Desiree held her mom's feet up as they steered toward Eric. Once help arrived, paramedics focused on Sandra while asking if the others were OK.

The paramedics treated Sandra and put her in the ambulance. Castro told the paramedics that the rest of the family was shaken up, and Chicago police took them Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said Sandra Brongel did not appear to be directly hit by lightning but that a nearby tree was. He said one ambulance was

“Why would you want that on your conscience?”

— Maggie Castro, on bystanders ignoring pleas to call 911 after the family was stricken

called to the scene.

Langford told the Tribune there is no set response to a lightning strike and that the situation is evaluated when paramedics arrive. “We access and we treat based on the symptoms and based on what we see,” he said.

Sandra Brongel left the hospital two days later, regaining feeling but still weak, she said. She also had a shooting pain in her right ear, where doctors said she may have nerve damage.

She said people keep joking that she should play the lottery. The odds of being struck by lightning in the United States each year are 1 in 1,171,000, according to the National Weather Service. So far this year, 13 people have died from lightning strikes in the United States.

As Sandra sat in her Garfield Ridge living room, a large bear balloon hung near her with “Get Well Soon” written across the inflated stomach. Bouquets of flowers sat on a wooden table, one in a Chicago Fire Department mug. Her boyfriend bought her a T-shirt with the “The Flash” logo.

The baby, Matthew, ran back and forth.

If the strike taught her anything, she says, it is that people need to have more compassion. “You don't think it's going to happen to you.”

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Durbin: Securing Ill. voter database needs work

State's system believed to be referenced in recent charges against Russian hackers

By **MONIQUE GARCIA**
Chicago Tribune

Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin said charges brought last week against Russian agents accused of interfering with the 2016 presidential election are something "we ought to take personally in Illinois" because the state's voter

database was a target.

While Durbin said he has received assurances from Illinois election officials that the state's system is now secure, the senator said he was not convinced.

"I hope they are right, but we know the Russians and others are working night and day to break into all systems, so I can't say

with confidence that our election process is going to be intact and secure," Durbin said during a Sunday news conference outside his Springfield home. "I don't believe we've put enough resources as a nation into investigating what happened two years ago and making sure it never happens again."

A spokesman for the Illinois State Board of Elections said Friday that the agency had not received

confirmation from the U.S. Department of Justice but believes Illinois' elections board is referenced in last week's indictment of Russian hackers.

The hacking was discovered in July 2016, and the FBI issued an alert the following month. The timeline listed in the indictment matches up with what the state publicly acknowledged about a data breach in 2016. Elections officials say they believe the infor-

mation of about 76,000 voters was compromised.

The indictment by special counsel Robert Mueller came just ahead of Monday's scheduled meeting between President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Finland. Durbin called on Trump to cancel or delay the meeting "unless it's clear the president is going to confront Putin at the outset with this clear evidence." He and other Sen-

ate Democrats sent Trump a letter to that effect over the weekend.

"The first thing that the president ought to say to Vladimir Putin is, 'We want you to extradite the accused Russian intelligence officers,'" Durbin said. "Of course he will refuse, but if the president doesn't start with that you wonder, will Putin take him seriously?"

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District pays \$15K to cancel contract

By **EMILY K. COLEMAN**
News-Sun

Zion Elementary School District 6 officials are defending the process they use to vet job candidates in the wake of their decision to pay \$15,000 to cancel a contract after hiring an elementary school principal, records show.

The school board signed on to a resignation agreement with the would-be principal at a special meeting in June, about a month after hiring him to lead Beulah Park Elementary School.

He was scheduled to start the \$102,000-a-year job July 1, according to a copy of his contract.

The school remains without a principal six weeks before school is set to start this fall, according to district job postings.

The school board had asked its attorney to review the hiring as a result of "some ongoing discussion among some members of our school community" concerning "old newspaper articles," school board President Ruth Davis said in a statement at a May school board meeting.

The articles concerned "an incident that transpired a number of years ago" involving the would-be principal, district spokeswoman Donelle Staples said in a statement.

The district came under criticism for the principal choice after Black Lives Matter Lake County founder and local activist Clyde McLemore said the newspaper articles were easily found through an online search of the job candidate's name.

The settlement is "taking away the money from our district where our children can get the right education," said McLemore, who ran unsuccessfully for the school board in 2017. He'd like to see the district bring in an outside firm to vet potential hires.

Davis defended the district's vetting process, saying it took "all responsible and customary steps" to vet the candidate's credentials, including employment references and a complete criminal background check.

Those steps did not find any prior wrongdoing by the candidate, she said.

The school district's human resources department processes all staff background checks by checking state and federal databases and submitting fingerprints to Accurate ID, a subscriber system, Staples said in a follow-up statement.

The district also checks the state's sex offender registry, she said.

District staff also sometimes considers the results of online searches, but those results have "limited value," Staples said.

"Such searches are hit and miss," she said. "If found, there is no assurance the information is reliable as compared to federal and state data. Information found cannot always be verified. Even if verified, public employers are sometimes prohibited by law from relying on certain found information, such as arrests or expunged convictions."

The candidate said in an interview with the News-Sun that the situation was "very upsetting" and something out of his control.

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Mueller faces tough subpoena decision

Action might be only way special counsel gets Trump's testimony

BY CHRIS MEGERIAN AND DAVID WILLMAN
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — After months of negotiations failed to secure an interview with President Donald Trump, special counsel Robert Mueller warned the president's lawyers during a contentious meeting this spring that he could use a grand jury subpoena if necessary to compel his testimony.

That prompted a furious response from John Dowd, the president's lead attorney at the time.

"I told him, in no uncertain terms, if that's the route he took, he'd have a war on his hands," Dowd recalled about the March meeting.

Trump's team has increasingly signaled he will not voluntarily answer questions as the special counsel investigates Russian meddling in the 2016 election, whether the Trump campaign colluded with the Kremlin, and if Trump subsequently obstructed the investigation.

That may give Mueller little choice but to seek a subpoena if he deems Trump's testimony critical. But getting one this summer almost certainly would spark a bitter court battle with the president's lawyers before the November midterm elections, a prospect Mueller might want to avoid.

The impasse represents a defining juncture for a federal investigation that has



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Special counsel Robert Mueller may have little choice but to subpoena President Trump in the Russia investigation.

clouded the Trump White House from its first day and led to criminal charges against 32 people since October, including 12 Russian intelligence officers indicted Friday in connection with hacking files of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, Democratic Party organizations and state election offices in 2016.

While Mueller has avoided the media — news agencies recycle year-old photos of him — Trump's rage has only grown, with near-daily Twitter broadsides against what he calls a "rigged witch hunt." He will meet Monday in Finland with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who denies the meddling even though

U.S. intelligence agencies said he personally ordered the operation.

Trump's attacks appear to have gained traction: Recent polls show declining public support for Mueller's investigation.

Rudy Giuliani, who replaced Dowd, has become the president's most vocal defender. On July 8, the former New York City mayor told a TV talk show that Trump would meet with Mueller only if the special counsel could show a "factual basis for the investigation," a hardening of the White House position.

Legal experts questioned Giuliani's attempts to set preconditions for a possible interview with Trump.

"That's nonsense. It's actually nonsense on stilts," said Paul Rosenzweig, who worked with the independent counsel's office that investigated President Bill Clinton, and is now a senior fellow at the R Street Institute, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington.

The only grounds required for obtaining a grand jury subpoena, he said, is whether a witness may have evidence germane to the investigation.

Some former prosecutors and other lawyers say they are puzzled that Mueller has not sought a subpoena to bolster his hand in securing Trump's testimony.

"We've passed the point where a sensible prose-

cutor, even with the president, would have said, 'Okay, enough. Here's your subpoena. See you in court,'" said Harry Litman, a University of California law professor and former U.S. attorney in Pittsburgh who was appointed by Clinton. "I would never second guess Mueller. But I'm a little surprised he didn't start proceedings on a subpoena."

Shanlon Wu, a former prosecutor who worked with Mueller in the 1990s in the U.S. attorney's office in Washington, D.C., said he doesn't believe Mueller wants to preside over a multi-year investigation.

"I think Mueller is very conservative in terms of his approach, and he would like

to not create a big legal battle" over a subpoena, Wu said. "I think his end goal is he wants to be seen as having done this very quickly and effectively."

The question of whether a president can be compelled to testify under oath has never been tested in the courts.

Many legal experts believe a subpoena for the president's testimony would be upheld. They point to the Supreme Court's unanimous decision on July 24, 1974, which ordered President Richard Nixon to hand over taped conversations and other materials subpoenaed by the Watergate special prosecutor.

Mueller's office declined comment for this story. Another lawyer for the president, Jay Sekulow, said only that "we continue to maintain a professional dialogue with the special counsel."

In public, however, the scorched-earth attacks by Trump and his allies have undercut support for Mueller's investigation.

A Washington Post-Schar School poll released on July 11 showed support for Mueller's handling of the case dropping from 58 percent in November to 49 percent now. Disapproval rose from 28 percent to 45 percent.

Neil Newhouse, a Republican pollster, said Trump is unlikely to pay a political price if he refuses an interview with Mueller's team. The decision would "surprise not a single voter in the country."

"It's not going to impact his support or his disapproval one iota," Newhouse said.

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U.S. and North Korean generals met in the DMZ to discuss repatriating war remains.

U.S., N. Korean officials meet to discuss return of remains

BY ADAM TAYLOR
The Washington Post

SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. military officials met with their North Korean counterparts Sunday to discuss the repatriation of the remains of soldiers left after the Korean War ended in 1953.

U.S. officials said the meeting at the peninsula's demilitarized zone was "productive."

Although several details still had to be worked out, there was some agreement about how an initial transfer of remains would proceed, said a U.S. official, who was not authorized to speak about the meeting publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Sunday's talks came three days after North Korean officials failed to attend a scheduled meeting about the remains, leaving their U.S. counterparts waiting at the demilitarized zone's Joint Security Area. The State Department later said the North Korean side had been in contact at midday to cancel that meeting Thursday and had suggested rescheduling to Sunday.

Yonhap News reported that three U.S. Forces Korea

vehicles were seen driving over the Tongil Bridge and entering the DMZ about 8:20 a.m.

The U.S. delegation was led by Maj. Gen. Michael Minihan, chief of staff for the U.N. Command, and North Korea's side included a two-star general, the South Korean news agency reported, citing diplomatic sources. The multinational but U.S.-led U.N. Command was formed during the Korean War and now helps maintain the armistice on the peninsula.

The meeting was the first at a general-level with North Korea since March 2009. "The North Koreans put a lot of weight on rank and status," said Robert Kelly, a political scientist at South Korea's Pusan National University. "Getting a general symbolizes the importance of negotiating with the North."

In a statement, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the talks were "productive and cooperative and resulted in firm commitments." He said U.S. and North Korean officials would begin meeting Monday to work out the next steps, including the transfer of remains that have already been collected in

North Korea. The two sides also agreed to restart efforts to look for the remains of other Americans who never came home.

When President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met June 12 in Singapore, they agreed to restart the repatriation process and both signed a statement promising the "immediate repatriation of those already identified."

A week later, Trump inaccurately told a crowd of supporters that 200 Americans' remains "have been sent back." Military officials later denied this but said they were on alert for the transfer of remains, with prearrangements made, including the storage of 100 caskets at the DMZ.

Thousands of Americans were left in Korea either missing in action or as prisoners after the war ended. The United States and North Korea have engaged before in sustained diplomacy to bring back remains, but the process has often been fraught with practical difficulties and mistrust.

Transfers of remains were halted in 2005 during the administration of President George W. Bush.

Kavanaugh could have major impact on gun laws

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — With the addition of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, the Supreme Court could have a conservative majority to strike down bans on semi-automatic weapons in California and other liberal states and to decree that law-abiding Americans have a right to carry a gun in public.

Although the fight over Kavanaugh's nomination has mostly focused on abortion and health care, President Trump's second nominee to the court could have a rapid impact on the national debate over gun control — a topic the high court repeatedly has avoided wading into in recent years.

The issue highlights a central difference between an earlier generation of legal conservatives, including many Reagan-era appointees, who emphasize judicial restraint, and today's more activist conservatives who say they are enforcing the original meaning of the Constitution and are willing to use it to block liberal legislation from the states.

Kavanaugh's record puts him in the activist group. In one notable dissent, for example, he argued the Constitution prohibits a state from banning so-called assault weapons.

A decade ago, the court, in a 5-4 opinion written by the late Justice Antonin Scalia, ruled that the Second Amendment protected the right of individuals to have a gun for self-defense. The decision struck down a District of Columbia law that prohibited residents from keeping a handgun at home. Two years later, the court in an opinion by Justice Samuel Alito struck down a similarly strict ban from Chicago.

Since then, however, the justices have refused to



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Brett Kavanaugh has argued that the Constitution prohibits a state from banning so-called assault weapons.

hear further cases on gun rights. It takes four votes to hear an appeal and five to issue a ruling. The court's reticence on the issue indicated that Justice Anthony Kennedy, the usual swing vote, and perhaps Chief Justice John Roberts, were not ready to go further and to strike down more regulations on firearms.

The court's silence has not been for lack of opportunities. Gun-rights advocates have tried several times to overturn state restrictions on the sale of rapid-fire rifles and on carrying concealed guns. They argue that those types of gun control measures violate the Second Amendment.

They have repeatedly lost in the lower courts, and so far, the high court has refused to hear their appeals — despite strong dissents from Justices Clarence Thomas and Scalia and by Justice Neil Gorsuch after he replaced Scalia on the court.

In the last three years, the justices let stand rulings that upheld bans on rapid-fire guns in Connecticut, New York and Maryland as well as the Chicago suburb of Highland Park. Last year, they disappointed gun-rights lawyers in California when they turned away a challenge to the state law that sharply limits who may carry a gun in public.

If Kavanaugh joins the court this fall, replacing Kennedy, he will add a vote on the conservative side.

The Second Amendment, adopted in 1791, says: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Through most of its history, until Scalia's decision in 2008, the Supreme Court had little to say about it, except to suggest the amendment dealt mostly with militias and weapons that could be useful in military service.

Kavanaugh's views on the issue have attracted notice from both sides of the gun control debate.

Shortly after Trump announced the nomination, the National Rifle Association called Kavanaugh "an outstanding choice" and said the Senate should swiftly confirm him.

Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who survived a mass shooting in 2011 when six others died, said in a statement that Kavanaugh's "dangerous views on the Second Amendment are far outside the mainstream of even conservative thought and stand in direct opposition to the values and priorities of the vast majority of Americans."

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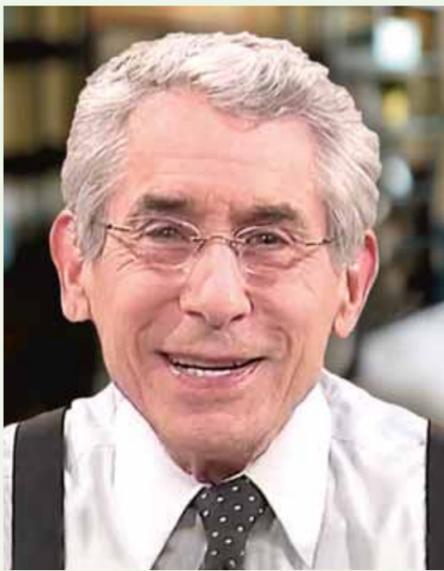
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Scientists finally trace neutrinos to source

Elusive particles traveled nearly 4 billion light years

BY AMINA KHAN
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Using a neutrino detector made of Antarctic ice, astronomers have for the first time pinpointed the source of a handful of high-energy neutrinos from far beyond our galaxy: a powerful blazar shining like a beacon from nearly 4 billion light-years away.

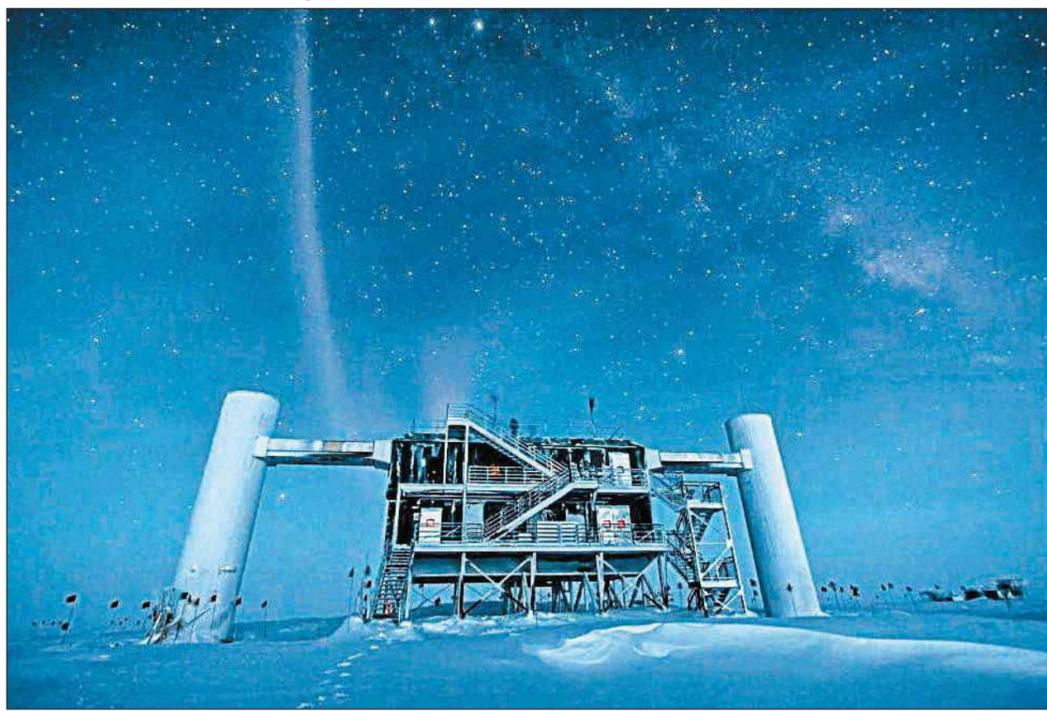
The extragalactic neutrinos and their origins, described in two papers in the journal *Science*, shed light on the century-old question of where cosmic rays come from and offer the first clear proof of the potential for this nascent brand of astronomy.

"We are not going to solve high-energy astrophysics in the old-fashioned way anymore," said Francis Halzen, a particle astrophysicist at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and principal investigator for IceCube, the frozen observatory that made the discovery.

Neutrinos are exceedingly tiny particles, weighing less than one ten-billionth the mass of a proton. Many billions of these subatomic particles pass through your fingertip every second. Even though they're plentiful, neutrinos don't interact much with matter, passing through planets, stars, even entire galaxies like speeding subatomic phantoms.

But astronomers hunt for neutrinos anyway, partly because they've suspected that they could solve the mystery of the origins of the cosmic rays that bombard Earth from space.

Cosmic rays are highly energetic charged particles, mostly protons, that have been revved up to enormous energies and hurled across the universe. It would take a powerful cosmic engine — say, a supermassive black hole at a



Scientists placed more than 5,000 sensors 1 mile beneath the ice in Antarctica to create a neutrino detector.

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The IceCube lab's sensors detected neutrinos that scientists traced to their source 4 billion light years away.

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"In my opinion, this is as significant as the first steps in X-ray astronomy, which were awarded the Nobel Prize."

— Alexander Kusenko, particle astrophysicist, UCLA

But the very quality that makes these ghostly particles so useful — the fact that they don't interact with matter — also makes neutrinos exceedingly difficult for scientists to catch in action. For every individual high-energy neutrino hit, Halzen said, roughly 10,000 or 100,000 more pass through unscathed.

The IceCube collaboration set out to detect that rare, singular neutrino strike.

Composed of more than 5,000 sensors embedded in a cubic kilometer of ice sitting deep beneath the Antarctic surface, IceCube picks up the flashes of blue light caused by secondary particles after a neutrino

makes contact. The scientists can analyze that resulting light track to tell what direction the particle came from and how energetic it was when it hit.

In 2013, the collaboration announced it had found 28 high-energy neutrinos that had originated from deep space, but the group was not able to tell where exactly any of them came from.

Then, on Sept. 22, 2017, the scientists picked up an energetic neutrino that had clearly originated far outside our interstellar neighborhood.

Gamma ray and X-ray telescopes turned toward the source, picking up a light signal across the electromagnetic spectrum.

The light was coming from a blazar named TXS 0506+056, a giant elliptical galaxy with a black hole at the center that's gobbling up material and shooting out twin beams of light on either side of its disk, one of which is pointed directly at Earth like the beam of a flashlight.

Still, there was a small chance — about 1 in 1,000 — that the neutrino's apparent origin and the blazar signal were mere coincidence. So the researchers went back in the archives, looking for previous neutrino measurements that also could have come from the blazar's direction.

Sure enough, the researchers found more than a dozen neutrinos from September 2014 to March 2015 that appeared to be coming from the direction of the blazar. Those results were published in a second paper in *Science*.

"In my opinion, this is as significant as the first steps in X-ray astronomy, which were awarded the Nobel Prize," said Alexander Kusenko, a particle astrophysicist at UCLA who was not involved in the study.

Such neutrino discoveries could help astronomers to better understand the inner workings of these cosmic events, Kusenko said.

It also may allow scientists to see old events in a new light, Halzen said.

For one thing, it would have taken an extremely powerful source to push these particles to such high energies and then send them across nearly 4 billion light years, he pointed out.

"So there's something special about this source," Halzen said — something special that was not obvious from the blazar's light profile and which will require further study to understand.

Already, he added, neutrino astronomy is revealing extraordinary events right in front of scientists' eyes.

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Trump calls EU a 'foe,' bashes allies pre-summit

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tration. They were doing whatever it was during the Obama administration." U.S. intelligence officials have warned that they expect the Kremlin to interfere in the November midterm elections and the 2020 race.

Trump instead blamed the special counsel investigation into Russia's cyber attacks for undercutting his attempts to improve ties with Moscow. "I think we're greatly hampered by this whole witch hunt that's going on in the United States," he said.

He also criticized what he described as weak security by the Democratic National Committee, blaming the victim for the systematic Russian penetration of DNC computer networks and theft of tens of thousands of emails during the campaign.

"I think the DNC should be ashamed of themselves, for allowing themselves to be hacked," he said.

Firing off tweets from Air Force One as he headed to Helsinki, Trump appeared focused on boasting of his prowess as a deal-maker — and complaining he is a victim of unfair news coverage that doesn't acknowledge his achievements.

"Unfortunately, no matter how well I do at the Summit, if I was given the great city of Moscow as retribution for all of the sins and evils committed by Russia over the years, I would return to criticism that it wasn't good enough — that I should have gotten Saint Petersburg in addition! Much of our news media is indeed the enemy of the people."

On Sunday, the president tweeted that "the Fake News" was ignoring the success of his North Korea summit.

U.S. and North Korean military officials met on the inter-Korean border on Sunday to discuss the return of remains of U.S. service personnel killed in the 1950-53 Korean War, as



President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump arrive in Helsinki on Sunday.

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Kim promised. But there's no evidence that Kim's government has made any moves to denuclearize, the U.S. goal of the summit.

Michael McFaul, the former U.S. ambassador to Russia, has said he expects Putin, a former KGB officer, to bolster a sense of camaraderie with Trump by sympathizing with him over the perfidy of his perceived enemies.

Trump left a trail of diplomatic wreckage across Europe in recent days after contentious meetings with or comments about some of America's closest allies.

He upended the NATO summit in Brussels by bashing Germany and threatening to leave the 29-nation military alliance if allies don't sharply increase military spending. He then trashed British Prime Minister Theresa May — and praised her rival — in a tabloid interview as he arrived for a two-day visit to Britain.

Asked by CBS anchor Jeff Glor to name America's biggest foe globally, Trump cited the European Union first.

"Well, I think we have a lot of foes," he said. "I think the European Union is a foe, what they do to us in trade. Now you wouldn't think of the European Union but they're a foe. Russia is foe in certain respects. China is a foe economically, certainly they are a foe. But that doesn't mean they are bad. It doesn't mean anything. It

means that they are competitive."

Several of Trump's top advisers, appearing on Sunday talk shows, did little to clarify Trump's thinking heading into the sit-down with Putin.

Jon Huntsman, the U.S. ambassador to Russia, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he didn't know if Trump would seek extradition of the Russians accused of violating federal law in the 2016 election.

But Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, dismissed the idea as "silly."

"For the president to demand something that isn't going to happen, puts the president in a weak position and I think the president has made it very clear he intends to approach this discussion from a position of strength," Bolton said on ABC's "This Week."

Democrats warned that Putin might extract concessions from Trump, much as Kim did during their summit in Singapore.

"There's a menu of things to be concerned about: that he might withdraw American troops from Syria, that he might cancel military exercises with our regional allies, that he might recognize Russia's annexation of Crimea," Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said on "Fox News Sunday."

Eli Stokols reported from Helsinki and Laura King reported from Washington.

19th-century palace site of meeting

BY JARI TANNER AND JAN M. OLSEN
Associated Press

HELSINKI — Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin will meet Monday at Finnish presidential palace in Helsinki that overlooks the Baltic Sea — the same venue where two of their predecessors met in 1990.

Finnish President Sauli Niinisto's office said the U.S. and Russian leaders will hold their summit at the 19th-century Presidential Palace, just a stone's throw away from the capital's iconic waterfront Market Square.

Putin and Trump have met twice before on the sidelines of international meetings but the Helsinki summit will be their first official stand-alone meeting. President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev held talks at the same venue in 1990.

To kick off the day, Trump and his wife, Melania, will join Niinisto and his wife, Jenni Haukio, for breakfast at Mantyniemi, another presidential residence in Helsinki where the couple lives most of the time. Niinisto also will hold a bilateral meeting with Putin.

Finland, a Nordic nation of 5.5 million, has a long legacy of hosting U.S.-Soviet and U.S. Russian summits due to its geographic location and perceived neutrality. The last time a summit brought presidential entourage from Moscow and Washington to Helsinki was in March 1997, when President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin held talks on arms control and NATO expansion.

In June, U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, met with Gen. Valery Gerasimov, the



A policeman rides in front of the Presidential Palace, site of the summit, on Saturday in Helsinki, the Finnish capital.

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chief of the Russian military's General Staff, in a manor house owned by the Finnish state to exchange views on U.S.-Russia military relations, Syria and international security.

Along with the presidents, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will meet Monday at the Presidential Palace.

Sari Autio-Sarasma of the University of Helsinki's Aleksanteri Institute said the Finnish capital and Vienna, the capital of Austria, were important conduits between the East and the West during the Cold War. While both European cities were centers of espionage, Helsinki specialized in relaying information and acting as a go-between for world's two superpowers.

"As a member of the European Union, Finland doesn't anymore emphasize its neutrality, but strong expertise, particularly on Russia, and good location make Finland a very useful meeting place," said Autio-Sarasma, who studies Cold War history.

President Gerald Ford and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev met in Helsinki in 1975 to sign the landmark Helsinki Accords, a watershed commitment to peace, security and human rights.

Finland joined the European Union in 1995, but has remained outside of NATO

as a militarily non-aligned nation in a similar way as neighbor Sweden.

The 32,292-square-foot Presidential Palace, renovated in 2015, has hosted other prominent guests, including Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and the late Pope John Paul II. The palace was built for a Finnish merchant in the early 19th century on the grounds of a former salt store house.

Finland was integrated into Russia's Czarist Empire as an independent Grand Duchy in 1809 after being part of the Kingdom of Sweden for nearly 700 years. The building was completed in 1845 at the request of Emperor Nicholas I and became the Imperial Palace.

Key rooms were modeled after the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg, the official residence of Russian monarchs.

Russian Emperor Alexander II visited the palace several times. He was popular with Finns due to his policies sympathetic to Finland.

During World War I, the grand residence temporarily housed a military hospital. Following Finland's independence from Russia in 1917, it was renamed the Presidential Palace in 1921. It now is the working residence of Finland's president.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Mass. officer shot, killed after vehicle crash, foot chase

BOSTON — A Massachusetts police officer and bystander died Sunday from wounds suffered when a suspect allegedly took the officer's gun and fired following a vehicle crash and a foot chase.

Weymouth officer Michael Chesna was shot multiple times by his own firearm around 7:30 a.m. Sunday, and died from the injuries, officials said.

An unidentified elderly woman also died after being hit by stray bullets in

a nearby home, authorities said.

Police said the suspect, 20-year-old Emanuel Lopes, was in custody.

Police say the suspect crashed a car, fled the scene, and was later discovered by Chesna. Prosecutors say that's when he attacked Chesna with a rock to the head. Chesna fell to the ground, and officials say, Lopes took the officer's gun and shot Chesna multiple times in the head and chest.

Bus crash kills 3, injures 22 on road north of Albuquerque

BERNALILLO, N.M. — Authorities say a crash involving a passenger bus and three other vehicles on a highway in New Mexico has killed three people and injured 22 others.

Sandoval County Fire Chief James Maxon confirmed the deaths to the Albuquerque Journal. He says the crash occurred early Sunday on Interstate 25 just north of Bernalillo, about 18 miles north of

Albuquerque.

Maxon didn't immediately know what caused the collision involving a passenger bus, a semitruck, a pickup truck and a car.

Authorities say at least three of the 22 people injured are in critical condition.

Photos from the scene show a mangled car that's almost entirely flattened and the bus on its side on Interstate 25

Jaguar escapes enclosure at New Orleans zoo, kills 8 animals

NEW ORLEANS — Eight animals have now died after a jaguar escaped from its habitat at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans.

NOLA.com reports an alpaca and fox died Sunday, the day after the male jaguar killed four alpacas, one emu and one fox Saturday morning. The jaguar was captured and returned to its night house after being sedated.

No people were hurt

and the zoo reopened Sunday.

The zoo acquired the alpacas in March from farms in Alabama and Mississippi. The alpaca that died overnight Sunday was the zoo's last living alpaca.

One injured fox continues to be monitored.

Zoo officials say the habitat's roof was "compromised," but initial findings concluded keeper error was not a factor.



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Demonstrators make the fascist salute Sunday at La Basilica in San Lorenzo del Escorial near Madrid as they protest against the removal of Gen. Francisco Franco's remains from the controversial Valley of the Fallen monument.

Kushner tenants: We were pushed out for condo buyers

NEW YORK — The hammering and drilling began just months after Jared Kushner's family real estate firm bought a converted warehouse apartment building in the hip Williamsburg section of Brooklyn.

Tenants say it started early in the morning and went on until nightfall, so loud that it drowned out normal conversation, so violent it rattled pictures off the walls.

So much dust wafted through ducts and under doorways that it coated beds and clothes in closets. Rats crawled through holes

in the walls. Workers with passkeys barged in unannounced. Residents who begged for relief got a standard reply, "We have permits."

More than a dozen current and former residents of the building told The Associated Press they believe the Kushner Cos.' relentless construction, along with rent hikes of \$500 a month or more, was part of a campaign to push tenants out of rent-stabilized apartments and bring high-paying condo buyers in.

If so, it was a remarkably successful campaign. An AP investigation found that

over the past three years, more than 250 rent-stabilized apartments — 75 percent of the building — were either emptied or sold as the Kushner Cos. converted the building to luxury condos.

Those sales so far have totaled more than \$155 million, an average of \$1.2 million per apartment.

"They won, they succeeded," says Barth Bazyluk, who left apartment C606 with his wife and baby daughter in December. "You have to be ignorant or dumb to think this wasn't deliberate."

Syrian news agency: Israeli missiles struck air base

BEIRUT — Syria's state news agency is reporting that Israeli missiles have hit a Syrian military base in the country's north, inflicting material damage.

SANA said the strikes Sunday hit north of an air base in Aleppo province. The strikes come days after Israel said it targeted three

Syrian military positions in response to an unmanned drone that entered its airspace from Syria.

Israel on Thursday targeted positions in the southwestern Quneitra province, near its frontier with Syria. Israel downed the drone a day earlier with a patriot missile.

There was no immediate comment from Israel on Sunday's report.

The frequency of such attacks come amid rising tension between Israel and Iran, a main supporter of Syrian government troops.

Israel is concerned about Iran's expanding role in Syria.

Obama visits Kenya to help launch sports training center

NAIROBI, Kenya — Former U.S. President Barack Obama arrived in Kenya on Sunday, the country of his father's birth, his first visit to this East African country since leaving office.

Obama is in Kenya to help launch the sports and training center founded by his half-sister, Auma Obama, through her foundation Sauti Kuu.

In Nairobi, Obama met President Uhuru Kenyatta at the official residence, according to Kenyatta's twitter account. Obama is also expected to meet Raila Odinga, the opposition leader now working with Kenyatta's government.

Obama's visit to Kenya is low-key, unlike his previous visits where he electrified thousands of Kenyans who lined the streets to see him when he was a senator in 2006 and then as president in 2015.

A wildfire that killed a California firefighter grew quickly and forced the closure of a key route into Yosemite National Park as crews contended with sweltering conditions Sunday, authorities said. The blaze that broke out Friday scorched more than 6 square miles of dry brush along steep, remote hillsides.

Authorities say an inmate who escaped from an Arkansas jail has been captured, but a second inmate accused of killing a woman is still on the loose. The Searcy County Sheriff's Office said Sunday that 36-year-old Jason Brannon and 30-year-old Matthew Armstrong escaped from the county jail about 9:10 p.m. Saturday.

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EDITORIALS

How to confront a public official

You're appalled, or energized, by what's happening somewhere in the political arena. How do you express your opinion to a public official? Besides at the ballot box, we mean. Or by calling his or her office, tweeting, attending a rally, contributing to a campaign or — here's a good one — submitting a letter to the Voice of the People section of the Chicago Tribune.

There are many ways for citizens to be heard. But the method getting attention lately is for opponents of President Donald Trump to accost members of his administration or other Republican leaders. Several Trump officials have been confronted while dining in the Washington, D.C., area, while spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders was asked to leave a restaurant. Meanwhile, a bartender followed policy adviser Stephen Miller with middle fingers raised, and twice in recent days Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell was hounded at restaurants in Kentucky.

Being a public servant, elected or appointed, comes with many responsibilities.

In the grocery aisle, is that an Illinois legislator?

None is more important than respecting the right of the people to express their opinions. This is the essence of democracy, enshrined in the First Amendment. It doesn't mean a president, a senator or alderman has to like what's being said. The obligation is to be answerable to the people, which includes being accessible to the public, i.e., the taxpayers who fund government and government salaries.

We'd like political engagement of all types on all sides to be robust — and respectful. Every time a constituent bumps into a Springfield legislator in the grocery aisle is an opportunity for polite exchange. Hey, Senator, do you have a minute to discuss the pension crisis? We'd expect the answer to be yes, or if time is short, for the senator to suggest an alternative: *Please call my office or post on my Facebook page.*

The same considerations apply up the

line from alderman to U.S. representative to the White House. These are *public* officials, after all.

Interaction is part of the deal. Just minus the harassment, we'd add, because everyone should be afforded personal space. So disrupting an official mid-meal at a restaurant, ejecting someone from a business for her politics or showing up at a residence with a bullhorn is out of bounds, crass. Bullying violates common decency. Well, these are uncommon times, you may argue, with higher stakes. Yes, but the country has been through tumultuous periods before.

What's different now is that the political divides run deeper than usual and they're on display 24/7, causing emotions to run hotter. Maybe this began with argumentative talk radio and incessant cable news, but it's reached a new peak on social media, where a random run-in with a politi-

cian can spiral into national news. Maybe James Watt, head of the EPA during the Reagan years, was booed at a drug store, but we never heard about it on Twitter or saw the video on YouTube. Now rudeness and confrontation aren't just virulent, but viral.

No doubt these fires are stoked by Trump, whose nastiness when attacking rivals debases the office he serves. It's not all on Trump, though. There's been a serious undercurrent of political intolerance on the left for some time, manifested in protesters shutting down free expression on college campuses. Equal blame goes to the right for unseemly attacks on President Barack Obama and other liberals. (Remember "You lie!" shouted at Obama by a member of Congress?)

So consider this a pitch for the civil expression of political opinion. Because this is everyone's country. And if that's not a good enough reason, remember: What goes around comes around.

Beyond NATO, Brexit and Putin: Europe's Poland problem

Europe's been having a rough go of it lately. President Donald Trump raked NATO over the coals for alliance members' failure to pay their fair share of military spending. Brexit angst has members of British Prime Minister Theresa May's team jumping ship. And now Trump breaks bread with Russian leader Vladimir Putin, a sit-down that European leaders have worried would allow Putin to play Trump like a balalaika.

But if Europe wants to size up its biggest threat, it only needs to glance in the mirror.

In Poland, a nationalist government has systematically dismantled judicial independence. Supreme Court judges have been purged and replaced with government loyalists. The country's Constitutional Tribunal, which ensures that laws don't stray from Poland's constitution, lost its independence in 2015 when the ruling party, the misnamed Law and Justice Party, stacked the court with its own adherents.

Many in Poland fear the government is veering their country away from democracy and back toward the authoritarian-style leadership that Lech Walesa helped topple in the 1980s. Walesa shares those fears. The 74-year-old Pole who led the Solidarity movement against Soviet rule was back on the streets of Gdansk this month, lambasting the current government as more "perfidious" than the communist regime he helped oust.

The Law and Justice Party's actions have plunged Poland into dangerous waters. Poland isn't alone in its plight, though. What's happened in Poland has put Europe at a crossroads. How the European Union handles the Polish government's abandonment of the rule of law will foretell how it handles other populist-nationalist movements coursing through other European nations.



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Poland's government has been taken over by a nationalist party that seems to be moving the country back to authoritarian rule.

We know the script: A backlash against the status quo, a populist leader's rise to power and a subsequent erosion of the checks and balances that serve as bulwarks for Western democracies. That script has played out in Hungary, where Prime Minister Viktor Orban has commandeered much of the media, now a conduit for anti-immigrant, nationalist vitriol. Right-wing populist governments have also taken power in Italy and Austria.

The problem with right-wing populism is that its playbook is antithetical to the European Union's, which espouses the rule of law, judicial independence and a continent unified in its policies toward terrorism, immigrants and the Kremlin.

So far, the EU has tried to sound angry

with the Polish government. It has launched an "infringement procedure" against Polish leaders, a step that could lead to a referral to the European Union Court of Justice. That court could declare Warsaw's actions unconstitutional, though the EU court has no power to intervene. It has threatened invoking its so-called nuclear option, Article 7, which would yank Poland's voting rights as a member state. That would require all 28 other EU nations to sign off, an unlikely prospect given Poland's kinship with other right-wing governments.

The EU's best weapon may be its purse strings. The bloc sends hundreds of millions of dollars in aid payments to member states. Withholding aid to governments that run

roughshod over the rule of law would send a strong message that the EU wants Poland and other right-wing administrations to heed the European values that supposedly bind all these countries.

Meanwhile, the Trump administration can help its Polish ally by reminding Warsaw that the ideals it's endangering now — rule of law, judicial independence, checks and balances — are the same ideals Poles were deprived of for so many years under the thumb of the Russian Politburo.

Poland needs the U.S. and the rest of NATO to have its back as it faces the ever-present threat posed by its neighbor to the east, Russia. So Poland has good reason to rethink — and reform. A nudge from Washington should help.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

President Donald Trump fails to make deals with other states so often because he usually makes unreasonable demands. However, the bigger problem is that he won't accept compromises because he equates them with being "ripped off." He won't settle for less than the other side's capitulation, and so he always ends up with nothing. Trump views international relations primarily in terms of asserting dominance, and so he feels the need to pick fights with one or more states on a regular basis. Foreign leaders that flatter and praise him personally are left alone, while those that disagree with the substance of administration policies are subjected to insults and punitive measures. If Trump reaches a vague understanding with a foreign leader who makes him feel important, he considers that to be far superior to agreements worked out by his predecessors through years of painstaking negotiations. ... These reactions have nothing to do with discernible American national interests, but are based on whether the president feels personally insulted or thinks he needs to lash out to show "strength."

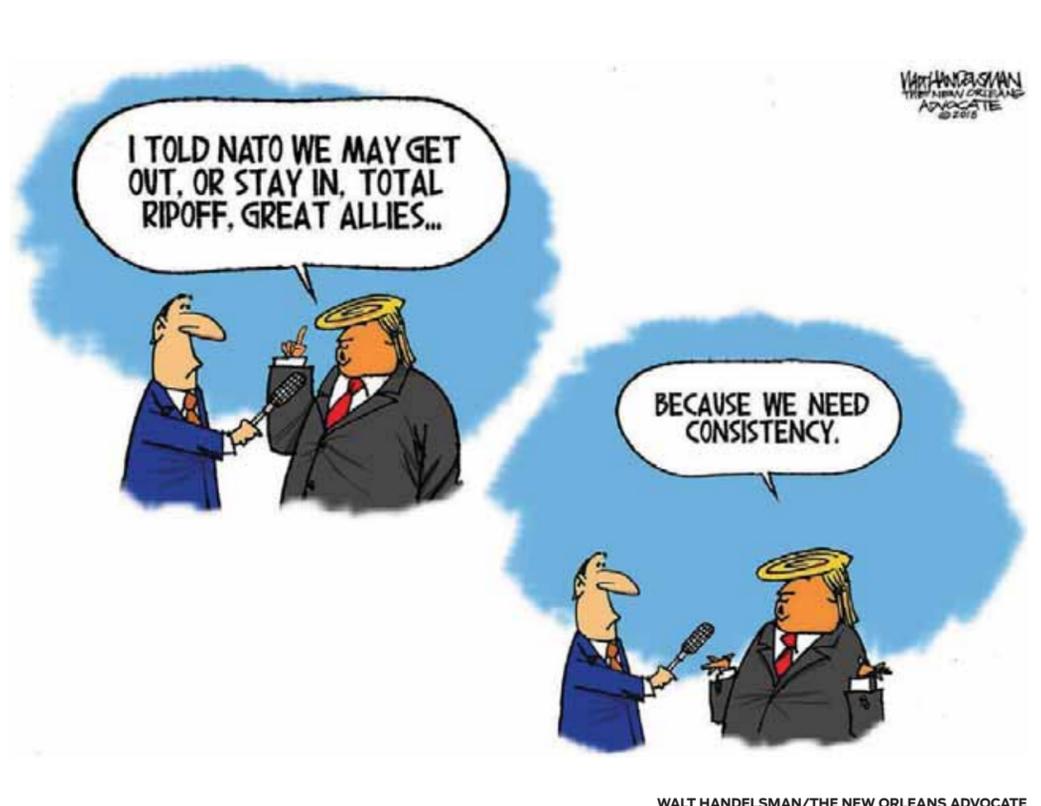
Daniel Larison, *The American Conservative*

Islamic State has lost territory but remains capable of mounting guerrilla attacks across Iraq, and al-Qaida is a resurgent presence in both Iraq and war-torn Syria. If the government in Baghdad falls into chaos or collapses altogether — or if Iran's proxies succeed in turning Iraq into a client state — it's difficult to see any outcome that doesn't involve the hegemonic mullahs waging even more aggressive wars against its enemies, who are America's friends.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi government teeters. ... Donald Trump may wish to ignore Iraq. But if the president believes his own rhetoric about the threats from Iran, and if he's serious about defeating jihadists in the region, he'd be wise to resist that temptation.

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PERSPECTIVE

The rise of the pro-choice cheerleaders



HEATHER WILHELM

Is abortion a sad and unfortunate reality — regrettable, as we are sometimes told, but often necessary — or is it a breezy nothingburger, completely normal, and something to be giddily celebrated like a last-minute NFL touchdown? For a long time, the pro-choice lobby has had difficulty deciding. This summer, it seems that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh — and the rising feverish chatter surrounding the possible demise of *Roe v. Wade* — might just push the pro-choice movement over the edge.

By now perhaps you've seen the horror show cooked up by Michelle Wolf, the Netflix star best known for her viral and cringeworthy White House Correspondents' Dinner speech this past spring. Man, does this lady love abortion. She also loves wheeling out abortion "jokes" like this: "Mike Pence is very anti-choice. He thinks abortion is murder, which, first of all, don't knock it till you try it! And when you do try it, really knock it. You know, you've got to get that baby out of there."

Zing! Get it? You've got to knock the baby out of there! But wait: If there's a baby

in there in the first place, wouldn't knocking it out mean we're actually ... oh, never mind. Who cares about those details? Certainly not Wolf, who just broadcast another abortion-is-awesome monologue, hollering "God bless abortion!" in a star-spangled bodysuit and cheerlessly squeaking that abortion "should be on the dollar menu at McDonald's." Her audience — and here one could perhaps write a dissertation on the distressing and sheeplike behavior of people granted seats at painfully unfunny Netflix talk shows — cheered.

Whether or not Wolf is actually a top-secret sleeper agent for the pro-life cause, plotting to repel America's more middle-of-the-road pro-choice voters — and the more over-the-top she gets, the more I suspect that this might be the case — she's not alone, nor is she some fringe character. Remember "safe, legal, and rare"? Forget it. The "let's celebrate abortion" movement is growing and strong.

Two current viral campaigns, called "Shout Your Abortion" and #OneInFour, suggest that abortion is an unquestionable good. The "Shout Your Abortion" web site broadcasts this trendy creed, loud and strident and clear: "Abortion is normal. Our stories are ours to tell. This is not a debate." The group's website also provides the option to buy a T-shirt telling the world that you're proud of your abortion, or even purchase an "Abortion is Freedom" button that might make George Orwell cringe.

The #OneInFour campaign, backed by

groups like Planned Parenthood and NARAL, has inspired a series of high-profile women to testify to the power of their own abortions. Based on an estimate from the Guttmacher Institute that one in four women will have an abortion by age 45, the campaign's message is simple: A lot of people have abortions, so abortion is OK. If you extend this particular illogical train, abortion should really never be questioned: If you're a woman, and you're pregnant, there is no party to consider but yourself. "We don't need anything more complicated than an individual woman's wish about her body and her life," one testimony goes.

Ah. Except it is more complicated, and everyone knows it — especially women who have been pregnant.

These days, men are supposedly banned from holding opinions on abortion: NARAL, for its part, tweeted on Wednesday that "We will be DARNED" — OK, fine, they actually used a worse word — "if we're going to let five men — including some frat boy named Brett — strip us of our hard-won bodily autonomy and reproductive rights." (I suspect this tweet was blasted out right after NARAL's social media intern mainlined 16 cups of extra-stout coffee.) "To any men watching," Wolf added in the midst of her Netflix abortion extravaganza, "I'm sure this brings up a lot of feelings and thoughts and points you want to make, and I just want you to know that's all very irrelevant."

This is nonsense, of course. But since I happen to have a woman card, I'll play: I'm pro-life. I've seen ultrasounds pick up a heartbeat at seven weeks. Thanks to incredible and continuous advances in science, medicine and technology, women are getting an increasingly detailed look, earlier and earlier, at what pregnancy actually entails: a new life, right from the start.

In this lens, perhaps the remarkably tone-deaf behavior erupting from today's leading abortion advocates is easily explainable: It stems from the sublimated panic borne from the realization that science is not on their side.

Moreover, there's likely a simple reason the pro-choice movement has lurched in the direction of "abortion is normal and good, hooray!" while backing away from "abortion is sad and regrettable, but necessary." If you admit that abortion is sad and regrettable, after all, you also have to admit why that is so. You have to admit that it involves a new human life.

This ramped-up rhetoric and bizarre abortion cheerleading, in other words, reflects a calculated attempt to avoid difficult truths. One thing is certain: In the end, it certainly won't help women. Dishonesty never does, no matter how many times you repeat it.

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There's no gift registry for the time you most need it: After a divorce

BY SARAH BREGEL

I wake up in my new apartment to unfamiliar sensations. Instead of my children emerging from their rooms, slamming open my bedroom door and breathing their hot morning breath straight into my face, I hear the footsteps and sneezes of a family that lives above me. When I look around, I don't see a black-and-white photo of my daughter's infant toes inside a silver frame on the bedside table, or stacks of books and mounting piles of laundry in the corner, but bare walls and a bare floor.

My husband and I are beginning to navigate our separation. It's an enormously stressful time — trying to manage our own emotional needs, worrying about our children's mental health and finding a new rhythm of life. But on top of splitting our life in two is another massive pressure: paying for all the stuff we need. In addition to maintaining our family home, which my husband and I will be swapping in and out of, I'm trying to furnish a one-bedroom basement apartment. It's where we will each go on our nights as the off-duty parent. Aside from a bed and a couch we snagged on Craigslist, it's empty. It needs throw pillows, a stocked kitchen and, more than likely, a hefty stack of self-help books. Oh, and liquor. Definitely liquor.

We're adding items to the apartment, piece by piece. On my nights there, when my soon-to-be-ex arrives home from work, I take forks from my own kitchen, a roll of paper towels, toiletries and bath towels — the items that can be spared. But I still need a table and chairs, a toaster oven, blankets, a million things I use daily without a thought, until I don't have them. I've never needed more stuff or been less able to procure it.

What a difference

It's a stark contrast to other transitional times — engagement, marriage, pregnancy — when friends and family showered us with items. The end of a marriage is not exactly a transition to be celebrated. Which means it is not a time when we traditionally ask for gifts or talk about what we need. When our lives have been upended and we don't even have a broom or a coffee pot, there are no gifts dropped on our doorsteps. No gift cards to Target for carpet cleaner or dish soap. When we're sad, lonely, gutted and rebuilding our lives, we do the financial and material work alone.

When I got married, we asked guests not to bring gifts, but they came armed with checks and Pottery Barn salad bowls anyway. I got a beautiful wooden guitar-shaped cutting board, bottles of fancy wine, a video camera. My husband and I didn't really need anything. We had been living together for a year and already had a daughter. But people wanted to share in our joy and offer their blessings in the form of material items and financial support. Even though we simply wanted our guests to share in the day and enjoy themselves, most of them probably would have felt strange showing up empty-handed. (And I won't say the extra items and cash weren't appreciated.)

Likewise, when I had a baby, and then another, I was bombarded by presents. Many were put to immediate use, like a Diaper Genie and a crib. But like most new mothers, I got more baby clothes than would ever be worn. For the first



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year of my daughter's life, there was a rocking chair piled so high with baby clothes that I never once sat in it. It became "the clothes chair." I gave much of it away at mom-swaps, sold it at yard sales, bagged it up for biweekly trips to Goodwill. It wasn't that I didn't appreciate the thoughtfulness behind the items. I understood the instinct to celebrate by giving gifts. But I was overwhelmed with stuff. Stuff that I often couldn't use, or didn't use, because there was far too much of it.

These occasions — engagements, wedding showers, weddings, baby showers, graduations — call for gift giving. We're accustomed to sharing in joy with our hearts as well as our wallets.

The same isn't true for the sad or difficult times. It doesn't matter that financial support or material items are often far more needed — that after a divorce, one party might end up with mismatched spatulas and an old couch the dog peed on. You end up missing the simplest things, the ones you didn't think of needing, like a sharp knife to cut a pineapple. So instead of eating it, you watch it rot on the counter of your empty apartment until the fruit flies come.

Oh, the irony

Of course, I wasn't expecting money or presents once I separated. But the irony strikes me now, as I'm piecing together this new life, dragging someone's old dirty futon into my apartment and buying dollar-store plates because I don't have the money to go to Bed, Bath and Beyond, let alone the grocery store.

Next week I'm headed to a wedding shower and the following week, a baby shower. And I'll gladly smother my friends with prizes from their registries. But at this stage in my life, as I celebrate in my friends' joy, I know in the back of my mind that there may one day be a time of much greater need.

In the raw, early stages of the ending of my marriage, I'll take emotional support over material items any day. I'm astounded by my good fortune: Women have showered me with kind, encouraging words the same way they showered me with gifts when I got married. I've been hugged and told that I am brave, even when I feel anything but. I've gotten emails and social media messages of love and offers of company on my lonely nights. I am grateful for

the support of women who have been where I am and survived, and the women who have no idea what it feels like and still show up. I don't have a furnished apartment, but I have a full, well-tended heart.

For now, I'll continue searching yard sales and online marketplaces for a microwave oven, a bookshelf, a stand for the TV that has been sitting on the floor for three weeks. In some ways, I am happy to do it. It feels good to lay the groundwork for my new life.

But the next time I hear about a woman going through a separation, I'm sending her a bottle of booze and a bedside lamp. You know, something practical. Because I know just how much is needed. And I also know that while she might ask for my ear to bend, she probably won't ask for much more.

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PERSPECTIVE



TOM WILLIAMS/CQ ROLL CALL

U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, of California, is among the Democrats who have been calling for the impeachment of President Donald Trump.

Both parties are undermining their chances in November

BY CARL P. LEUBSDORF

During Barack Obama's second term, the White House let it be known the president had abandoned lofty foreign policy goals in favor of a more pragmatic one. His new mantra: "Don't do stupid stuff," or perhaps a more colorful version thereof.

History will determine the extent to which the 44th president met that standard. But it's fair to say that, in recent weeks, stupidity has reigned within both major political parties, reminding us again why, in politics as in football, more elections are lost than won.

For the Republicans, President Donald Trump's decision to slap tariffs on products from an array of countries, including China and our closest allies, has exacerbated international tensions and could jeopardize the strong economy that Trump inherited from Obama and has spurred with tax cuts and regulatory relief.

For the Democrats, increasing demands from many leading liberals and presidential hopefuls to dismantle the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency has given the White House a convenient

excuse to avoid questions about the real issue, its decision to fight illegal immigration by separating children from their parents.

Those are hardly the only current examples of "stupid stuff" clouding the political landscape. Recurring examples of the sorry ethics record of Trump, his family members and top administration officials underscore the inadequacy of executive branch oversight by a Republican Congress more interested in reprising problems from the previous administration. It's hardly surprising that polls show a major voting issue this November is the desire of voters for lawmakers more willing to challenge Trump.

Meanwhile, some leading Democrats such as California firebrand Maxine Waters are playing into Trump's hands by continually talking about impeaching the president. That ignores advice of party leaders and shifts attention from issues like health care and the need for job-creating infrastructure projects where the Trump administration's shortcomings are far more likely to turn swing voters against GOP candidates.

Interestingly, a Democrat who best defined the issues on which the party should be running this November was Anastasia Ocasio-Cortez, the young woman who unexpectedly ousted veteran Democratic Rep. Joe Crowley in a recent New York Democratic primary. In her campaign, she said little about either Trump or impeachment, noting in a post-primary interview on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that she won with "a laser-focused message of economic, social and racial dignity."

To win in November, she added, "What we need to do is to lay out a plan and a vision that is going to earn and deserve the support of every working class American," citing what sounded very much like a 2018 version of Bernie Sanders' 2016 platform: Medicare for all, free college tuition and the government guarantee of a job for all. To be fair, she was also one of the first to urge abolishing ICE, which seems to have prompted prospective 2020 contenders like Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Elizabeth Warren to ignore her broader message and latch on to that more simplistic goal.

Like talk of impeachment,

demands to dismantle ICE detract from targeting the real problem with the Trump immigration policy, which is the policy, not the agency implementing it. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., had the right idea on NBC's "Meet the Press" recently when he called the Trump policy "a convergence of cruelty and incompetence."

Meanwhile, Trump may be undercutting Republican hopes of benefiting this November from the strong economy by starting a trade war that only he thinks can benefit the United States.

So far, the tariffs themselves have been relatively modest, compared with overall trade. But there are already signs of negative impact on industries ranging from agriculture to automobile manufacturing, especially in areas where Trump did well in 2016.

If this continues, it could complicate the chances of GOP lawmakers from swing districts who tend to oppose Trump's trade policy but have been reluctant to criticize the president himself.

As for their impact abroad, Trump himself suggested in a tweet the tariffs may be spurring China to pressure

North Korea against carrying out promises of denuclearization. And they seem to aggravate tensions at the recent NATO meetings with European leaders who were already annoyed with how Trump criticized them while cozying up to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Meanwhile, the predictably partisan and often overheated reactions to Trump's choice of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court add an unpredictable new factor this fall. Assuming no surprises, the chief political impact may stem from the votes of several Democratic senators facing re-election in states Trump carried in 2016.

But the November elections seem more likely to turn on whether voters feel a need to place a restraint on Trump or think the Democrats would be no more likely to deal with persistent problems like trade and immigration.

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Top 15 possible Democratic candidates for 2020

BY AARON BLAKE
The Washington Post

We're now just four months, practically speaking, from the effective launch of the 2020 Democratic presidential primary season. As soon as the 2018 midterm election is in the books — win or lose — you'll probably see a handful of the dozens of prospective candidates making moves or even launching campaigns to challenge President Donald Trump.

Each quarter, the Washington Post handicaps potential candidates. Here is its latest ranking of possible contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020:

15. Oprah Winfrey: Oprah is on this list because she's Oprah. But she continues to say she won't do it. "In that political structure — all the nontruths, the bulls---, the crap, the nastiness, the backhanded backroom stuff that goes

on — I feel like I could not exist," Winfrey told British Vogue. "I would not be able to do it. It's not a clean business. It would kill me."

14. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu: Landrieu is among the 2020 contenders with whom former President Barack Obama has spoken about the future of the party. He remains perhaps the most legitimate dark horse here.

13. Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown: Despite being targeted by the GOP for defeat in his re-election campaign this year, he looks comfortable. He leads Republican Rep. James Renacci by double digits in all recent polls. As for 2020 signs? Apparently they have to wait.

12. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo: The most recent Siena College poll has Cuomo actually widening his primary lead over former "Sex and the City" actress Cynthia Nixon; he led by 35 points. The primary is Sept. 13, and Cuomo's performance could either kill or fuel his 2020 ambitions.

11. Connecticut Sen. Chris Murphy: Murphy has said he won't run, but The New York Times reported recently that he's among those keeping tabs on much-sought-after New York donors.

10. Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg: Here we go again. The man who has threatened to run before as an inde-

pendent is now reportedly considering running as a Democrat. And he's putting \$80 million behind Democratic candidates in 2018. This is my skeptical face — not only have we been down this road before, but Bloomberg is also among the oldest names on a list of already-quiet-candidates — he's 76. His money would, of course, instantly make him a contender.

9. Former Attorney General Eric Holder: A surprise entry on this list last time around, Holder traveled to New Hampshire recently and had this to say about challenging Trump: "Two guys from Queens. That would be interesting. New Yorkers know how to talk to other New Yorkers." Hmmm.

8. Former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe: McAuliffe may be undertaking the most important 2018 job on this list: trying to elect Democratic governors. Given the party's deficit in many key states, winning governor's races is vital to preventing another GOP-controlled round of redistricting that could put Democrats on their heels for another decade. That said, it's not exactly high-profile work.

7. Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick: News about Patrick running keeps coming from people who seem to badly want him to run, rather than from the prospective candidate himself. But he is hitting the cam-

paign trail for Democrats and promising a decision by the end of the year. Patrick has been so quiet that people forget he's there, but he'd instantly have a base of institutional support from Obama types.

6. New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand: Gillibrand remains one of the most likely candidates on this list, but her relationship with the Clintons is a big and potentially harmful subplot. President Bill Clinton recently hit back after Gillibrand said, in retrospect, that he should've resigned the presidency in the late 1990s. "You have to — really ignore what the context was," Clinton told CBS News. "But, you know, she's living in a different context. And she did it for different reasons."

5. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker: Booker recently offered some of his most extensive comments to date about 2020. The summation: He's focused on re-electing Democrats in 2018 — and his travel schedule bears that out — and then he'll see what happens.

4. Former Vice President Joe Biden: Polling this far out should be taken with a huge grain of salt if not outright ignored. But I suppose it's worth something that Biden had the most people say they were open to voting for him in a new Vox Populi poll. That's partially because of name ID, sure, but he was better off than

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and even others who were as well-known.

3. California Sen. Kamala Harris: Harris recently told MSNBC's Kasie Hunt that she's "not ruling out" a 2020 presidential run. But her actions may speak louder than her words. She was the first lawmaker to call for Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen to resign over the Trump administration's family-separation policy. She has also written off accepting money from corporate PACs.

2. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren: She continues to set the progressive tone, including being a leading early voice for the abolition of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, also known as ICE.

1. Sen. Bernie Sanders: Sanders for some reason keeps insisting he won't become a Democrat. He announced recently that he'll seek the Democratic nomination in his 2018 re-election campaign, but also that if (and when) he wins the nomination, he'll turn it down. Given his clear interest in seeking the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020, it seems an unnecessary bit of partisan hairsplitting.

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Thinking citywide

For too long, Chicago politicians and policies have catered to narrow constituencies in their wards and districts. This is arguably rational decision-making to get and stay elected, but smart policymaking it is not.

On the issue of affordable housing (and public safety, education, and the economy and jobs, for that matter), this creates a narrow toolbox of policies that work well for a small cadre of hyperlocal loud voices and does little to improve the health of our entire city (think: charter schools). On housing, recently the Tribune and a small subset of aldermen have called this out and stood with spines of steel to make a case for affordable housing in every corner of Chicago — in an election year to boot.

From my place on the Far Northwest Side of Chicago, where this battle rages at community meetings and on social media — yes, I've had obscenities screamed at me for holding a pro-veterans housing sign — I say thank you. The loud and consistent voices of the Tribune and aldermen from many wards speaking in unison not only on the realities affordable housing eligibility (you or your uncle may qualify), but also on the many immediate and not-so-complicated affordable housing policy ideas for our entire city, give me hope as I continue to advocate with my Northwest Side neighbors for this basic human right.

To those elected officials and candidates looking at November and February 2019, any candidate can parrot what polling tells you voters want to hear, but actions speak louder than words. Time is running out to strengthen those spines.

— Lindsey LaPointe, Chicago

Common courtesy

Make no mistake, conservatives and most Republicans were as upset with the Obama presidency as liberals and most Democrats are with the Trump presidency.

However, as Obama pointed out, elections have consequences, and one of those is the duly elected president's right (and duty) to nominate Supreme Court candidates. The difference between then and now is that Republicans did not embrace the extreme obstructionist posture that Democrats have chosen as their mantra de jour! As proof I cite the recent confirmation votes for the extremely liberal and activist jurists (Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor) nominated by Obama. Few conservatives or Republicans were happy with these choices, yet nine Republicans voted to confirm Justice Sotomayor and five Republicans joined the Democratic bloc to



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confirm Justice Kagan.

Now, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer is urging all Democrats to oppose President Trump's nominee, and Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin has suggested that red-state Democrats sacrifice their careers (re-election hopes) and do the right thing by voting against confirmation. Could the difference and decline in civility and common courtesy be more striking?

— Martin Dettmer, Wheaton

Selection of justices

The selection of justices for the Supreme Court of the U.S. brings much concern about the justice or the court being conservative or liberal. The problem is that the justices and the court should not function as conservative or liberal. Their assignment is to determine whether a law or action complies with the Constitution as written with original intent. They are not to legislate from the bench nor effectively change the Constitution. They are not to decide moral issues like abortion. The Constitution gives the making of legislation to Congress. Powers not specified for the federal government are reserved to the states or the people. This should include moral issues like abortion. We do not want just a handful of unelected people deciding moral issues.

The Constitution is a living document only in that it can be changed in

accordance with Article V of the Constitution, not by judicial activists. Justices who do not strictly follow the Constitution do not belong on the court.

— Robert C. Lemke, Joliet

Human rights

It didn't start with *Roe v. Wade*, but the politicization of the Supreme Court was surely given its greatest boost by the Burger court in 1973.

Only the most naive observer thought the matter settled when that most-inhumane ruling came down. As the Tribune editorial of July 10 pointed out, it took a few decades for abortion to dominate the nomination/confirmation process.

But here we are, and when Judge Brett Kavanaugh is seated, we can expect multiple cases to make their way up. Let's hope, wherever we stand, that the Roberts court will choose a case or two in which the humanity of the tiny victims will play as important a role as the "rights" of their mothers to be rid of them legally.

The Burger court, with seven minds likely made up before arguments were heard, chose two cases in which the victims played no role, as exemplified by Justice Harry Blackmun's sentence, "We need not address the delicate question of when life begins." Elementary biology evidently escaped their attention — or was uncomfortably inconvenient.

And rather than "throwing it back to the states" with a weak overturn, let's have a court that definitively brings unborn humans under the protection of the 14th Amendment. Corporations have that status (at least partially). Why not tiny real people?

— Thomas W. Shilgalis, Normal, Ill.

Realistic expectations

There's a deep sense of dread that has so many of us in its grip thinking about the all-too-stark reality that *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned. Without legal and safe abortion in America, women will be stripped of their bodily autonomy, self-determinism and control over their lives. But abortion isn't the only law of the land that's on the chopping block. Be very worried about LGBT rights, workers rights, voting rights, civil rights, the Affordable Care Act and environmental protections being decimated, while corporations' rights are bolstered.

Yes, elections have consequences. In the coming election and every election thereafter, it's my most sincere hope that Americans will vote en masse for equality, justice, liberty and freedom and to make America kind again. Anyone who's waiting for perfection in a candidate or candidates to vote for — it's never going to happen!

"Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good."
— Jill Farber-Bramson, Bloomfield, Mich.

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Nothing in the Constitution gives Kavanaugh a pass on explaining his views

BY ERWIN CHERMERINSKY

In January 2006, I testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee against the confirmation of Samuel A. Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court.

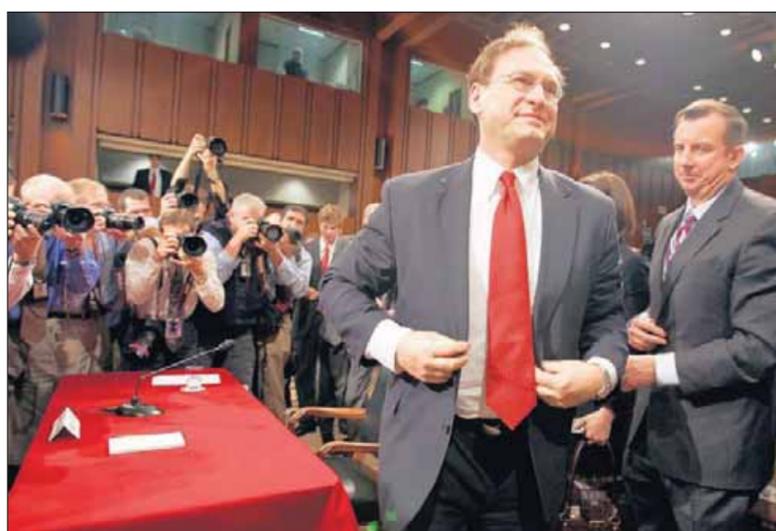
At a break, then-Sen. Joe Biden came up to me and said it was all an exercise in Kabuki theater. He said everyone in the room knew that Alito was going to be a very conservative justice. He said the Republicans were pretending that he was open-minded and had no ideology, while the Democrats were trying to ask questions to trip up Alito and he was too smart for that.

I think we are likely to see another exercise in Kabuki theater with the Brett Kavanaugh hearings unless the senators exercise their power and insist that the judge answer questions about his views on crucial constitutional issues. A myth has developed that nominees should be allowed to refuse to answer such inquiries. Neil Gorsuch, for example, refused even to express his views on *Brown v. Board of Education*.

There is no basis in the Constitution or law for the idea that nominees to the Supreme Court should be given a free pass on explaining their views. The idea that a nominee may refuse to answer questions rests on three premises, none of which has merit.

One premise is that a justice's views on issues such as abortion, affirmative action, separation of church and state, and the death penalty have nothing to do with how he or she is likely to vote on the court. No one believes that. Supreme Court justices have enormous discretion in interpreting the Constitution, and how they vote is very much a product of their values and ideology.

As Biden predicted in 2006, Alito has voted with the conservatives in every case



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Then-Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito at a confirmation hearing in 2006. Brett Kavanaugh will soon appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

What a nominee cannot answer, and should not be asked, is exactly how he or she will vote in the future.

since joining the high court, just as Sonia Sotomayor has been predictably with the liberals.

A second justification is that the nominee doesn't have views on these issues. When David Souter and Clarence Thomas went before the Senate Judiciary Committee for their confirmation hearings, each denied having a position pro or con on *Roe v. Wade*. Patricia Ireland, then the president of the National Organization for

Women, later quipped that there were only two adults in the United States without thoughts on abortion and they were both on the Supreme Court. Souter's and Thomas' denials were simply not credible.

Finally, there's the matter of bias. This argument holds that it is inappropriate for nominees to state their views because they will later be seen as prejudiced if the matter comes before them. The flaw in this argument has already been stated: We

know the justices' views — in general — before a case is heard. Where Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Thomas would stand on a blanket overrule of *Roe v. Wade*, for example, is no secret.

Yet no one suggests that our knowledge about their general views and their jurisprudence as revealed in various decisions makes them impermissibly biased. Besides, pretending that a justice has no biases does not make it so.

What a nominee cannot answer, and should not be asked, is exactly how he or she will vote in the future. That will depend on the particulars of each case and the briefs and arguments. But it is appropriate to ask Kavanaugh how he would have voted had he been on the court when *Roe v. Wade* was decided or when *Grutter v. Bollinger* (which upheld university affirmative action programs) was decided, or when the court handed down other major rulings.

If Kavanaugh refuses to answer, or if his answers are not credible, it is completely appropriate for the Senate to deny him confirmation. President Donald Trump has made clear that he picked Kavanaugh for his conservative views. It is equally appropriate for the Senate to deny confirmation because of those views or because of Kavanaugh's refusal to answer questions.

The Framers of the Constitution intentionally did not vest in the president the sole ability to pick Supreme Court justices. The Senate must approve a nominee. For the Senate to exercise its constitutional role it must insist on answers to its questions. It is time to end the Kabuki theater.

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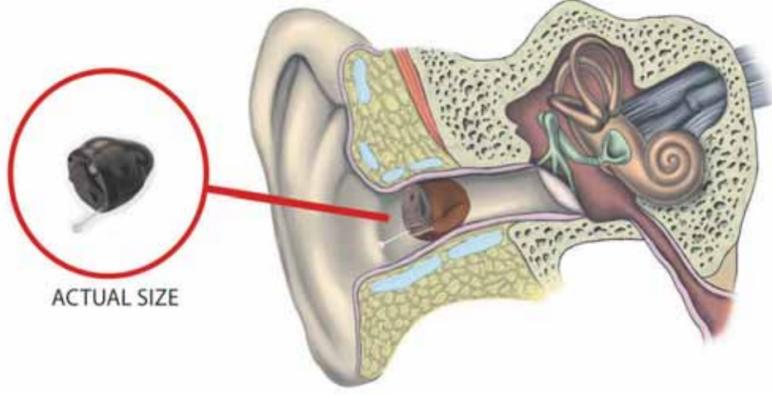
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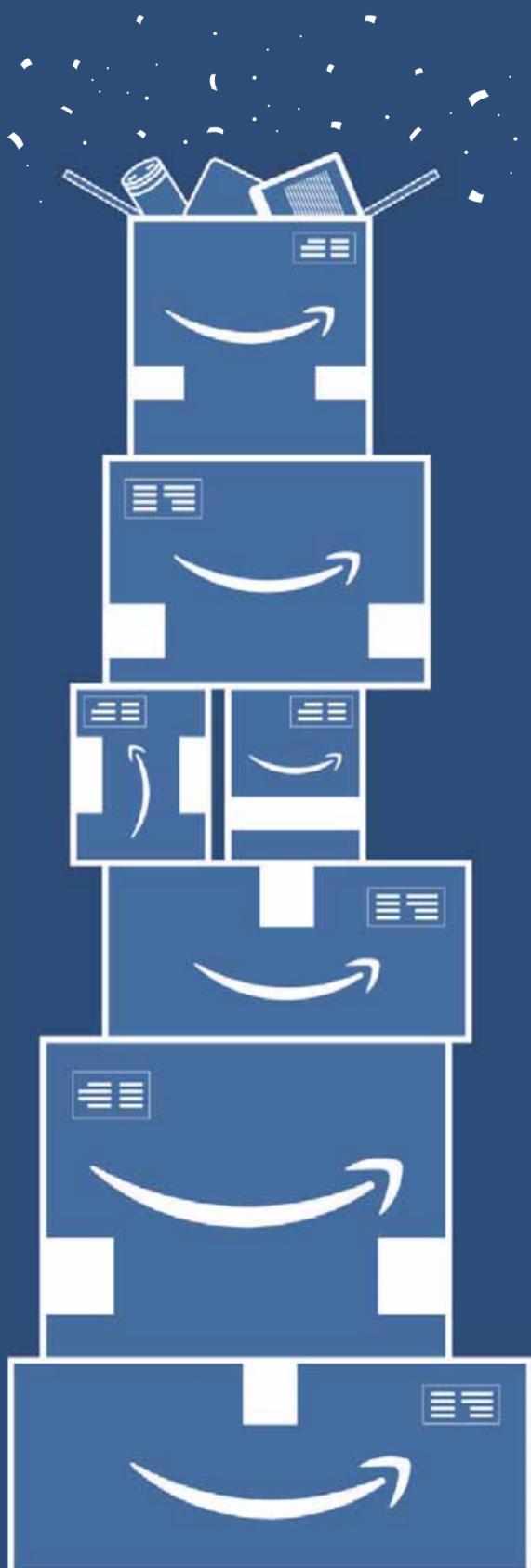
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Time for mid-year economic check-in

July means cookouts, the beach and, for certain geeky financial folks like me, the perfect time to recap where things stand for the economy, six months into the year.

Economic growth: The current expansion (the second longest in U.S. history) got off to a slow start in 2018, but gained momentum in the second quarter. The tax cut has fueled corporate spending, and consumers are perking up. Most economists anticipate that the economy, as measured by Gross Domestic Product, will expand by about three percent in 2018, which would be the best showing since 2005.

Labor market: The economy has added just over 200,000 jobs per month on average in 2018, which is impressive considering that we are entering the tenth year of the recovery. The unemployment rate has dropped to an 18-year low of 3.8 percent, the broader rate has fallen, job openings have surged, wages are edging higher and the quality of jobs is improving.

Federal Reserve rate hikes: The Federal Reserve, under new chief Jerome Powell, has followed in Janet Yellen's footsteps by hiking short-term interest rates by a quarter of a percent twice so far this year. According to the predictions by Fed officials, there will likely be two more increases by the end of the year.

Inflation: The rally in global oil prices pushed headline inflation to a six-year high of 2.8 percent this spring. Without food and energy, even the Core CPI is edging up — to 2.3 percent, a 15-month high in May. Economists expect that the recently enacted steel and aluminum tariffs will add to the price pressure, but not by so much so as to derail growth.

Housing: With the economy picking up steam and incomes creeping higher, you might think that the housing market would be on fire. Unfortunately, just as more Americans are financially ready to buy a home, it's hard to find one. The National Association of Realtors said that the lack of inventory is pushing prices higher. Compounding the problem is the fact that 2018 has ushered in a new era for mortgage rates, which recently touched a seven-year high.

Trade and tariffs: The Trump administration has enacted a number of tariffs this year: 10 percent on imported aluminum, 25 percent on imported steel and 25 percent on \$50 billion worth of Chinese goods "that contain industrially significant technologies." In retaliation, the European Union, Canada, Mexico and China have responded with a retaliatory round of tariffs on US exports, including soybeans, whiskey and motorcycles.

According to the analysts at Capital Economics, "protectionism alone is unlikely to kill the economic expansion," but it could eat into growth this year and potentially make the next recession worse.

Markets: Volatility is back, which, while unnerving at some points, should not meaningfully affect long-term investors funding goals that are years or decades away. Sure, the tariff situation has caused many investors to flee large cap stocks and rotate into smaller, domestic-focused ones. And indeed, emerging market stocks have been hurt by a stronger U.S. dollar and, yes, as the economy has improved, bond prices are down and yields are up.

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Coffee preferences may offer clues about colleagues

Cream, sugar, compassion?

BY REBECCA HINDS | Inc.

Coffee has long been a staple of the workplace. Sitting down for a cup of coffee with colleagues and bosses has even been associated with pay raises and promotions.

The coffee break is, by and large, a 20th century invention and became more prevalent in the years after World War II. Now, it's a booming business with a thousand different variations on the simple cup of coffee.

It also can be helpful. A 2010 study at MIT showed that employees who take coffee breaks together have an overall improvement in their productivity.

It turns out that our coffee preference also can reveal a lot about our personalities. The next time you grab a cup of Joe with a colleague, take note of how that person takes his or her java. You might learn something intriguing.

Black coffee consumers

Black coffee couldn't be simpler. But research conducted at the University of Innsbruck in Austria has shown that black coffee drinkers are more likely to exhibit psychopathic and Machiavellian tendencies. These coffee purists may be more likely to find pleasure in others' misfortune and more likely to be selfish and devious.

If your colleague opts for coffee sans cream and sugar, you may want to consider it a warning. This might be someone who would enjoy seeing you get called on the carpet or would tattle on you for a minor infraction.

Sugar adders

Those who have a sweet tooth are hard pressed to avoid adding a few packets of sugar to their coffee. Re-

search published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology has found that people who like sugar in their java are more likely to be agreeable, friendly and compassionate. Their coffee of choice may reflect a sweet demeanor.

On your next coffee break, keep your eyes peeled for these types of coffee drinkers. It's possible they get along well with people and will provide colleagues with words of encouragement.

Milk maids

Ramani Durvasula, a professor of psychology at California State University, Los Angeles, and author of "You Are WHY You Eat," found that people who add milk to their coffee or always order cafe lattes are likely to go out of their way to help others.

In much the same way that they use milk or cream to soften the bitterness of their coffee, they use their personality to soften the bitterness of life. They often are generous.

When you observe a colleague adding milk to his or her coffee, this might be a sign that he or she is a trusted confidant and supportive co-worker.

Decaf coffee drinkers

To coffee fanatics, decaf is an oxymoron. What's coffee without the jolt of caffeine? In her book, Durvasula states that people who drink decaf are more likely to be obsessive and controlling. Their predilection for trying to alter

the natural order of coffee is one manifestation of a general tendency to attempt to control themselves and others.

If a co-worker orders decaf, he or she may very well obsess over details and have you on a tight leash in the workplace.

Half-caf fans

According to Juliet A. Boghossian, a behavioral food expert and the founder of Food-ology, people who mix foods (for example, regular and decaf coffee mixed in equal parts) tend to have difficulty managing tasks. They likely struggle to decide between projects.

If your co-worker goes for half one and half the other, he or she may be more apt to procrastinate. You might want to avoid working on a project with this person.

Espresso addicts

According to body language experts Judi James and James Moore, as cited in The Sydney Morning Herald, espresso drinkers are an energetic bunch.

They tend to be especially extroverted and the life of the party. Their appetite for a kick in their cup of Joe mirrors their yearning for a kick out of life.

If a colleague opts for an espresso, chances are he or she will add vitality and richness to the office environment.

Use your next coffee break to try to discern the personalities of co-workers and colleagues, but don't take it too seriously.

Your coffee break could get more interesting. And those who don't drink coffee may be missing out.

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The Savings Game

Financial expert Ed Slott recently reported that the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 included some favorable changes regarding the allowance of hardship distributions from 401(k), 403(b) and 457(b) plans. These changes are effective after Dec. 31.

Prior to these legal changes, the amount of the hardship withdrawals was limited to salary contributions made by individuals.

The revised law allows withdrawals to include qualified non-elective contributions and earnings on salary contributions. (QNEC contributions are defined as employer contributions intended to replace lost opportunities to anyone not permitted to make elective deferrals.)

People will be able to make larger hardship withdrawals after Dec. 31.

The changes in the law are different between 401(k)s and 403(b)s vs. 457(b)s. The hardship requirements for 457(b)s are more rigid. For the 401(k) and 403(b), withdrawals must be based "on account of an immediate and heavy financial need."

Although the trustees of 401(k)s and 403(b)s may specify individual hardship rules, most adopt the IRS safe harbor hardships, which follow:

- Medical expenses for participants, their spouses or dependents
- Costs related to purchase of a principal residence
- Tuition and related educational fees and expenses for participants, their spouses and dependents
- Payments necessary to prevent eviction or foreclosure on a principal residence
- Certain burial or funeral expenses for participants, parents, spouses or dependents
- Certain expenses for repairing principal residence

If you do make a hardship withdrawal, the amount of the withdrawal is taxable, and there could be a 10 percent early distribution penalty. To avoid the required taxes, you should consider a loan as an option.



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For a hardship withdrawal from a 457(b), the requirement is that the hardship must be "on account of an unforeseeable emergency." There are two exceptions to the safe harbor rules previously discussed — namely, the purchase of a principal residence and tuition-related expenses are not allowed. A significant advantage of the hardship withdrawal from a 457(b) account is that there is not a 10 percent IRS penalty for early distribution.

There are major differences between using hardship distributions and making loans from your retirement accounts. When you use a hardship repaying distribution, you lose the option of ever repaying the distribution back into your plan.

When you take a loan, you repay the loan over five years, with one exception: If you use the loan to purchase a primary residence, the plan may allow you to repay the loan over a 15-year period.

Repayments are added back into your plan. Repayments must be made at least quarterly and must include payments of both principal and interest. You do not have an immediate tax liability for the withdrawal, nor do you incur a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty, regardless of your age.

Loans cannot exceed the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance. If you are a resident of certain disaster areas, the limit is increased to \$100,000.

It is important for you to know that if the loan does not meet certain conditions, the unpaid balance is considered a deemed distribution. This occurs if you do not repay on time. If you leave your employer without repaying the loan in full, it also would be a deemed distribution.

Any outstanding balance is considered a deemed distribution, the unpaid balance will be taxable, and there could be (depending on your age) a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. If you default on the loan, the amount of the loan in default can't be rolled over.

If you know you can repay the amount you need — and you expect to remain with your current employer for the length of the loan — then the loan option is more favorable than the hardship distribution option.

The amount you withdraw is not immediately taxable; you don't incur the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty, and your repayment goes back into your retirement account.

For more information regarding IRAs, visit Slott's web site at www.ira.help.com.

Correction: In my recent column about tax code changes for 2018, I erroneously gave the new limits for interest on property loans as \$75,000. The limit is \$750,000.

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TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Don't miss the chance to secure your future

Twenty years ago, the Roth IRA was born as a product of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. Unlike with traditional IRAs, you don't get a tax deduction for your contribution to a Roth IRA. But all the money in the account, including gains, can be withdrawn tax-free at retirement.

If only you had jumped in to a Roth IRA at the beginning, you would have a small tax-free fortune today.

Here's the hypothetical result if you were to contribute \$5,000 every year for the next 20 years. If you earned the average stock market historical return (S&P 500) of roughly 10 percent per year, with dividends reinvested, in 20 years your Roth IRA would be worth \$312,000.

Note: When Roth IRAs first became available in 1998, you could invest only \$2,000 a year, but that limit was gradually raised to the current \$5,500, unless you are 50 or older, in which case you can contribute \$6,500 each year.

Now, the only question is where you will find the money to invest over the next 20 years.

In hindsight, you can certainly see the opportunities that you missed in the past. Was that vacation worth the high pricetag, or would it have been better to invest in a Roth IRA? That closet of outdated clothes? The handbag that you simply had to have? All consumed your future.

Or start with your paycheck stub. There's a little box with a big deduction marked FICA. It stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act, better known as Social Security. With every paycheck, you're making a rather large contribution to the Social Security checks now being paid to baby boomers.

It's not an optional contribution. This is money taken out of your paycheck before you see it and spend it. For 2018, the maximum amount of Social Security taxes you'll pay as an employee is \$7,960.80. The maximum taxable wage is \$128,400. In addition, workers also pay a Medicare tax of 1.45 percent.

And, sorry to report, millennials and younger workers are likely to see little of value from those contributions.

But the point is clear: You've already found a way to contribute quite a lot of money to the future — of others. Don't you think you owe it to yourself to make an equal contribution in your own Roth IRA?

The secret is that automatic feature, where it never becomes a savings vs. spending decision. And you can do that with a Roth IRA, simply by going to a place like Vanguard.com or Fidelity.com and opening your own Roth IRA in their S&P 500 stock index fund.

The process is a simple one. You give them your banking information, and direct them to automatically debit your checking account every month and put it into the stock index fund.

Yes, the stock market will have its ups and downs. Just stick to the plan. Your Roth IRA is designed to grow over time, and you won't be using it until retirement. It's a good bet that your Roth IRA account will come out ahead of your Social Security contributions in the long run.

There are some contribution limitations for a Roth IRA. First, the money to be contributed must come out of earned income — not out of dividends or pension payments. Second, you must fall within certain income limits.

If you are married, filing jointly for 2018, the combined income limit before the contribution phases out is \$189,900. And if you are single, you can only make the full \$5,500 contribution (\$6,500, if 50 or older) if you earn less than \$120,000.

You can find all the details and rules for opening and contributing to a Roth IRA at www.RothIRA.com.

Now, all you must do is ask yourself: Won't my life be better with a tax-free Roth IRA retirement account instead of depending on Social Security? The answer is yes. And that's The Savage Truth.

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Freeze your credit record for free

New law goes into effect this fall

BY KIMBERLY LANKFORD
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Q: I got a letter from Equifax a while back about my information being compromised. I've been meaning to put a credit freeze on my reports. Do I have to pay?

A. A new federal law will make credit freezes free throughout the country starting this fall. A credit freeze prevents new creditors from reviewing your credit report, making it harder for identity thieves to take out credit in your name.

The new law prohibits the three big credit bureaus — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — from charging fees to freeze or unfreeze your credit record. The credit bureaus must make the free freezes available by no later than Sept. 21. Go to each credit bureau's website for details. (To hinder ID thieves, you'll need to freeze your record at all three major credit bureaus.)

Meanwhile, you can get a jump on freezing your credit files at no cost in states that already have passed laws prohibiting fees: Colorado, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina,



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Oregon, South Carolina, Utah and Washington. Check with your state attorney general's office or consumer protection bureau to see if your state offers extra protections beyond what the federal law provides.

In states that don't offer free freezes, you'll usually pay \$5 to \$10 to freeze your credit report with each bureau until the federal law takes effect; you may have to pay a similar fee to temporarily lift the freeze when applying for a loan.

Q: I know that married couples can exclude from taxes up to \$500,000 in home-sale profits if they have lived in the house for at least two of the past five years. But what if you haven't lived there that long?

A: If you haven't lived in your house for two of the past five years, you still can qualify to exclude some of your gains if, for example, you moved because of a divorce, the death of a spouse, the birth of two or more children from a single pregnancy, or because you started a new job that is at least 50 miles farther from your home than your old work location. If that is the case, you may take a partial exclusion based on the portion of two years that you lived in the house.

Say you lived in the house for one year before moving for a new job. You may exclude \$250,000 in home-sale profits from taxes (half of the \$500,000 exclusion).

You calculate your taxable gain by subtracting your tax basis — the original cost of the home, plus certain settlement fees or closing costs you paid — from the sales price of your home. If you made major improvements, such as a new roof or a remodeled kitchen (basic repairs don't count), you can reduce taxable gains by adding those expenses to your basis.

For more information, see IRS Publication 523, Selling Your Home.

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Flying in style

Airline passengers on a budget don't have to settle for being squeezed into a middle seat in economy class. Here are a few ways to fly high without spending a fortune.



Jump on an upscale sale

A business-class ticket generally costs three or four times the price of an economy fare, says Scott Keyes, of Scott's Cheap Flights email newsletter. But when leisure travel is heating up midsummer or over the winter holidays, business travel is slowing down, and the price gap between economy and business-class tickets narrows.



Fly premium economy

Premium economy is what business class used to be, says Brett Snyder, president of CrankyFlier.com. It offers bigger seats with more legroom, better food, priority boarding and more. Depending on the airline and time of travel, premium economy seats are 10 percent to 85 percent more expensive than regular coach seats, says SeatGuru.com. For a shot at a last-minute deal, wait until you're checking in to upgrade to a premium economy seat.



Kick back in an airport lounge

Airport lounges aren't just for high fliers. To freshen up or get away from the buzzing terminal, buy a pass to an airport's lounge. LoungeBuddy sells passes on its website and app for \$25 to \$50 for entries with no time limit. Priority Pass sells access to a worldwide network of lounges with three membership tiers (\$99, \$249 and \$399) that offer varying levels of free or discounted access.

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How to help an adult child get on solid footing and move out

Good to go

BY CHRISTINA DESMARAIS
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Being a fledgling adult is harder in some ways than it used to be.

Two years ago, the Pew Research Center reported that, for the first time in 130 years, adults ages 18 to 34 were more likely to live with parents than with a spouse or romantic partner in their own home.

And those who don't go to college face a bleak future. Americans with no more than a high school diploma have fallen so far behind college graduates that the earnings gap between college grads and everyone else has reached its widest point on record, CBS News reported last year. At the same time, rent has increased 64 percent from 1960 to 2014, while household incomes have only increased 18 percent.

"Work is not fun. It's just part of life," my husband tells our 19-year-old son, who is working 10- to 12-hour days in a construction job. He comes home sweaty, exhausted and resenting the fact that many of his peers are snapping photos of themselves boating on the lake this summer while he toils in the hot sun.

My words of wisdom: "Look at all the money you're making. Having a fat bank account is what you can use to take your family on vacation someday, just as your dad and I have worked hard for all the great trips we've had." This doesn't fly.

It's true; work often does suck. But then again, it's work, not play. If work were without discomfort, why would we need to be paid to do it? This is a fact of life I

want my children to understand.

Regardless of your role, you have to be a big girl or boy and show up to do your best work, no matter how you're feeling. And if you're truly miserable with your job, take the initiative to change your situation, knowing that only you are responsible for your circumstances.

When I was 19, I was incentivized to work because I wanted the freedom that a car and an apartment provided. But how much more freedom do today's young people crave? Many kids out of high school pretty much do what they want with their time and often have inexpensive, but paid-for, vehicles. So why move out?

Ana Swanson penned a fairly depressing piece in 2016 for the Washington Post with the headline "Why amazing video games could be causing a big problem for America." In it, she discussed research that found that a rising number of able-bodied young men without college degrees are purposefully unemployed or underemployed, preferring instead to live with their parents and play video games for long stretches at a time, and they're happier doing so.

The problem is that they're not gaining skills, education or experience that will help them be good workers in middle life. It's a trend that can lead to all sorts of evils, Swanson writes, including lower income, depression and drug use. The trends are different for women, who are much more likely to go back to school after leaving the labor force.

It's not all doom and gloom. Beth Kobliner, personal finance commentator, journalist and the author of The New York Times bestseller "Get a Financial Life," says the 18- to 34-year-olds who live at home may be doing the right thing financially, but parents need to help them do it responsibly by setting ground rules and ensuring the child sticks to them.

First, draw up a written contract your son or daughter must sign which sets out how much, if anything, he or she will pay in rent or household staples. Kobliner says this is a matter of principle, so it might make sense to start with a small amount and think through what will happen if the contract isn't followed, such as taking away car privileges.

Second, communicate which household chores your child will do and hold him or her accountable for doing them. If your child has a job, factor that in when delegating chores.

Third, map out any debt your child accumulated and come up with a budget so he or she can work on paying it down. Once the debt is under control, saving in earnest should begin.

And finally, set a goal for a move-out date, tied to meeting a financial goal.

"You need to agree on a deadline for that goal to be met," Kobliner writes. "Because after a few years of this, you might be ready to move out."

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Being your own boss

Don't forget about taxes, retirement account

BY LISA GERSTNER
Kiplinger

The gig economy and entrepreneurial world attract more and more workers every year.

A recent report from accounting-software provider FreshBooks predicts that the number of self-employed Americans could triple by 2020, with millennials leading the way. Self-employment comes with extra flexibility, but it also can make your financial life more complicated.

The new tax law makes working for yourself more attractive. Now, owners of pass-through businesses — basically, ones that aren't C-corporations, subject to corporate tax — can get a 20 percent deduction against business income if their taxable income falls below specified limits.

But it's up to you to ensure that the IRS is getting its share of your income. (You'll need to pay your state too, if it collects income tax.) Estimated federal tax payments are due on four dates throughout the year; you can use Form 1040-ES to calculate how much you owe.

Don't forget about the self-employment tax: 12.4 percent of your first \$128,400 of net earnings goes to Social Security, and 2.9 percent of your net earnings goes to Medicare, although you get to write off half of what you pay.

If you have a regular job with an employer, plus a side gig for which an employer does not withhold tax — say, driving for Lyft — you'll need to pay any tax due on those earnings, too.

Make sure you're taking advantage of other tax deductions for business owners. You can deduct a portion of your mortgage interest (or rent), home insurance, utility bills and other expenses if you use a room at home exclusively and regularly as an office. Another deduction allows you to write off expenses for business use of your car.

Keep detailed records and save receipts, bills and other documentation. If your income is unpredictable, it's important to map out your regular expenses and have a substantial savings account so you can pay them in lean months.

Without an employer to provide benefits, you'll have to fill the gaps. A Roth IRA is a good place to start. Roth contributions are not tax-deductible, but you'll pay no tax on withdrawals in retirement. The



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maximum Roth IRA contribution for 2018 is \$5,500 for those younger than 50 whose income falls under certain limits. You also can use retirement accounts designed for the self-employed, such as a Simplified Employee Pension IRA or a solo 401(k).

If you're married and your spouse has health insurance through an employer, joining his or her policy may be the best move. Otherwise, look for an individual health policy. You may be eligible to deduct the premiums on your tax return too.

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STEVE ROSEN
Kids & Money

Youth sports can take a toll

Here are some sports stats you may not be aware of:

■ The U.S. youth sports economy, which includes everything from traveling to private coaching, has grown 55 percent since 2010 into a \$15 billion market. And that spending is rapidly growing.

■ More than 60 percent of American families spend \$1,200 to \$6,000 per child annually on youth sports; 20 percent of families shell out \$12,000 annually per child.

■ About 40 percent of emergency room visits for children ages 5 to 14 are for sports-related injuries. Moreover, the soft tissue repair market is on track to grow from \$11.2 billion to \$17.1 billion by 2022, largely fueled by the increasing participation in youth sports.

You won't find those numbers in the daily box scores. But they are part of the research that provides underpinnings to a book released in June called "Minimize Injury, Maximize Performance: A Sports Parent's Survival Guide."

The author is San Diego doctor Tommy John, who co-authored the book with journalist Myatt Murphy.

John is the son of the Major League baseball pitcher of the same name, a Hall of Fame inductee and the first person to undergo a surgical procedure that replaced a torn ulnar collateral ligament in the elbow with a tendon from the wrist. That procedure is known as Tommy John surgery, and it is being performed increasingly on young athletes.

After the younger John's baseball career ended early because of an injury, he created a performance and healing center designed to help people improve their quality of life, deal with injuries and minimize the use of pharmaceuticals or surgery.

Over the years, John has worked with thousands of young athletes and has become increasingly concerned over what he called an "injury epidemic" in youth sports.

John blames needing to keep up with the Joneses — the business of youth sports that leads to year-round practice and competition, and what he believes are the "misguided decisions made by parents who think they are benefitting our children," especially by pushing a single-sport specialization at a young age.

John offers a four-part strategy aimed at protecting young athletes from injuries and burnout. John calls the four steps "rethink, replenish, rebuild and recover." His process addresses everything from energy drinks and eating habits to sleep patterns, posture, strength and endurance.

There's a huge family money component to John's book, which caught my attention a year ago when John contacted me to describe his book project.

For example, he said, don't sign your child up for travel teams and expensive lessons if your main motivation is to catch the eye of a pro scout or college coach. Research shows that nearly 70 percent of parents with kids playing sports dream of snagging a college scholarship, but only about 2 percent of high school seniors earn a scholarship to a Division I or Division II school.

At those odds, you'd be much better off socking the money away in a 529 college savings plan.

"Most times," he writes, "your kid probably wasn't picked because he or she had lots of potential, but because you had the potential to make someone else a lot of money."

I asked John what he'd tell parents who are starting down the sports path with their child.

"Remember that no matter how good you think your child is or whatever your motivation for allowing them to participate, they are still children ... not young adults," John said. "Their days spent in youth sports are supposed to help them develop intellectually, emotionally and physically."

And, he added, sports should be fun for your child.

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JOHN MCGOVERN 1969-2018

Illinois GOP strategist touted moderate path

By RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

In dealing with the travails of serving as a spokesman and strategist for myriad Illinois Republican candidates, John McGovern stayed true to his beliefs in policy and civility even as public moods about ideology and partisanship shifted.

McGovern, whose work with candidates for state, congressional and U.S. Senate offices spanned decades, died Friday, apparently of heart failure, his family said. He was 48.

Over the years, McGovern's work included time as the state Republican Party's spokesman and executive director. He worked on former U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald's initial 1998 bid for the office and Judy Baar Topinka's 2006 governor run. He advised former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert. And McGovern coordinated congressional campaigns for Mark Kirk and Bob Dold on the North Shore, as well as Kirk's 2010 Senate victory.

Through it all, McGovern represented a largely departed form of political civility, supporting moderate beliefs in an already rough-and-tumble business that has evolved as more candidates play to the extremes of each party's base, further polarizing the electorate.

Kirk gave credit to McGovern for his 2000 GOP primary win for Congress that eventually launched him to a term in the U.S. Senate a decade later — again with McGovern's assistance.

"Impeccable ethics. Always with a basic view that the other side was obviously an opponent in an upcoming election, but not the enemy," Kirk said. "It's very much the opposite of (the President Donald) Trump kind of politics, which is, 'To hell with those guys.' Johnny was very gentle and refined and respectful, intellectual and poised."



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John McGovern worked for, among other GOP politicians, Peter Fitzgerald, Judy Baar Topinka, Mark Kirk and Bob Dold.

Dold, who succeeded Kirk in the North Shore 10th Congressional District, said McGovern's style and smarts made him a sought-after consultant and adviser.

"He was someone that was for the greater good, a fierce advocate, extremely loyal and providing just sage counsel on a regular basis," Dold said.

"People recognized you were going to get a gentleman who knew and understood policy, understood the political ramifications and would give you counsel, even if it (was) the counsel you didn't want to hear. It might not be what you wanted to hear, but he was going to shoot straight," Dold said.

McGovern's death also brought conciliatory messages of sympathy from Democratic strategists reflecting on his intellectual depth and personality.

"Top former Topinka and party aide Nancy Kimme said McGovern had a natural instinct for politics.

"What hits me the most about (him) is what a good political gut he had," Kimme said. "He didn't have to poll and focus group issues to tell you how they played with the public. He just knew instinctively.

"He was your best advocate or your worst enemy — but either way he was a fierce competitor. And al-

ways the funniest, most engaging person in the room," she said.

The son of a three-term Lake Forest alderman, McGovern earned his undergraduate degree at Princeton University and later a law degree at Northwestern University.

After his work with politicians, McGovern spent seven years at Resolute Consulting, where he advised clients in the health care industry. In 2017 he became a principal in Thurston Group, managing strategic initiatives for the private-equity firm.

Brad Hahn, a former top aide to several Republicans, said he considered McGovern a mentor, serving as "the gold standard for political communications and friendship."

"John was the real deal," Hahn recalled, "and he would roll his eyes at all that and say: 'Go Cubs! Where is the beer guy?'"

McGovern is survived by his wife, Wentworth, and sons Caldwell and Watson, as well as a sister, Courtney, and his mother, Karen. He was preceded in death by his father, John.

His funeral is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, 400 E. Westminster Road.

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ON JULY 16 ...

In 1790, the District of Columbia was established as the seat of the federal government.

In 1821 Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist, was born in Bow, N.H.

In 1862 David Farragut became the Navy's first rear admiral. **Also in 1862** journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett was born in Holly Springs, Miss.

In 1872 polar explorer Roald Amundsen was born in Borge, Norway.

In 1888 baseball's "Shoelless" Joe Jackson was born Joseph Jefferson Jackson in Greenville, S.C.

In 1918 Russia's Czar Nicholas II, his empress and their five children were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1935 Oklahoma City installed the nation's first automatic parking meters.

In 1945 the first experimental atomic bomb was exploded over the desert near Alamogordo, N.M.

In 1951 J.D. Salinger's classic novel "The Catcher in the Rye" was first published.

In 1957 Marine Maj. John Glenn established a transcontinental speed record, piloting a jet from California to New York in 3 hours 23 minutes 8 seconds.

In 1964, in accepting the Republican presidential nomination in San Francisco, Barry Goldwater said "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice" and that "moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

In 1966 Chinese leader Mao Zedong swam in the Yangtze River near Wuhan in an effort to dispel rumors that he was seriously ill.

In 1969 Apollo 11, the first moon landing mission, was launched from Kennedy Space Center, carrying astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins.

In 1973, during the Senate Watergate hearings, former White House aide Alexander Butterfield disclosed the existence of President Richard Nixon's secret tap-

ing system.

In 1980 Ronald Reagan was nominated for the presidency at the Republican National Convention in Detroit.

In 1981 singer Harry Chapin was killed when his car was struck by a tractor-trailer on New York's Long Island Expressway; he was 38.

In 1999 John Kennedy Jr., 38; his wife, Carolyn, 33, and her sister Lauren Bessette, 34, were killed when the small plane Kennedy was piloting crashed into the Atlantic off Massachusetts as they headed to a wedding in Hyannisport.

In 2000 families and friends of the victims of the TWA Flight 800 explosion broke ground for a memorial on the Long Island shore not far from where the plane went down, killing all 230 people aboard.

In 2001 Russia and China signed their first friendship treaty in more than half a century. **Also in 2001** Jacques Rogge was elected to succeed Juan Antonio Samaranch as president of the International Olympic Committee.

In 2004 Martha Stewart was sentenced to five months in prison and five months of home confinement by a federal judge in New York for lying about a stock sale. **Also in 2004** Millennium Park in Chicago was opened to the public.

In 2009 the Sears Tower, Chicago's tallest building, was officially renamed Willis Tower after London-based insurance brokerage Willis Group Holdings bought the naming rights.

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Betti, Albert Carl

Albert Carl Betti - beloved husband of Carolina (nee Rosa); loving father of Laura (Pete) Gagliano and Anthony (Mariassunta) Betti; proud and cherished grandfather of Anthony, Alexandra and Peter Gagliano and Dante and Stefania Betti. Albert served with distinction in the Army's Corp of Engineers during the Korean Conflict, at which time he met his wife of nearly 63 years while stationed in Italy. Albert was a man of simple desires, with the exception of his passionate love of family, vacations and movies. Albert also loved reading and photography. Albert was a devoted Catholic and US Army Veteran. Albert faced challenges during his life and showed us how to overcome them with humor and humility. He preferred to focus on the good in people, rather than their faults. Albert was a good man, loving husband and incredible father. We are better because of him and will never forget him. Ciao Pa, a presto." In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at St. Andrew Church at 10 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Info 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Bihun, Walter J.

Walter J. Bihun. Age 93 of Park Ridge. Beloved husband of the late Lucille. Loving father of Linda Bihun, Margaret Latz and the late Christopher Bihun. Dear brother of the late Michael Bihun. Visitation Wednesday, July 18, 9-10 a.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Service 10 a.m. Private interment will follow in All Saints Cemetery. Info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Hayes, Patricia J

Patricia J. Hayes, 76 of Huntley, died peacefully, July 13, 2018 Patricia was born November 27, 1941 the daughter of Raymond and Ann (Cooney) McMahon. She married her grade school sweetheart, Dennis G. Hayes on August 25, 1962. The couple made their home in Chicago and moved to Huntley in 2007 to be near their children. Pat was a homemaker and her main focus was her family. She loved celebrating the holidays with family and her favorite holiday was Christmas. Pat was a devoted, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Debra (Peter) Bianchi, Dennis Hayes, David (Mary) Hayes and Jennifer (Jeffrey) Lucius, her grandchildren, Kristin (Nick), Melissa (Brock), Ashlee (Edgar), Peter, Nicholle, Jeffrey, Matthew, Rebecca and Natalie, her step-grandchildren, Victor and Tiffany, her great-grandchildren, Brock, Scarlett, Lucas, Nicholas, Ella, Colten, Cooper, Averie, Jackson and a great granddaughter due in October. She was also the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis, brothers and sisters, Raymond (Lorraine), and Gerri (Harry).

Visitation will be from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the DeFiore Funeral Home, 10763 Dundee Road, Huntley and at St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Road, Huntley on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass. For more information please call 847-515-8772 or online condolences can be directed to www.defiorefuneral.com

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Joseph P. Mitchell was born April 23, 1942 in Chicago to James and Marie (Sweeney) Mitchell. He worked at Markham Court House in Cook County as a custodian for 13 years.

He is survived by three sons: Joseph Jr., Robert, and Michael; and three daughters: Kim, Laura, and Tammy.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Mary.

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Reed, Phyllis J.

Phyllis J. Reed, nee Broniarczyk, age 82, passed away peacefully on July 14th. Phyllis was the beloved wife of the late James H.R.; loving mother of Cynthia (Bill) Waters, Sue (Sam) Canzoneri, Patty Kasprzyk, Matthew (Kathy) Reed and Mary (Trent) Hasley; cherished grandmother of Kimberly, Kelly, Timothy, Katy and Jimmy Casey, Maria and Nick Canzoneri, Meghan, Steven, Rachel and Kevin Kasprzyk, Kayleigh, Isabella and Nolan Reed, Mitchell, Kenneth and Aubrey Hasley; great grandmother of Daniel Salazar; dear sister of the late Kenneth (Rose) Broniarczyk; fond aunt of many. In lieu of flowers, donations to: The Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research at www.lustgarten.org. Visitation Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to Immaculate Conception Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300

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Reilly, Dolores T.

Dolores T. Reilly, nee Krason, age 89; beloved wife of the late Arthur J. Reilly; loving mother George (Lisa), Stephen (Susan), James (Elaine), Martin (Ana) and Joseph (Beth) Reilly; cherished grandmother of Lauren, Eric, Mikayla, Phiona, Matthew, Thomas, Sean, Maeve, Ciara, Liam and Justine Reilly; dear sister of Walter (the late Evelyn), the late Leonard, Raymond and Stephanie Krason; fond aunt of Karen, Cathy and David. Dolores was Co-founder of Comtec Industries and proud of her Polish heritage. Visitation Tuesday 3:00PM to 8:00PM. Funeral Wednesday 9:15AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to St. Joseph Church. Mass 10:00AM. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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Rubin, Barbara

Barbara Rubin, nee Grabell, age 82. Cherished mother of Alan (Roberta) Rubin and Ann Endre, devoted daughter of the late Emanuel and Sarah Grabell, loving grandmother of Julia and Connor Rubin and Nicholas, Michael and Sarah Endre, dear sister of Sandra (Henry) Kite and the late Alicia Grabell, fond aunt of Lisa (Timothy) Gallagher and William (Julie) Lipman, special thanks to her wonderful caregiver Charlene Hellem. Graveside services Tuesday 1:30 pm at Westlawn Cemetery (Carnation section), 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.mitzvahfunerals.com.

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Sereda, Peter P

Peter P. Sereda, 81 of Huntley, died peacefully, July 14, 2018. Visitation will be on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 from 4-8pm at DeFiore Funeral Home-10763 Dundee Road, Huntley. A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:00am on Wednesday at St. Mary Catholic Church-10307 Dundee Road, Huntley. Burial will Thursday at 11:00am at St. Casimir Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to American Heart Association.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene, his children, Peter III (Barbara) Sereda, Patrick (Gail) Sereda, Pamela Seidel and Perron Sereda, by his grandchildren, Nick, Ricky, Robert, Andy, Sara and Emily. He was preceded in death by his parents. For further information please call the funeral home at 847-515-8772 or on-line condolences may be directed to www.defiorefuneral.co

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Spencer, Robert Donald 'Bob'

Robert D. Spencer, 79, of Oak Lawn, IL passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 7, 2018. Robert was born on April 22, 1939 in Chicago, IL to the late Rita L. Novack and the late Charles Spencer. He is survived by his loving wife, Cecilia Spencer; his children Michelle Hogan, Robert Spencer, Thomas Spencer (Sandi), David Spencer (Joann), and Marita Simmons (Eric); his brother William Spencer; his sisters Barbara Matlock and Diane Anderson; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at St. Gerald's Catholic Church, located at 9310 S. 55th Court, Oak Lawn, IL

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Wakolbinger, Joseph "Bud"

Joseph F. "Bud" Wakolbinger, WW II Army Veteran. Beloved husband of the late "Winifred B. "Winnie", nee Loebsock. Loving father of Barbara (Rex) Lenegir, Thomas (Beverly), and Gregory (Mary); cherished grandfather of Jeffrey (Jennifer), Elizabeth, Jessica (Gavin) Whiting and Daniel Wakolbinger. Great grandfather of 7; dear brother of the late Frank (La Verne) and John (late Kathleen). Uncle of several nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 9:00 AM until time of service at 11:00 AM at **Model Funeral Home** 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. For funeral info. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Wartalski, Marilynn L.

Marilynn L. Wartalski nee Anderson of Hanover Park for 40 years, beloved wife of 52 years of Mike; loving mother of Deborah (the late Ron) Waldrop, Diane Mueller and Victoria Wartalski; cherished grandmother of Kayla and Michael Waldrop, Joseph, James, Krysta and Destiny Mueller; proud great grandmother of Serenity, Nova and Elena; dear sister of the late Janice Sigismund; many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday 3:00 - 9:00p.m. at the **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory** 333 S. Roselle Rd. (1/2 mile south of Irving Park Rd.) Roselle. Funeral Wednesday 10:00a.m. Entombment St. Adalbert. (630) 529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com.

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Wynnychenko, Nestor R.

Nestor R. Wynnychenko, 60, July 13, 2018. Beloved husband of Debbie. Loving son of Maria and the late Roman. Cherished brother of Marta (Volodymyr) Goncharoff. Dearest uncle of many nieces and nephews. Dear son-in-law of Roland (the late Nohemi) Coronado. Funeral Wednesday 10:00 A.M. from Muzyka Funeral Home, 2157 W. Chicago Ave., to Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church for a 10:30 A.M. funeral service. Entombment St. Nicholas Mausoleum. Visitation Tuesday 4-9 P.M. with a Parastas (prayer service) 7:00 P.M. at Muzyka chapel. Info: 773-278-7767.

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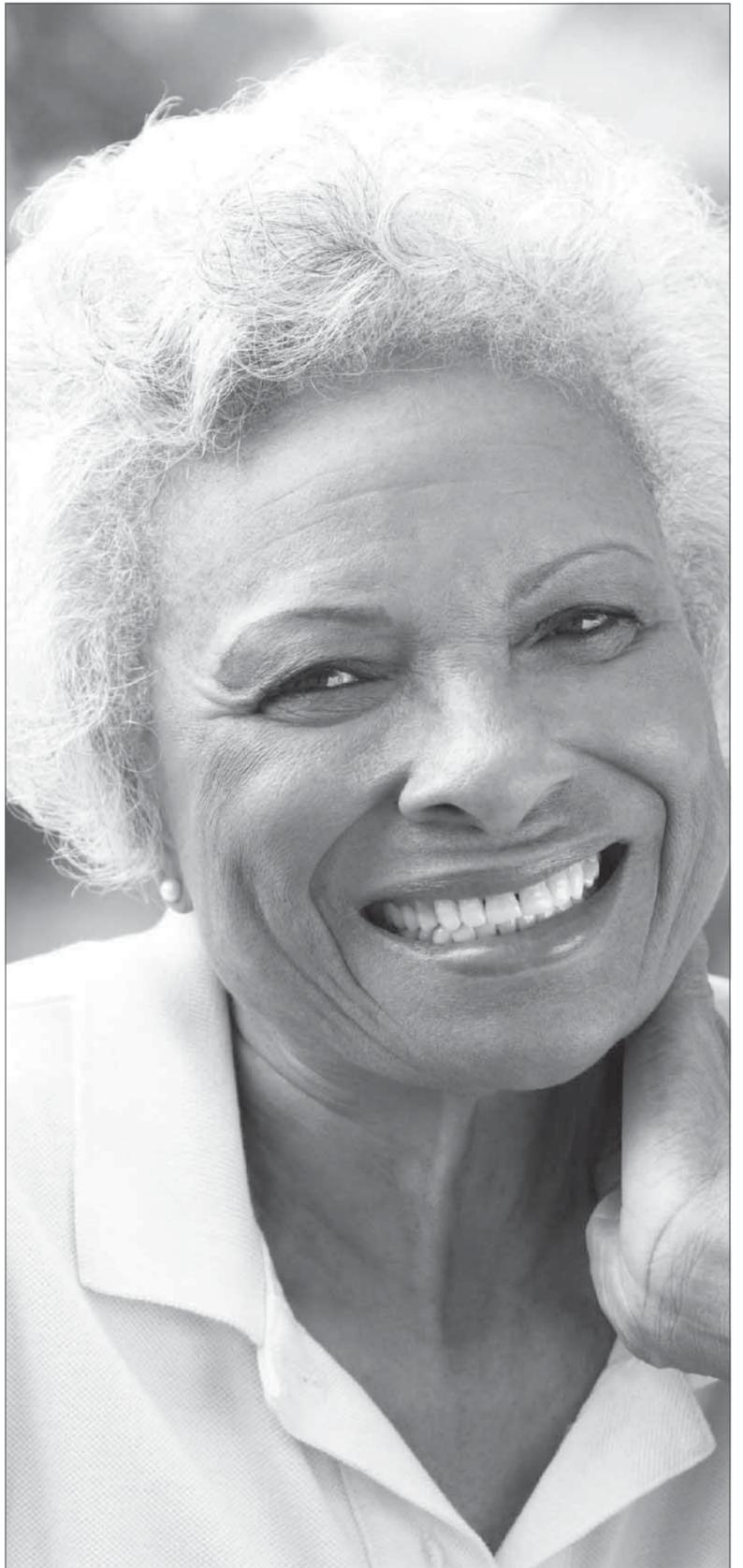
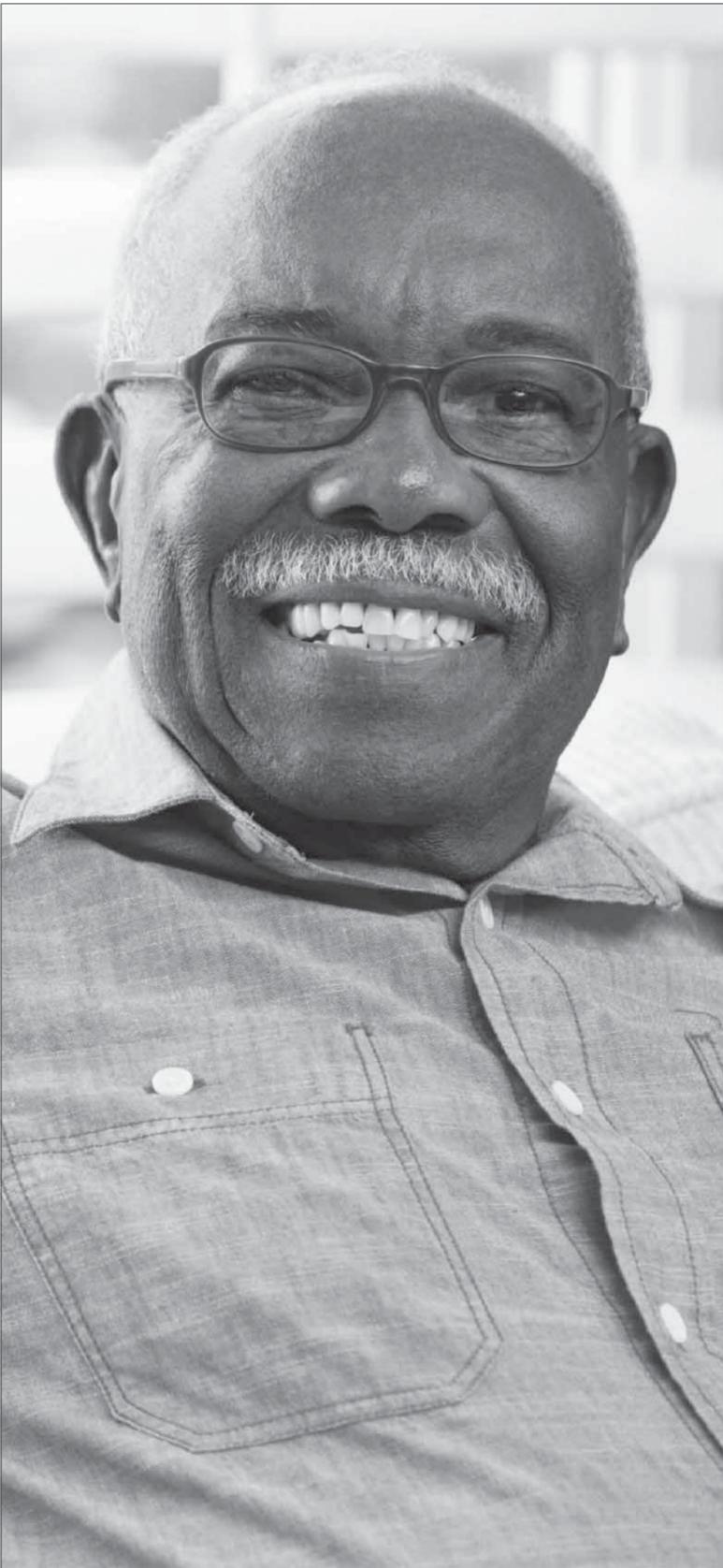
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COUNTY OF COOK TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHANNON E. ANDREWS, CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

ADVERTISEMENT DATE: Monday, July 16, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Invitation for Bids for Furnish And Install Bronze Strengthened Laminated Glass

CONTRACT NO.: 1845-17250

MBE/WBE GOALS: Twenty-Five (25%) MBE and Ten (10%) WBE of the overall estimated expenditures for this procurement

BID DOCUMENTS: Solicitation Document is available for download at: <http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE DATE: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE LOCATION: 100 S. Hamilton Ave. Chicago, IL, 60612

Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory

BID DUE DATE: Friday, August 24, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

CONTACT: Gizzi, Daniel A, Specification Engineer III 312-603-6825 (office) or dan.gizzi@cookcountyl.gov (email)

Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit bids. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service. The MBE/WBE goals are listed above and in the Contract document. Inquiries regarding MBE/WBE participation should be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance at (312) 603-5502.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

COUNTY OF COOK TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Shannon E. Andrews, Chief Procurement Officer

ADVERTISEMENT DATE: July 16, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Invitation for Bids for Bond Court Caseworker Specialists

CONTRACT NO.: 1823-16970

MBE/WBE GOALS: 17.5% MBE/WBE of the overall estimated expenditures for this procurement

BID DOCUMENTS: Solicitation Document is available for download at: <http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

PRE-BID CONFERENCE DATE: July 23, 2018 at 11:00 AM

PRE-BID CONFERENCE LOCATION: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018, Chicago, IL, 60602

Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is not mandatory

BID DUE DATE: August 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM

CONTACT: Edmund Rendon, Sr. Contract Negotiator (312) 603-6824 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) edmund.rendon@cookcountyl.gov (email)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Printis Brown

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Rebecca Thomas (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA01040**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kevin Gregg (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **October 6, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Richard Stevens** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **08/03/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in **CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **July 16, 2018**

LEGAL NOTICES

COUNTY OF COOK TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Shannon E. Andrews, Chief Procurement Officer

ADVERTISEMENT DATE: July 16, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Invitation for Bids for Bond Court Caseworker Specialists

CONTRACT NO.: 1823-16970

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ADVERTISEMENT DATE: July 16, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Invitation for Bids for Magnetometers and X-Ray Machines

CONTRACT NO.: 1812-17386

MBE/WBE GOALS: 0%

BID DOCUMENTS: Solicitation Document is available for download at: <http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

BID DUE DATE: July 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM

CONTACT: Jorge Robles (312) 603-6998(office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) Jorge.Robles@cookcountyl.gov (email)

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Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 340 Madison Avenue, Fifth Floor, New York, New York 10173, within 30 days of the date of this publication. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file with the Deputy Comptroller as part of the public file. This file is available for public inspection during regular business hours.



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French players, with 19-year-old star Kylian Mbappe (10) at the center of the celebration, enjoy the aftermath of their victory over Croatia in the World Cup final Sunday in Moscow.

WORLD CUP FINAL FRANCE 4, CROATIA 2

Par excellence

High-flying French victory has it all in unpredictable, audacious finish to World Cup

BY KEVIN BAXTER
Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — How else could the wildest, most unpredictable and entertaining World Cup in recent memory end but with the wildest, most unpredictable and entertaining final in recent memory?

That France won, beating Cro-

atia 4-2, wasn't unexpected. France had been among the favorites when the tournament started a month ago. But virtually everything else that happened Sunday at a sold-out Luzhniki Stadium was.

There was a penalty-kick goal following the first video review in finals history, an own goal and a bizarre score that came after

France keeper Hugo Lloris gave the ball to Croatia's Mario Mandzukic just a few yards from his own net.

But when the dust settled, France had won the highest-scoring final since 1966 and collected its second World Cup in 20 years. And even for the winners who came in favored, that was proving a lot to get their heads

around.

"I don't really realize yet what it is. The World Cup, it's a lot," forward Antoine Griezmann said. "I'm very proud of this team. I'm going to be in the history of French football. With my team."

Added coach Didier Deschamps, the third man to win a

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

MORE INSIDE

Chicago's French community celebrates the World Cup victory, while the city's Croatians take Sunday's loss in stride. **Back Page**

CUBS 7, PADRES 4

Cubs hit break with best record in league

Maddon expects more from starting rotation to reach ultimate goal

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

SAN DIEGO — Jason Heyward has rediscovered his hitting stroke, Javier Baez has blossomed into a National League most valuable player candidate and Justin Wilson has regained late-inning duties with a high degree of reliability.

But for the Cubs to complete their first mission of winning the National League Central, their rotation must approach the level of greatness that manager Joe Maddon and his staff envisioned in the spring.

The Cubs finished the first

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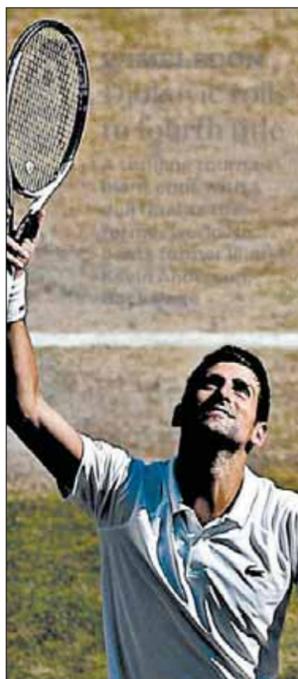
half with a season-high 2½-game lead over the Brewers after Sunday's 7-4 victory over the Padres completed a three-game series sweep and a 4-2 West Coast trip.

The victory came despite All-Star Jon Lester lasting only 5⅓ innings and closer Brandon Morrow seeing his velocity down 3-4 mph.

"Everyone is gassed at that point, on both sides," Maddon said.

The Cubs called upon rookie

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RAY EMERY 1982-2018

Backup goalie won '13 Cup with Hawks

Emery, 35, drowns while swimming in Canada

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

When Ray Emery arrived at Blackhawks training camp before the 2011-12 season, he didn't have a contract, let alone a roster spot. Just a lot of confidence his career wasn't over.

Two years later, he left as a Stanley Cup champion.

Emery, who spent 11 seasons in the NHL and rejuvenated his career during two memorable seasons serving as Corey Crawford's backup, drowned Sunday in a swimming accident in his home-

town of Hamilton, Ontario. He was 35.

Hamilton police said Emery was identified as the victim of a swimming accident in a harbor Sunday morning. Staff Sgt. Paul Evans said police received a call just after 6 a.m. that an adult swimmer did not surface.

Emery's body was recovered just before 3 p.m. Sunday. Hamilton police said a cause of death would be confirmed after a postmortem.

As word of Emery's death spread, former Blackhawks

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ALEX BRANDON/AP

Things are looking up for Sox prospect Luis Basabe, who homered for the World Team in the Futures game.

The next wave

Sox prospects impressive as Basabe homers, Cease looks sharp

WASHINGTON — The future of baseball looks a whole lot like the present, if Sunday's All-Star Futures Game was any indication.

The U.S. and World teams combined for eight home runs in the a wild 10-6 win for the U.S. at Nationals Park, including a 404-foot shot by White Sox prospect Luis Basabe on a 102.3-mph fastball from Hunter Greene, the Reds' top prospect.

If this were a major-league game, it would have been the fastest pitch hit for a home run since Red Sox third baseman Rafael Devers took Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman deep last year on a 102.7-mph fastball.

Only two players have homered off pitches with a velocity higher than 102.3 since 2008 — Devers and Kurt Suzuki, who hit one off Chapman on a 102.6-mph fastball in 2008.

Basabe, a 21-year-old switch-hitting center fielder at Double-A Birmingham, admitted he was nervous going to the plate in the third inning but "felt my ability growing" as the at-bat went on.

"I just inhaled and hit it out," Basabe said through an interpreter, before adding in English: "I'm not surprised. I know I can hit it. But you have to do everything perfect."

The only thing that might've been more perfect in Basabe's mind would've been hitting one off teammate Dylan Cease, the second-ranked pitching prospect in the organization.

Basabe said Cease told him before the game that he would throw him no fastballs, just sliders and changeups. Cease, a dominant starter with a triple-digit

fastball and a plus curve, remembered the conversation a little differently.

"I'm pretty sure the deal was no changeups," he said with a grin. "I did make a deal with him that I'd keep it strictly fastballs and curveballs."

Either way, each fared well in his Futures Game debut, joining fellow Futures Game alumni from the Sox — Michael Kopech and Eloy Jimenez. Jimenez played in two affairs, representing the Cubs in 2016 and '17.

Cease retired the only two batters he faced in the ninth, throwing six fastballs between 97 and 98 mph, along with a slider and curve. Team USA manager Torii Hunter then replaced him with Brewers prospect Luis Ortiz, who finished it off.

Basabe and Cease came to the Sox in splashy trades for Chris Sale and Jose Quintana, respectively, though neither was the top target. That made their selections even sweeter to Sox general manager Rick Hahn.

"I love the fact that Dylan and Basabe are the two (Sox reps) down there at the Futures Game, in part because — through no fault of their own — in their own transactions, publicly, they got a little bit overshadowed by the headlines," Hahn said last week. "But the Quintana trade doesn't happen without Dylan Cease being part of it. He was a very important part of that for us, and we're thrilled to see him getting some recognition for his ability and his accomplishments, and the Futures Game honor is very fitting."

"Basabe, obviously, was over-

shadowed in the Sale trade by (Yoan) Moncada and Kopech, and they're bigger names, but our scouts felt very strongly about his upside and what his tool set presented. And you saw it at Winston-Salem, the way he was able to perform at an All-Star level there.

"It's nice to see guys who might not be at the top of mind for people when they think of our system being recognized in that way."

Cease said he noticed no difference between the Cubs and Sox organizations and lauded the coaches he has worked with on both teams. He was just another face when he started in the Cubs organization but now is considered a major part of the Sox rebuild.

The Sox even let him start games in spring training at the expense of other pitchers, knowing he would be headed back to Class A Winston-Salem.

"It's helped me tremendously," Cease said. "It just showed me I could get big-league guys out, really."

No two rebuilds are alike, but Cease learned a lot from watching how the Cubs' top prospects handled themselves during their climb to the majors.

"I wasn't necessarily the guy everyone was focusing on, but I saw what it was like for all those prospects to go through all that pressure," he said.

"It's been a unique experience. It was good to see how they all handled it and how it turned out. The fact that they won gives hope to other guys that you can come up and play with the best of them."

Backlash on ballcaps could blow lid off issue

Hang on to your hats? The fashion-conscious may call it immature

The headline on a Wall Street Journal article a few weeks ago seemed to be targeted specifically at me:

"Can You Wear a Baseball Cap Without Looking Immature?"

It was a question I'd never really pondered, though admittedly I'm not aware of the latest fashion trends, having looked to late Tribune sportswriter Bill Jauss as my style maven early in my career.

It seemed like a good idea at the time.

But with baseball on my mind, the All-Star break nearing and a round-number birthday on the horizon, I felt it finally was time to ponder making a major life decision.

Time to ditch the ballcaps? First, a little research.

The WSJ article was split into two parts — one in favor of baseball cap-wearing adults and one against. The "pro" side explained that baseball caps are "legitimately fashionable now" and Gucci and Balenciaga sell pricey versions. That was uplifting to hear, not that I own any of their handbags or whatever else they sell.

It also mentioned "style icons like Jake Gyllenhaal and Pharrell Williams have made ballcaps 'indispensable elements of their wardrobes,' which was funny because I've been doing likewise since well before those style icons were either stylish or iconic.

But just when I started feeling good about unwittingly making that decision in my early 20s to start wearing baseball caps to the Jewel or the gas station, the kicker in the "pro" argument hit me like a punch to the gut.

According to a famous owner of an Atlanta-based menswear store, the ballcap has to be "spick and span" to wear in public.

"I have friends who wear them like you'd wear a pair of worn-out jeans," he said. "But a dirty cap is not attractive."

That's unfortunate. I inherited my favorite cap, one with an old-school Phoenix Suns logo on it, from late, great Tribune columnist Terry Armour, a connoisseur of ballcaps who amassed a huge collection.

My friend LaNell Armour, Terry's wife, also gave me his Moo & Oink ballcap and his Heckle and Jeckle ballcap. Both had a lot of meaning, but the old Suns cap is the one I've worn the most, since Terry and I were mutual admirers of former Suns point guard Steve Nash.

Unfortunately, the Suns cap has gone through some tough times because of all my travels over the 11 years since Terry's passing. It now has sweat stains inside the brim and is frayed a bit, while the color has faded from black to gray.

It's definitely not for formal occasions, though for Terry's sake I took it to Cooperstown



EZRA SHAW/GETTY

Baseball caps might be fine for celebrities such as Pharrell Williams but not for everyone.

for Frank Thomas' Hall of Fame induction ceremony, knowing he would've been there that day.

So no, it's not very attractive and probably would not pass the Jake Gyllenhaal test.

But it still does the job, which basically is to sit on your head and keep it warm or block it from the sun.

It wasn't until I got to the "No" part of the article, arguing against wearing ballcaps as an adult, that I learned the only time and place a ballcap is acceptable is at a ballpark or a grassy knoll where people play Ultimate Frisbee.

Another menswear owner suggested wearing a Panama hat instead or a fedora with a "gros-grain ribbon," whatever that is. A barbershop owner proclaimed ballcaps are "a substitute for laziness," pointing to men who don't brush their hair or are hiding their baldness.

That may be valid for some, though it's an insult to the follically impaired majority whose main desire is comfort or avoiding avoiding sunburn on their scalps.

The final argument the Journal writer made was that it was just not cool to wear a ballcap unless you're at a sporting event.

"Brad Pitt has rarely worn one since his youth," the writer points out, "minus his role in 'Moneyball.'"

Of course he failed to point out "Moneyball" is the only watchable movie Pitt has made in decades.

But no matter. After reading both sides of the argument, and comparing the IMDb pages of Gyllenhaal and Pitt, it was time to make a life-altering decision.

I looked over at my old rack of ballcaps — filled with caps of sports teams, local bars, the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines and beyond — and wondered if I could live a normal, healthy life without them.

This was not a decision to take lightly, so I asked myself: "What would 'Jausie' do?"

The answer was easy. Jaus would say: "(Bleep) Brad Pitt. Keep your baseball caps and wear them proudly."

So the ballcaps stay, immature-looking or not.

Being a style icon is overrated anyway.

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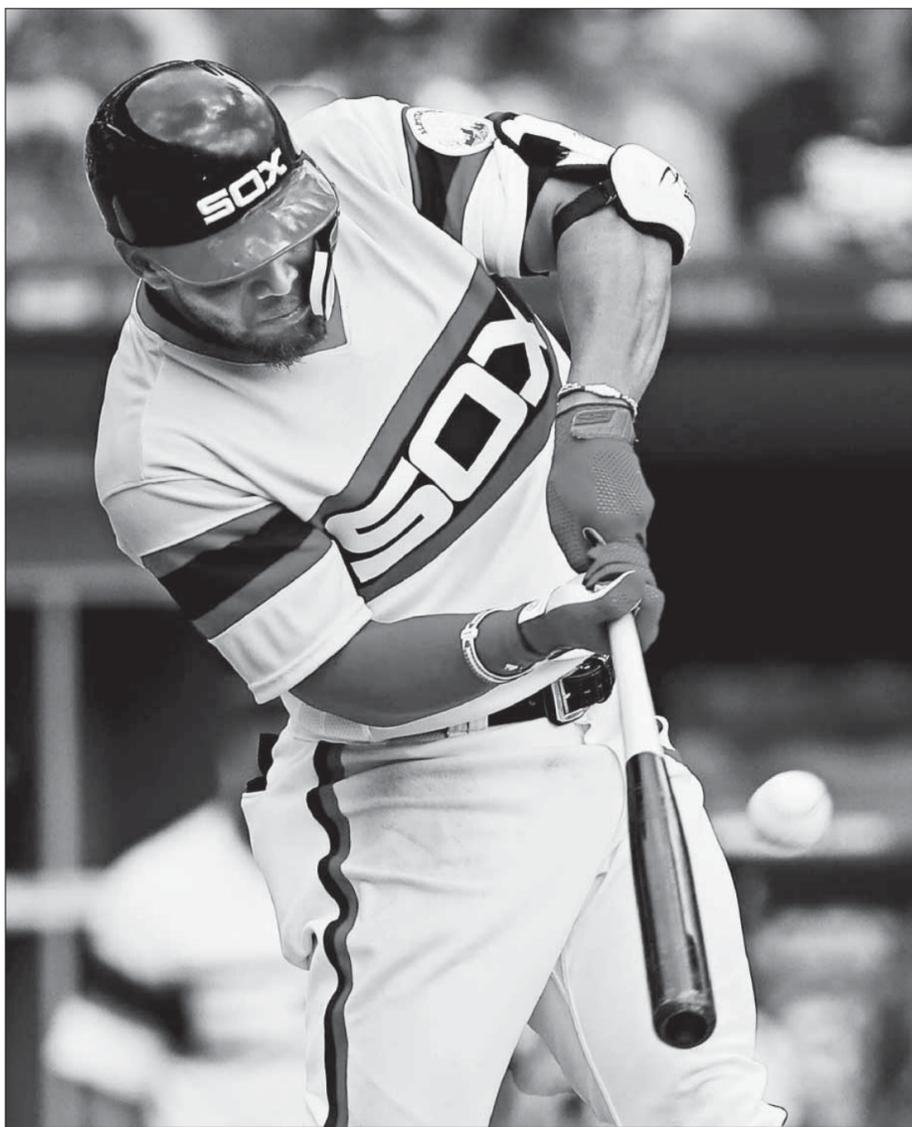
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WHITE SOX 10, ROYALS 1



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Youan Moncada takes a cut in the fifth inning that turned into his first right-handed home run this season.

Well and good

Day after injury, Moncada torches Royals in easy win

BY PHIL ROGERS
Chicago Tribune

Youan Moncada looked like he might be out a month or longer Saturday, when he writhed in agony on the dirt behind second base after a collision with the Royals' Paulo Orlando. He not only played Sunday but flew around the bases on a ball he shot into the right-field corner, not stopping until third base.

Moncada flashed a wide smile standing on the bag and wore it again after the White Sox finished off a 10-1 victory over the Royals before 23,434 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

He's built like an NFL running back and loves taking an extra base as much as anything he does.

"Yes, I think so," Moncada said. "I like when I hit those balls to the gaps or the corners because I have chances to show my speed."

Moncada went 3-for-4 in the final game before the All-Star break, with the biggest blow his first home run of the season as a right-handed hitter. One of his teammates gave him some good-natured grief by writing the name of Brazilian soccer star Neymar in big letters on a piece of tape, then sticking the tape above his locker.

"He's known to be a player who likes to act when people touch him or he gets kicked," Moncada said. "They were messing with me because of (Saturday's) game."

Moncada suffered only a bruised right knee, as it turned out, and was ready to go. The White Sox hope the pain they've

THE BOX SCORE

KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Merrifield 2b	3	0	1	0	2	.307
Bonifacio rf	3	0	0	0	2	.288
Moustakas 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.249
Dozier 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.209
Perez dh	4	0	1	0	0	.221
Duda 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.234
Orlando cf	4	0	1	0	1	.172
Gordon lf	3	0	0	0	1	.242
Mondesi ss	3	1	2	1	0	.250
Butera c	3	0	0	0	1	.164
TOTALS	30	1	5	1	8	

WHITE SOX

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Moncada 2b	4	3	3	1	0	.238
Sanchez 3b	5	0	1	1	3	.256
Abreu dh	3	1	0	0	1	.253
Palka lf	4	3	3	2	1	.234
Garcia rf	4	1	3	1	1	.290
Davidson 1b	4	1	1	0	1	.221
Anderson ss	4	1	1	2	0	.246
K-Smith c	4	0	1	2	0	.318
Engel cf	4	0	0	0	1	.218
TOTALS	36	10	13	9	8	

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WHITE SOX	202	051	00X	—	10	13	0

E: Bonifacio (1), LOB: Kansas City 5, WHITE SOX 4. 2B: Merrifield (30), Mondesi (5), Moncada (19), Anderson (13), K-Smith (3), HR: Mondesi (3), off Gomez; Palka (12), off B-Smith; Moncada (12), off Romero. RBIs: Mondesi (11), Moncada (4), Sanchez (42), Palka (2) (32), Garcia (2), Anderson (2) (39), K-Smith (2) (8). SB: Garcia (10). Runners left in scoring position: Kansas City 3 (Duda, Butera, Dozier); WHITE SOX 3 (Davidson, 2, Engel). RISP: Kansas City 1 for 5; WHITE SOX 6 for 9. Runners moved up: Abreu. LIDP: Sanchez. GDP: Moustakas. DP: Kansas City 1 (Bonifacio, Duda); WHITE SOX 1 (Moncada, Sanchez, Davidson).

KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
B-Smith, L, 0-1	2	3	2	2	0	2	5.98
Flynn	2	2	2	2	2	1	3.94
Romero	1	6	5	0	1	12.60	
Adam	1	2	1	1	0	3	4.43
Sparkman	2	0	0	0	0	1	6.75

WHITE SOX

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Giolito, W, 6-8	6	2	0	0	3	6	6.18
Avilan	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.95
Gomez	1	2	1	1	0	1	6.75
Santiago	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.61

WP: Flynn. Umpires: H, Chad Whitson; 1B, Mike Winters; 2B, Tim Timmons; 3B, Adam Hamari. Time: 2:39. A: 23,434 (40,615).

HOW THEY SCORED

WHITE SOX FIRST: Moncada singled. Sanchez struck out. Abreu grounded out. Moncada to second. Palka homered, scoring Moncada. L. Garcia singled. With Davidson batting, L. Garcia stole second. Davidson grounded out. **Two runs. White Sox 2-0.**

WHITE SOX THIRD: Moncada walked. Sanchez lined out. Moncada doubled off first. Abreu walked. Palka singled. Abreu to third. On Flynn's wild pitch, Abreu scored, Palka to second. L. Garcia singled, advanced to second. Palka scored. Davidson struck out. **Two runs. White Sox 4-0.**

WHITE SOX FIFTH: Moncada homered. Sanchez struck out. Abreu lined out. Palka singled. L. Garcia singled, Palka to second. Davidson singled. Palka to third. L. Garcia to second. Anderson doubled, scoring Palka and L. Garcia. Davidson to third. Smith doubled, scoring Davidson and Anderson. Engel grounded out. **Five runs. White Sox 9-0.**

WHITE SOX SIXTH: Moncada doubled, advanced to third. Sanchez singled, scoring Moncada. Abreu struck out. Palka struck out. L. Garcia struck out. **One run. White Sox 10-0.**

ROYALS EIGHTH: Mondesi homered. Butera lined out. Merrifield doubled. Bonifacio struck out. Dozier grounded out. **One run. White Sox 10-1.**

felt throughout a 33-62 first half proves just as superficial in terms of constructing a contending team built to last.

Manager Rick Renteria pulled no punches when asked to grade the Sox's play before the All-Star break.

"I think right now we're at a D," Renteria said. "There are things we continue to need to improve upon. That goes without saying. I'd say effort level is probably a B+ or an A."

Renteria says the Sox's injuries are no excuse. But James Shields says you also can't assess the first half without considering the loss of 2017 All-Star Avisail Garcia to a pair of hamstring injuries, reliever Danny Farquhar to a life-threatening ruptured brain aneurysm and veteran starter Miguel Gonzalez to season-ending shoulder surgery.

"Going into the season I thought we had a really, really solid team," Shields said. "We had a lot of injuries. ... We didn't have our full squad all year, but we grinded this thing out the best we could and we're hopefully going to have a good second half."

Lucas Giolito (6-8) could be a focus of the improvement. He threw 6 1/3 scoreless innings Sunday, lowering his ERA to 6.18.

After walking 40 in his first 55 innings, he has begun finding the strike zone. He walked three and held the Royals to two hits, and now he is 3-2 with a 4.61 ERA in his last eight starts. That's encouraging.

"It was pretty crazy," Giolito said. "To be walking that many batters and not doing a good job of putting my team in winning positions, it definitely weighed on me. But throughout the whole process, working with (pitching coach Don Cooper) and things like that, it was all about just maintaining my confidence. ... I'm just looking forward to the second half now."

Phil Rogers is a freelance reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

CUBS 7, PADRES 4

CUBS NOTES

Short on sleep, Bote gets job done again

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

SAN DIEGO — A lack of sleep didn't affect David Bote until after he put together one of his best all-around games on short notice.

Bote, taking the roster spot of Albert Almora Jr., went 1-for-2 with a hit by pitch and a walk and made three exceptional plays at third to help the Cubs preserve a 7-4 win over the Padres on Sunday.

"I'm starting to feel a little bit of (fatigue), but I feel good," Bote said.

After Almora was placed on the Family Medical Emergency List, Bote received a call at 1:30 a.m. Sunday to join the team from Triple-A Iowa. Bote caught a 6 a.m. flight and arrived at Petco Park at 11 a.m.

He set up rallies by getting hit by a pitch to lead off the second and by walking to lead off the fourth, and his double set up the Cubs' final run in the sixth.

In the field, Bote cut in front of shortstop Addison Russell and made a quick throw to retire Wil Myers in the seventh. He made a diving stop and throw to retire Hunter Renfroe in the ninth.

"I don't know how to explain it," said Bote, who is batting .310 in four stints with the Cubs. "That's

just what I do. I come here ready to go whether it's sleep or no sleep."

Almora and reliever Carl Edwards Jr., who is on the paternity list, are expected to rejoin the Cubs when they open the second half Thursday night against the Cardinals at Wrigley Field.

All Smyly: While the Cubs search for pitching help, left-hander Drew Smyly believes he might be cleared to start a minor-league rehabilitation assignment by next week.

"There's a lot of baseball left, so if I can get right, I can help this team win. And that's my goal: to make it back and pitch and help them win in any way I can," said Smyly, who is 12 months removed from Tommy John surgery.

Smyly said he plans to throw a bullpen session Wednesday in Mesa, Ariz., rejoin the team at Wrigley Field and throw a simulated game this weekend that could determine whether he starts his rehab assignment.

Smyly, 29, has a lifetime 31-27 record and a 3.74 ERA in 156 games with the Tigers and Rays but hasn't pitched in a major-league game since 2016 because of arm problems. Smyly is 24-27 with a 3.97 ERA in 85 starts.



ALEX GALLARDO/AP

Jon Lester bears down against the Padres on Sunday in San Diego. Lester heads into the All-Star break with a 12-2 record and a 2.58 ERA.

Maddon wants rotation to step it up in 2nd half

Cubs, from Page 1

James Norwood, who limited the damage in his third appearance after Lester departed with the bases loaded. Reliever Steve Cishek was unavailable, and Maddon wanted to save Pedro Strop and Wilson for one inning apiece before summoning Morrow.

Lester leads the rotation with 12 wins, a 2.58 ERA, 19 starts and 11 2/3 innings, but their ability to lock down the division title will depend on Tyler Chatwood, Jose Quintana and Kyle Hendricks.

"Those are the three guys, to me, who can make all the difference in the world," Maddon said. "We need to win 2-1, 3-2 games. We need to win that (way) more often in the second half."

Maddon also will keep a close eye on left-hander Mike Montgomery after he switched from the bullpen to the rotation in late May and felt fatigued toward the end of the first half.

The Cubs already have spoken to Chatwood about his walks total — 73 — which was described as "exorbitant" by Maddon.

Maddon loves that the Cubs are held to a "really high standard" now that they hold the league's best record (55-38).

"But it's almost been in a sneaky matter that we've arrived at this point (because) people have been hypercritical of us as we've gotten to this midway point."

The offense has bailed out the starters with 30 comeback wins. Maddon likes that all the hitters are contributing and the Cubs have become less reliant on home runs.

For the second consecutive game, every Cubs starting position player had at least one hit, and they supported Lester with a 6-0 lead after the top of the fourth.

"I'd say Albert (Almora Jr.), Heyward and Javy are the ones who are a big part of why we're in this position now," Maddon said.

Kyle Schwarber (18 home runs, .375 on-base percentage) and Ian Happ (36-percentage increase in batting average since June 22) have shown improvement. Anthony Rizzo salvaged a bit of a miserable first half with a 6-for-12 performance from the leadoff spot.

And after missing 16 games because of a sore left shoulder, Kris Bryant reached base eight times in his final 12 plate appearances with four RBIs and three walks.

"You know there's a lot left in Riz and KB," Maddon said.

That would help during a stretch of 12 games in 11 days to open the second half as well as a

THE BOX SCORE

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rizzo 1b	3	2	2	1	1	.246
Bryant rf	3	1	1	1	2	.280
Heyward cf	5	0	1	2	1	.285
Baez 2b	5	1	1	1	2	.292
Russell ss	5	0	1	1	2	.272
Zobrist lf	5	0	1	1	0	.285
Contreras c	3	1	2	0	0	.279
Bote 3b	2	1	1	0	1	.310
Lester p	3	1	0	0	0	.125
Norwood p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
d-Schwarber ph	1	0	0	0	1	.249
Strop p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Wilson p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Morrow p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	35	7	10	7	11	

SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Margot cf	5	0	2	0	0	.243
Myers lf	5	0	0	0	2	.282
Renfroe rf	4	1	1	1	2	.241
Hosmer 1b	5	1	2	0	2	.249
Villanueva 3b-ss	3	2	2	1	0	.232
Pirela 2b	4	0	2	0	0	.261
Galvis ss	1	0	0	0	1	.228
Stammen p	1	0	0	0	0	.005
e-Lopez ph	0	0	0	0	0	.178
Yates p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Hedges c	4	0	0	0	2	.232
Lauer p	1	0	0	0	0	.000
a-Reyes ph	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Strahm p	1	0	0	0	1	.000
b-Elis ph	1	0	0	0	0	.284
Cimber p	2	2	0	0	0	.000
c-Asuaje ph-3b	1	0	0	1	1	.229
TOTALS	34	4	9	4	10	

CUBS	320	101	000	—	1	0
San Diego	000	102	100	—	4	9

a-walked for Lauer in the 2nd. b-flied out for Strahm in the 5th. c-walked for Cimber in the 6th. d-struck out for Norwood in the 7th. e-walked for Stammen in the 8th. E: Renfroe (5), Hedges (2). LOB: CUBS 8, San Diego 9. 2B: Rizzo (15), Bote (3). HR: Villanueva (19), off Lester. Renfroe (7), off Strop. RBIs: Rizzo (6), Bryant (40), Heyward (2) (4), Baez (72), Russell (34), Zobrist (36), Renfroe (29), Villanueva (43), Galvis (33), Asuaje (17). SB: Bote (3). SF: Rizzo. Runners left in scoring position: CUBS 5 (Heyward, Baez, 2, Contreras, Schwarber); San Diego 4 (Margot, 2, Hosmer, Asuaje). RISP: CUBS 3 for 13; San Diego 1 for 7. Runners moved up: Zobrist, Renfroe. GDP: Villanueva. DP: CUBS 1 (Baez, Russell, Rizzo).

CUBS

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lester, W, 12-2	5	6	3	3	3	7	2.58
Norwood, H, 2	1/3	0	0	0	1	0	3.38
Strop	1	2	1	1	1	2	2.41
Wilson, H, 8	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.77
Morrow, S, 2-24	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.47

SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lauer, L, 5-6	2	5	5	5	1	3	4.87
Strahm	3	1	1	1	0	2	2.34
Cimber	1	2	1	1	2	3	3.17
Stammen	2	2	0	0	0	5	2.91
Inherited runners	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.43

WP: Lauer. Umpires: H, Ryan Blakney; 1B, Sam Holbrook; 2B, Jim Wolf; 3B, D.J. Reyburn. Time: 3:24. A: 37,672 (42,445).

HOW THEY SCORED

CUBS FIRST: Rizzo singled. Bryant walked. Rizzo to second. Heyward lined out. Baez singled, scoring Rizzo, Bryant to third. Russell singled, scoring Bryant, Baez to third. Russell to second on throw. Zobrist grounded out. Baez scored. Russell to third. Contreras struck out. **Three runs. Cubs 3-0.**

CUBS SECOND: Bote hit by pitch. Lester bunted into fielder's choice. Bote out at second. Rizzo doubled to left. Lester to third. Bryant struck out. Heyward singled, scoring Lester and Rizzo. Baez struck out. **Two runs. Cubs 5-0.**

CUBS FOURTH: Bote walked. Lester bunted out. Bote stole second. Bote safe at third on error by Hedges. Rizzo flied out, scoring Bote. Bryant singled. Bryant to second on throwing error by Renfroe. Bryant to third on throwing error by Hedges. Heyward popped out. **One run. Cubs 6-0.**

PADRES FOURTH: Renfroe struck out. Hosmer struck out. Villanueva homered. Pirela singled to center. Galvis flied out. **One run. Cubs 6-1.**

CUBS SIXTH: Contreras

BASEBALL

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
WHITE SOX 10, Kansas City 1
Cubs 7, SAN DIEGO 4
PITTSBURGH 6, Texas 5
BOSTON 5, Toronto 2
CLEVELAND 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
MIAMI 10, Philadelphia 5
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 1
ATLANTA 5, Arizona 1
PITTSBURGH 7, Milwaukee 6 (10)
Detroit 6, **HOUSTON** 3
MINNESOTA 11, Tampa Bay 7 (10)
ST. LOUIS 6, Cincinnati 4
COLORADO 4, Seattle 3
Oakland 6, SAN FRANCISCO 2
L.A. DODGERS 5, L.A. Angels 3
MONDAY: No games scheduled.
TUESDAY: All-Star Game, 7:30
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
 St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7:30

ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Manager - A.J. Hinch, Houston
STARTERS
Catcher - Wilson Ramos, Tampa Bay (2)
First Base - Jose Abreu, Chicago (2)
Second Base - Jose Altuve, Houston (6)
Third Base - Jose Ramirez, Cleveland (2)
Shortstop - Manny Machado, Baltimore (4)
Outfield - Mookie Betts, Red Sox (3); Mike Trout, Los Angeles (7); Aaron Judge, New York (2)
Designated Hitter - J.D. Martinez, Boston (2)
Pitchers
RHPs - m-Trevor Bauer, Cleveland (1); m-Jose Berrito, Minnesota (2); m-Johan Santana, New York (2); p-Edwin Diaz, Seattle (1); m-Joe Jimenez, Detroit (1); p-Craig Kimbrel, Boston (7); p-Corey Kluber, Cleveland (3); p-Luis Severino, New York (2); m-Blake Treinen, Oakland (2); Justin Verlander, Houston (7)
LHPs - p-Aroldis Chapman, New York (5); m-J.A. Happ, Toronto (1); LHP: p-Chris Sale, Boston (7)
RESERVES
Catcher - p-Salvador Perez, Kansas City (6)
First Base - p-Mitch Moreland, Boston (1); **Second Base** - I-Gleyber Torres, New York (1); **Jed Lowrie**, Oakland (1)
Third Base - p-Alex Bregman, Houston (1)
Shortstop - p-Francisco Lindor, Cleveland (3); v-Ryan Braun, Seattle (2)
Outfield - p-Michael Brantley, Cleveland (3); p-Shin-Soo Choo, Texas (1); Mitch Haniger, Seattle (1); p-George Springer, Houston (2)
Designated Hitter - p-Nelson Cruz, Seattle (6)
Injury Replacements - Blake Snell, Rays (1); **Charlie Morton**, Astros (1); **Yan Gomes**, Indians (1); **Jed Lowrie**, Athletics (2)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Manager - Dave Roberts, L.A. Dodgers
STARTERS
Catcher - Willson Contreras, Chicago (1)
First Base - Freddie Freeman, Atlanta (3)
Second Base - Javier Baez, Chicago (1)
Third Base - Nolan Arenado, Colorado (4)
Shortstop - Brandon Crawford, San Fran. (2)
Outfield - Nick Markakis, Atlanta (1); Matt Kemp, Los Angeles (3); Bryce Harper, Washington (6)
Pitchers
RHPs - p-Jacob deGrom, New York (2); p-Mike Foltynewicz, Atlanta (2); m-Kenley Jansen, Los Angeles (1); m-Miles Mikolas, St. Louis (2); p-Aaron Nola, Philadelphia (1); p-Max Scherzer, Washington (6); m-Ross Stripling, Los Angeles (1)
LHPs - m-Patrick Corbin, Arizona (2); p-Sean Doolittle, Washington (2); p-Josh Hader, Milwaukee (1); p-Brad Hand, San Diego (2); p-Ion Lester, Chicago (5); m-Felipe Vazquez, Pittsburgh (1)
RESERVES
Catcher - p-Buster Posey, Giants (6); m-T.J. Realuto, Miami (1); p-Yadier Molina, St. Louis (9)
First Base - m-Paul Goldschmidt, Arizona (6); p-Joe Mauer, Cincinnati (6); v-Jesus Aguilar, Milwaukee (1)
Second Base - p-Ozzie Albies, Atlanta (1); m-Scooter Gennett, Cincinnati (1)
Third Base - p-Eugenio Suarez, Cincinnati (1)
Shortstop - p-Troy Tulowitz, Colorado (1)
Outfield - p-Charlie Blackmon, Colorado (3); p-Lorenzo Cain, Milwaukee (2); p-Christian Yelich, Milwaukee (1)
Injury Replacements - Yadier Molina, Cardinals (10); Ross Stripling, Dodgers (1); Zack Greinke, Diamondbacks (5); Jeremy Jeffress, Brewers (1)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	68	30	.694	—	9-1	W-2	34-13	34-17
New York	62	33	.653	4½	6-4	L-1	33-13	29-20
Tampa Bay	49	47	.510	18	6-4	L-1	26-17	23-30
Toronto	43	52	.453	23½	3-7	L-2	24-25	19-27
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Oakland	55	42	.567	8	7-3	W-2	24-21	31-21
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PIRATES 7, BREWERS 6 (10)

Pirates deal Brewers 5-game sweep

Associated Press
PITTSBURGH — One late-inning rally wasn't enough for the Pirates.

Trailing and down to their final out on two occasions, the Pirates managed a 7-6 victory over the Brewers that gave them the first five-game sweep in the majors in nearly a dozen years.

With two on and two outs in the 10th and a steady rain turning into a downpour, Josh Bell made solid contact on a pitch from Dan Jennings (3-3). The crack of the bat was followed closely by a bolt of lightning from the clouds as Bell left the batter's box.

The ball got past center fielder Lorenzo Cain and bounced to the wall, scoring Gregory Polanco easily from third. The relay throw beat Colin Moran to the plate but skipped off the pitcher's mound and down to the legs of catcher Erik Kratz, giving the Pirates an improbable victory.

Bell gained a tactical advantage earlier in the at-bat when Jennings had a slider slip out of his hand that nearly went for a wild pitch. With the tying run on third, Bell didn't think Jennings would risk throwing it again. "I was just dead-reb heater," Bell said. "I got it and I put a good swing on it."

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ON THIS DATE

1897: Chicago's Cap Anson became the first major leaguer to reach 3,000 hits when he singled off Baltimore's George Blackburn on July 16.
2013: Mariano Rivera pitched a perfect eighth inning in his final All-Star appearance, Jose Bautista, J.J. Hardy and Jason Kipnis drove in runs to back a night of lopsided pitching and the American League beat the National League 3-0 at Citi Field in New York.
2015: Brock Holt became the first Boston player to hit for the cycle since 1906 and the Red Sox slugged their way out to a 9-4 victory over Atlanta.

ORIOLES 6, RANGERS 5

TEAM	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
TEXAS						
Choo	3	2	2	1	0	.293
1-Tocci pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.086
Andrus ss	4	1	2	0	0	.253
Proffar 3b	3	1	0	0	0	.239
Guzman 1b	4	1	1	2	2	.239
Odor 2b	4	1	1	4	2	.250
Run rf	4	0	1	0	1	.190
Galio lf	4	0	0	0	1	.188
Kiner-Falefa c	4	0	1	0	1	.251
DeShields cf	3	0	0	0	1	.208
a-Beltre ph	1	0	0	0	0	.286
TOTALS	33	5	9	5	8	
BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Beckham 3b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	.226
Schoop 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.205
Machado 5b	3	1	0	0	0	.213
Peterson 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.194
Jones cf	4	1	2	3	0	.275
Trumbo rf	4	0	1	0	1	.251
Valencia dh	4	0	0	0	1	.251
Davis 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.158
Rickard lf	3	1	0	0	0	.209
Joseph c	2	1	1	0	0	.288
TOTALS	32	6	7	5	3	

KEY: p-player ballot elected; m-choice of MLB; s-Sunday start; inactive; i-injured; will not play; v-final vote winner; number of All-Star selections in parentheses;

NL LEADERS

TEAM	G	AB	R	H	BA
BATTING					
Gennett, CIN	92	353	59	115	.326
Markakis, ATL	94	371	55	120	.323
Almora, CHI	86	276	48	88	.319
Freeman, ATL	94	362	59	114	.315
Suarez, CIN	79	298	50	93	.312
Arenado, COL	90	343	63	107	.312
Kemp, LA	92	317	42	92	.310
Dickerson, PIT	86	324	40	99	.306
Aguilar, MIL	87	272	49	81	.298
Parra, COL	86	276	38	82	.297
HOME RUNS					
Aguilar, MIL	24	Markakis, ATL	29	Arenado, COL	23
Harper, WAS	23	Trumbo, PIT	23	Munoz, LA	22
Munoz, LA	22	Ctaylor, LA	8	STOLEN BASES	
Goldschmidt, ARI	21	RUNS		STRIKEOUTS	
Albies, ATL	74	Smarte, PIT	25		

BULLS

A lot to know about Parker's unknowns

Questions abound as to how newest Bull will fit into system



K.C. JOHNSON
On the Bulls

The jersey number, according to a picture posted on the Bulls' social media accounts, will be No. 2. The position, at least in the starting lineup, will be small forward.

Time will tell whether public address announcer Tommy

Edwards will belt out "From Duke ..." or "From Chicago ..." when introducing Jabari Parker as that starter.

And that seems fitting for the Bulls' latest attempt at asset and talent accumulation. There's some known and some unknown when it comes to Parker.

What's known is that Parker, when healthy, is a versatile scorer who has improved his 3-point shot and shown the ability to score both in the midrange game and when posting up smaller players.

What's also known is that Parker hasn't been a plus defender during his first four NBA seasons and played more effectively at power forward than small forward. And the former position is covered by the 1-2 punch of Lauri Markkanen and Bobby Portis.

What's unknown is whether Parker can change that positional trend playing in a lineup that offers myriad possibilities for coach Fred Hoiberg. If nothing else, the Bulls should be fun to watch offensively.

Defensively, it could get ugly at times. Kris Dunn and Robin Lopez are proven at that end, and Markkanen showed long stretches of effectiveness as a solid team defender, if not always an outright lockdown individual defender. But with Parker starting at small forward, he and Zach LaVine often will be matched up against the opponent's most dynamic players.

It may be time for the Bulls to try to win some shootouts.

The last time the Bulls tried to shoehorn a power forward into the small forward position, it didn't go so well. In fact, Nikola Mirotic finally displayed his full arsenal when playing up a position rather than down, playing alongside either Portis or Markkanen in an interchangeable power forward/center role.

There will be times Hoiberg can use that look again, playing Parker at power forward alongside Portis, Markkanen or Wendell Carter Jr. and using Justin Holiday or Chandler Hutchison at small forward.



MORRY GASH/AP

Former Buck Jabari Parker brings lots of talent — and lots of questions — as he prepares to join his hometown Bulls.

For this to fully work, though, the trick will be to optimize Parker's minutes at small forward.

Given how little — and how ineffectively — they played together last season, questions already existed about the fit for Dunn, LaVine and Markkanen. Adding Parker to that mix will only intensify those questions.

But assuming health, there's reason to believe that Parker, still just 23, isn't a finished product despite entering his fifth season. Past his improved 3-point shot, the lanes that the long-range shooting ability of LaVine and Markkanen should provide — ability that demands defenses to close out on them — should give Parker room to operate effectively with his midrange game.

Did we mention it may be time for the Bulls to try to win some shootouts?

Parker's two-year, \$40 million deal with a team option for the second season made this a low-risk move for the Bulls. Parker will be motivated to make this work in his hometown too.

Then again, Parker's motivation level is another of those known qualities. You don't rehabilitate from two torn left ACLs without commitment and perseverance.

Edwards has used both the "From Duke ..." and "From Chicago ..." call many times before, calling out starting lineup introductions for everyone from Luol Deng to Carlos Boozer to Derrick Rose. What's unknown is whether adding Parker to this new mix of young talent can help the Bulls reach the levels some of those players and teams before him did.

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BLACKHAWKS



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Henri Jokiharju, the Hawks' first pick in the 2017 draft, was in prospect camp last July.

Future's market is looking good

Boqvist, Jokiharju are among top prospects at development camp

By JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

Make a visit to the Blackhawks development camp this week at MB Ice Arena and you'll get a glimpse of the team's future.

Which of the 42 prospects will be part of that future? Nobody knows for certain, and that's part of the fun.

Only a handful of players expected to attend aren't Hawks draft picks or under contract. Forward Alexandre Fortin was in that situation two years ago, but his speed and playmaking skills stood out. The Hawks rewarded him with an invitation to training camp a couple of months later.

Fortin impressed there and in exhibition games and received a three-year, entry-level contract.

"The development camp was a little bit different then. We had a lot more scrimmages," Hawks vice president of amateur scouting Mark Kelley said. "But every day the light shining on him just seemed to get a little brighter. Every day he was very, very visible out there."

Fortin, 21, who was slowed by injuries the last two seasons, returns for his third prospects camp. Here's a look at some other players to keep an eye on this week:

Henri Jokiharju: If anybody at camp is looking to make the leap to the NHL this season, it's Jokiharju, a 19-year-old Finnish defenseman who was the Hawks' first-round pick last year. His offensive skills are more polished than his defense, so watch how he plays in his own zone.

Adam Boqvist: The No. 8 pick in last month's draft, Boqvist is a right-handed defenseman with elite offensive skills and skating ability who is still only 17. Putting him on a fast track to the NHL is important to the Hawks, who signed the Sweden native to an entry-level deal to have a greater say in his development.

Nicolas Beaudin: The Hawks' second first-round pick this year hasn't drawn as much attention as fellow blueliner Bo-

BLACKHAWKS DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Who: 42 prospects, including all eight picks from the 2018 NHL draft.

Where: MB Ice Arena, 1801 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago.

When: 1-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday (practices); 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday (scrimmage).

All sessions are free and open to the public.

qvist. That could change with a strong camp from the 18-year-old. "I think he'll open some eyes," Kelley said. "What will stand out on him is his hockey IQ and his instincts."

Evan Barratt: A third-round pick last year, Barratt, 19, had a strong season as a freshman at Penn State with 11 goals and seven assists in 32 games.

Blake Hillman: The only player in camp with NHL experience — and at 22 one of the oldest — the defenseman joined the Hawks for the final four games of the season after completing his junior year at Denver. He scored his first NHL goal in his second game.

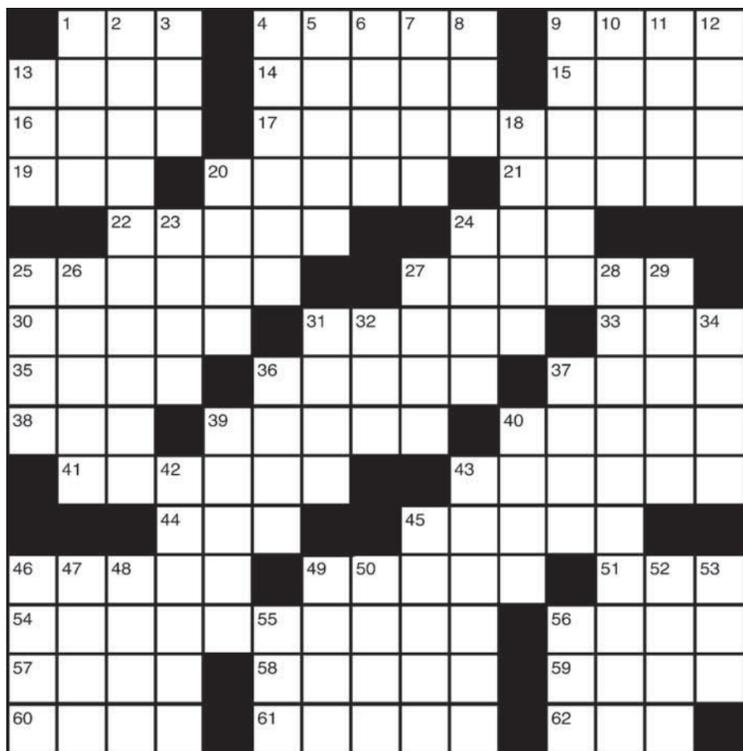
Ian Mitchell: Hillman's defensive partner at Denver, Mitchell, 19, had two goals and 28 assists as a freshman after the Hawks drafted him in the second round last year. He's expected to return to Denver for his sophomore season.

MacKenzie Entwistle: Acquired last week from the Coyotes in the Marian Hossa trade, Entwistle, 19, was the No. 69 pick of the 2017 draft. He's a power forward with some size (6-foot-3, 174 pounds) and a little scoring ability. He had 13 goals and 25 assists in 49 games for the OHL's Hamilton Bulldogs during the regular season and added 10 goals and seven assists in 21 playoff games.

Kyle Maksimovich: One of only three non-goalties at camp not drafted by the Hawks or under contract, Maksimovich, 20, is an undersized forward who was Alex DeBrincat's teammate at Erie, where he averaged a point per game over the last three seasons. He joined Rockford for four games at the end of last season.

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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 ___ and sis;
- 4 Uses a sieve
- 9 Slightly open
- 13 Get bigger
- 14 ___ to; before
- 15 Actor Rob ___
- 16 ___ Street; NY Stock Exchange location
- 17 Sounds familiar
- 19 Flying insect
- 20 Elephant teeth
- 21 Unkempt
- 22 Be a freeloader
- 24 Mustang or Jaguar
- 25 Author Charlotte
- 27 Palace
- 30 Cowboy competition
- 31 Jail rooms
- 33 Ames and Sullivan
- 35 Eras
- 36 Christmas song
- 37 Created
- 38 Actor Brynner
- 39 Unclothed
- 40 Bulgaria's capital
- 41 Flea
- 43 Chickenpox symptoms
- 44 "Thanks a ___!"
- 45 Rope with a noose

DOWN

- 46 "Get lost!"
- 49 Gets caught on a thorn
- 51 ___ Beta Kappa
- 54 Nutritious
- 56 Made fun of
- 57 Encourage
- 58 Small weight
- 59 Rescuer
- 60 Finest location
- 61 Spirited horse
- 62 "Diamonds ___ Forever"; 007 film
- 1 Scottish hillside
- 2 Folks worth imitating
- 3 Night bird
- 4 Evergreen tree
- 5 Dublin residents
- 6 Tattletale
- 7 Clothes
- 8 Last year's Jrs.
- 9 Mr. Einstein
- 10 Montana & others
- 11 Hole-making tools
- 12 ___ on; have confidence in
- 13 Initials for Clinton's successor
- 18 Accumulate
- 20 Oz visitor

Solutions



- 23 Singles
- 24 ___ for; summon
- 25 Donkey's cry
- 26 Scoundrel
- 27 Lump of dirt
- 28 Jumping insect
- 29 Liz's Fisher
- 31 Dessert choice
- 32 Before
- 34 Yellow and Aegean
- 36 Hook or Kangaroo; abbr.
- 37 Velvety green ground cover
- 39 One of the Judds
- 40 Be disrespectful
- 42 Red wine
- 43 Frayed
- 45 Cyclist
- 46 Ignore with disdain
- 47 Apple's center
- 48 Carpets
- 49 Close
- 50 Bedtime, for some
- 52 In this place
- 53 Wedding words
- 55 Distress signal
- 56 Cry of discovery

Ex-Hawk Emery dies at 35

Emery, from Page 1

suffered from avascular necrosis, the same hip ailment that ended Bo Jackson's career.

teammates, coaches and others in the hockey community shared their memories of a player nicknamed "Razor" for his aggressive style.

"Lost my golfing buddy and best friend today," former Hawk Dave Bolland tweeted. "Uncle Ray Ray touched a lot of hearts and people. Love and miss ya."

"I will always remember Ray as a good person first & foremost," friend and former teammate Dan Carcillo wrote on Twitter. "I envied his demeanor. He had a contagious personality. People were drawn to him. ... I will never forget his selflessness. Man this hurts. Rest easy Uncle Ray Ray."

The Blackhawks also released a statement: "The Chicago Blackhawks organization was deeply saddened to hear of Ray Emery's passing. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. The Blackhawks will fondly remember Ray as a fierce competitor, a good teammate and a Stanley Cup champion."

Former teammates lauded Emery's mentorship and leadership, especially in his final professional season in the AHL in 2015-16. Enforcer-turned-analyst Paul Bissonnette, a teammate with the AHL's Ontario Reign, said Emery would treat other players to dinner almost every night.

"I'd heard nothing but great things before meeting him, and it was true," Bissonnette said. "He was awesome. Great in the locker room and just made life enjoyable."

Emery's career began with the Senators, but off-ice problems, including an incident of road rage, assault of a trainer in Russia and behavior that led to him being sent home from Senators training camp, threatened to end it prematurely. He also

suffered from avascular necrosis, the same hip ailment that ended Bo Jackson's career.

"Ray had many highs and lows in his personal life and his career," longtime agent J.P. Barry said. "He never let things that would derail most of us stop his forward momentum. He had a big heart and a fun-loving personality. He was someone we all rooted for to succeed."

Emery won the job backing up Crawford in 2011, but it was based on faith as much as his play.

"His training camp was just OK, I'm not going to try to B.S. you," Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman told the Tribune's David Haugh in 2011. "But I remember Ray saying, 'I know I can be better than this, I'm just a slow starter.' We just felt a comfort level with his experience and he'd be a good complement to Corey."

Emery went 32-10-4 during his two seasons with the Hawks, including 17-1 with a 1.94 goals-against-average during the lockout-shortened 2013 season. He and Crawford combined to win the William Jennings Trophy for allowing the league's fewest goals that year, and Emery finished seventh in Vezina Trophy voting, one spot ahead of Crawford.

In addition to the Senators and Hawks, Emery played for the Flyers and Ducks during a career that spanned 2003-15. He played in 326 NHL regular-season and playoff games, helping the Senators to the 2007 Stanley Cup Final. He went 145-86-28 with a 2.70 goals-against average and 16 shutouts during his career.

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		ALL-STAR GAME 7 FOX-32		STL 6:05 ESPN AM-670	STL 1:20 NBCSCH AM-670	STL (2) Noon,WGN 6:15-6:30 ABC-7	STL 1:20 ABC-7
		ALL-STAR GAME 7 AM-1000			@SEA 9:10 WGN-9 AM-720	@SEA 9:10 NBCSCH AM-720	@SEA 9:10 WGN-9 AM-720
			LOU 7:30 U.S. Open SEA			TOR 6 ESPN+ AM-1200	LA 5 WCIU-26.2
			SEA 11 a.m.			DAL 8 WCIU-26.2	LA 5 WCIU-26.2

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB
7 p.m. Home Run Derby ESPN, ESPNNews, WMVP-AM 1000

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

7:30 p.m. Semifinal 1 ESPN2
9:30 p.m. Semifinal 2 ESPN2

WORLD LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1 p.m. Canada vs. Iroquois Nationals ESPNU

TENNIS

6 a.m. ATP Bastad, ATP Newport Tennis Channel

SOCCER

FIFA WORLD CUP

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday in Moscow France 4, Croatia 2
THIRD PLACE GAME
Saturday in St. Petersburg Belgium 2, England 0

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN
Atlanta 12 4 5 41 43 24
N.Y. City FC 12 4 5 40 40 24
N.Y. Red Bulls 11 5 35 37 19
Columbus 8 7 6 30 24 25
New England 7 5 7 28 32 35
Montreal 9 12 0 27 26 35
Philadelphia 7 9 3 24 25 30
Chicago 6 10 5 23 23 41
Orlando City 7 11 1 22 27 42
Toronto FC 4 11 4 16 30 38
D.C. United 3 7 5 14 26 30
WESTERN
FC Dallas 11 3 5 38 31 22
Los Angeles FC 10 4 5 35 41 28
Sporting KC 9 5 6 33 37 27
Portland 8 3 6 30 26 22
Real Salt Lake 9 9 2 29 29 37
LA Galaxy 8 7 4 28 34 30
Houston 7 6 5 26 36 26
Vancouver 7 8 5 26 30 40
Minnesota 7 11 1 22 26 38
Seattle 4 9 5 17 16 23
Colorado 4 11 4 16 22 32
San Jose 2 11 6 12 29 39

Note: 3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta, Seattle
Portland 0, Los Angeles FC 0

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

New England at Minnesota, 7
D.C. United at Atlanta, 2:30
Vancouver at Seattle, 3
LA Galaxy at Philadelphia, 6
New England at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6
Toronto FC at Chicago, 6
Orlando City at Columbus, 6:30
FC Dallas at Houston, 7
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 9
Montreal at Portland, 10

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER

CLUB
North Carolina 14 1 3 45 41 14
Seattle 8 4 5 29 19 14
Orlando 8 6 4 28 26 25
RED STARS 7 4 7 28 26 22
Portland 6 5 5 23 24 20
Utah 5 6 6 21 14 18
Houston 5 6 5 20 20 25
Washington 2 11 4 10 11 24
Sky Blue FC 0 12 3 3 11 30

SUNDAY'S RESULT

Houston at Portland, late

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

2014: Germany 1, Argentina 0, OT
2010: Spain 1, Netherlands 0, OT
2006: Italy 1, France 1 (Italy 5-3, PK)
2002: Brazil 2, Germany 0
1998: France 3, Brazil 0
1994: Brazil 0, Italy 0 (Brazil 3-2, PK)
1990: West Germany 1, Argentina 0
1986: Argentina 3, West Germany 2
1982: Italy 3, West Germany 1
1978: Argentina 3, Netherlands 1, OT
1974: West Germany 2, Netherlands 1
1970: Brazil 4, Italy 1
1966: England 4, West Germany 2, OT
1962: Brazil 3, Czechoslovakia 1
1958: Brazil 5, Sweden 2
1954: West Germany 3, Hungary 2
1950: x-Uruguay 2, Brazil 1
1934: Italy 4, Hungary 2
1930: Uruguay 4, Argentina 2

YEARLY WORLD CUP GOAL TOTALS

Goals totals for all World Cups, by year, site, games, goals and average:

Year	GP	G	AVG.
2018 Russia	64	169	2.64
2014 Brazil	64	171	2.67
2010 South Africa	64	147	2.30
2006 Germany	64	165	2.57
2002 x-Korea/Japan	64	141	2.52
1998 France	64	171	2.67
1994 United States	52	141	2.71
1990 Italy	52	115	2.21
1986 Mexico	52	132	2.53
1982 Spain	52	146	2.80
1978 Argentina	38	102	2.68
1974 West Germany	38	97	2.55
1970 Mexico	32	95	2.96
1966 England	32	89	2.78
1962 Chile	32	89	2.78
1958 Sweden	35	126	3.60
1954 Switzerland	26	140	5.38
1950 Brazil	22	88	4.00
1938 France	18	84	4.66
1934 Italy	17	70	4.11
1930 Uruguay	18	70	3.88

WORLD CUP PENALTY KICKS

Penalty kicks awarded in each World Cup and the total of goals resulting from penalty kicks:

Year	PK	G	PK %
2018	29	22	1974 8 6
2014	13	12	1970 5 5
2010	15	9	1966 8 8
2006	17	13	1962 8 8
2002	18	13	1958 10 7
1998	18	17	1954 8 7
1994	15	15	1950 3 3
1990	18	13	1938 5 3
1986	16	12	1934 3 3
1982	10	8	1930 5 4
1978	14	12	Total 247 200

Source: FIFA

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	13	9	.591	—
Atlanta	12	9	.571	½
Connecticut	12	10	.545	1
New York	7	14	.333	5½
SKY	7	15	.318	6
Indiana	2	20	.091	11

WESTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
Seattle	16	6	.727	—
Phoenix	15	8	.652	1½
Los Angeles	14	9	.609	2½
Dallas	12	9	.571	3½
Minnesota	12	10	.545	4
Las Vegas	10	13	.435	6½

LIBERTY 107, SKY 84

CHI	FG-A	FTA-PT	NYC	FG-A	FTA-PT	
Shields-12	2-2	14-14	Boyd	5-6	4-5	14
Dolson	9-9	13-13	Charts	9-13	1-2	21
Parker	4-6	0-0	Prince	5-10	1-1	11
Quigly	4-10	0-0	8Vaughn	3-5	0-0	11
Vandratsis-12	2-2	15-22	Zellous	4-6	3-4	11
Crates	1-1	0-2	Allen	0-0	0-0	0
Copper	2-5	4-4	8Hartley	3-8	7-8	13
Harper	2-6	10-10	Nurse	1-2	0-0	2
Harris	0-0	0-0	0Rodgers	6-8	0-0	14
Montg.	1-1	0-0	2Stokes	3-5	1-2	7
Williams	1-7	1-2	3Zahui	8-2-4	3-4	8
Totals 30-65	17-22	22-24	41-67	20-26		

3-PTS: Chicago 7-22 (Vandersloot 3-7, DeShields 2-6, Parker 1-1, Dolson 1-2), New York 5-15 (Charles 2-4, Rodgers 2-4, Zahui 0-1-3). Rebs: Chicago 17 (DeShields 4), New York 33 (Vaughn 7). Asts: Chicago 21 (Vandersloot 8), New York 27 (Boyd 10). Fouls: Chicago 20, New York 24. At 7:03.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

MIDWEST LEAGUE

EASTERN	W	L	PCT.	GB
Bowl, Green (Rays)	16	8	.667	—
Lansing (Blue Jays)	13	11	.542	3
Dayton (Reds)	12	12	.500	4
Wisconsin (Brewers)	12	12	.500	4
Lake Co. (Indians)	12	12	.500	4
South Bend (Cubs)	12	12	.500	4
W. Michigan (Tigers)	11	13	.458	5
Gr. Lakes (Dodgers)	6	17	.227	9½

WESTERN

Beloit (Athletics)	W	L	PCT.	GB
Ced. Rapids (Twins)	16	8	.682	—
Peoria (Cardinals)	13	9	.591	2
Quad Cities (Astros)	12	11	.522	3½
Clinton (Mariners)	12	11	.522	3½
Wisconsin (Brewers)	10	13	.435	5½
Kane Co. (D-backs)	10	14	.417	6
Burlington (Angels)	5	17	.227	10

VEGAS SUMMER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS (single-elimination)

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 72, Chicago 66
Cleveland 92, Houston 87
Toronto 87, Charlotte 84 (OT)
Boston 74, Miami 72
Philadelphia 91, Milwaukee 89
Memphis 92, Utah 86

QUARTERFINAL GAMES

Dayton 5, Kane County 3
Wisconsin 11, South Bend 7
Peoria 2, Fort Wayne 1
Great Lakes 1, Burlington 0
Toronto 87, Charlotte 84 (OT)
Great Lakes 5, Burlington 0
Quad Cities 6, Bowling Green 0
Clinton 6, Lansing 2
Normal 25, 26 490 3½
Kane County at Dayton, 6
Beloit at West Michigan, 6:30
Great Lakes at Burlington, 6:05

FRONTIER LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	30	24	.556	—
Joliet	30	24	.556	—
Lake Erie	29	24	.547	½
Fargo-Moorhead	27	26	.509	2
Traverse City	26	27	.491	3½
Windy City	19	34	.358	10½

WEST

River City	W	L	PCT.	GB
Florence	30	24	.556	—
Evansville	26	26	.500	3
Southern Illinois	25	25	.500	3
Normal	25	26	.490	3½
Gateway	24	32	.429	7

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Gateway 5, River City 3
Normal 6, Evansville 5
Florence 14, Southern Illinois 2
Traverse City 4, Schaumburg 3
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

NORTH	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Paul	31	24	.564	—
Fargo-Moorhead	29	24	.547	1
Dary SouthStar	27	26	.509	2
Winnipeg	24	32	.429	7½
Sioux Falls	22	31	.415	8
Chicago	20	33	.377	10

SOUTH

Sioux City	W	L	PCT.	GB
Wichita	40	13	.755	—
Kansas City	34	20	.630	6½
Lincoln	27	26	.509	13
Cleburne	19	33	.365	20½
Lincoln	14	39	.269	26

HOKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Los Angeles: Signed D Kurtis Macdermid to a two-year, two-way deal.

SOCCER

FIFA: Fined England \$69,900 for players wearing non-approved socks at the World Cup.

COLLEGE

Georgia: WR Demetris Robertson is transferring from California.

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE

At Roubaix, France
Ninth Stage
A 97-mile hilly ride from Arras Citadelle to Roubaix
1. John Degenkolb, Germany, 3:24:26.
2. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, same.
3. Yves Lampaert, Belgium, same.
4. Philippe Gilbert, Belgium, 19 behind.
5. Jasper Stuyven, Belgium, same.
6. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, same.
7. Bob Jungels, Luxembourg, same.
8. André Greipel, Germany, 27.
9. E. Boasson Hagen, Norway, same.
10. Timothy Dupont, Belgium, same.
(After nine stages)
1. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, 36:07:17.
2. Geraint Thomas, Britain, 44.
3. Philippe Gilbert, Belgium, 44.
4. Bob Jungels, Luxembourg, 50.
5. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, 1:31.
6. Rafal Majka, Poland, 1:32.
7. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, 1:33.
8. Chris Froome, Britain, 1:42.
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WORLD CUP



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Fans of France take to Michigan Avenue to fly the colors and celebrate a victory over Croatia for the nation's second World Cup title in 20 years.

National treasures

French community in Chicago gathers to celebrate victory

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Rodena Nichee was a child in France the last time her national team won the World Cup. On Sunday, wearing a vibrant blue blouse, she celebrated with friends and members of Chicago's French community at a downtown watch party as France beat Croatia 4-2 for the title.

She sang "On est les champions" and chanted "Allez les Bleus!" as the final seconds ticked away and the conference room at the Hilton Magnificent Mile erupted in cheers and song as drums beat, cowbells rang and red, white and blue confetti fell.

"In 1998, I was 9 years old," said Nichee, who emigrated from France two years ago. "Twenty years later, I'm so glad to be around the French community in Chicago. There is spirit here."



Fans at a World Cup watch party at the Hilton Magnificent Mile get excited after France scores its fourth goal in Sunday's final.

The French community is small with about 8,000 citizens in the Chicagoland area. Many connect through the Lycee Francais school in Lincoln Square and French organizations such as the Alliance Francaise cultural center and the Association des Francais et Francophones de Chicago.

A chance for about 250 France fans to come together for the

watch party at the Hilton, which was organized through the French consulate office, fostered their sense of pride.

Fans painted their faces, wore red-and-blue boas and draped the French tricolor flag across their shoulders. One couple cheered wearing berets, and a photo area included a baguette to pose with as a prop. Fans ate

croissants as they waited for the final to begin.

Dads hoisted their children in the air after France's third goal when Paul Pogba hit a hard, low shot for a 3-1 lead. They groaned in unison when Mario Mandzukic took advantage of a mistake by goalkeeper Hugo Lloris. And they sang the French national anthem when Kylian Mbappe, 19, joined Pele as just the second teenager to score in a World Cup final.

Fans marched down Michigan Avenue waving flags as they blew whistles and cheered after the victory party.

"It's national pride," said Annabelle Baldwin, who grew up in France but lives in Rogers Park.

Baldwin wore a bright blue wig and had the French flag painted on her cheek as she watched the game with her husband and two children.

"It's awesome to be together and support France," she said. "If you're from France, you are an ambassador every day."

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Croatians 'couldn't be prouder'

Underdog team's run a source of satisfaction despite disappointment

BY PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

Even when Croatia was down 4-1 to France in Sunday's World Cup final, Cardinal Blase Cupich didn't lose faith.

"It looked like they were mounting a real comeback with that wonderful goal (by Croatia's Mario Mandzukic). It was a very brilliant goal where he outfoxed the goalie," Chicago's archbishop said. "So we all had hope that we were going to come back."

Cupich spent the morning at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Melrose Park and caught the second half of France's 4-2 victory at St. Joseph Friary in Hyde Park.

Croatia fell short, but Cupich

wasn't down about it.

"My sentiment right now is one of pride, not disappointment, simply because they really beat some terrific teams (to get to the final)," said Cupich, who wore the team's signature red-and-white-checked jersey while watching the game with a couple of dozen Franciscan friars. "They beat Argentina and Russia and England. These are huge countries and huge teams. So to even get this far made me proud."

His glass-half-full view echoed the sentiment among fans and fellow Croats at a watch party at the Croatian Cultural Center in West Rogers Park. The banquet hall and bar were packed to the gills and spilled into the parking lot, which had been converted into another viewing area with DJ Luka Ilic spinning Croatian music and cooks grilling cevapici, a beef-and-pork sausage.

Loyola guard Bruno Skokna

had watched Croatia's upset win over England in Wednesday's semifinal at the center, and on Sunday he was camped in the same spot in front of the big screen and wearing the same black T-shirt.

"That was intentional because you've got to have that luck that was (with them) the last time," he said.

Skokna was a portrait of the roller coaster of emotions in the crowd during an up-and-(mostly)-down game for Croatia: calm, even when Mandzukic put in the first own goal in a World Cup final; jumping and jubilant when Ivan Perisic scored the tying goal; silent, with his head resting in his hand, as Paul Pogba and Kylian Mbappe pushed France to a 4-1 lead.

But after the game Skokna was all smiles again as the center pumped popular Croatian anthems and people exchanged



COURTNEY PEDROZA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lilian Landa, 8, is consoled by her mother, Matija Landa, after Croatia's loss in the World Cup final.

hugs and high-fives.

"I couldn't be prouder of my team and my country," he said. "I'm not disappointed at all. Of course I'm sad, but all those guys should go back home with their heads up because they made us proud and they're our heroes."

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France holds off Croatia for World Cup crown

World Cup, from Page 1

World Cup as a player and a coach: "We will realize what has happened tomorrow and in the following days. At the moment they don't really know what's going on, they don't know what it is to be world champions."

"From tonight they are going to be different. There's nothing above (this)."

The last three World Cup finals were all conservative games decided in extra time or penalty kicks. Sunday's game broke from that mold with Mandzukic opening the scoring in the 18th minute by inadvertently heading a free kick from Griezmann into his own net.

It was the 12th own goal of the

tournament and the first in a World Cup final. It was also the earliest goal in a final since Zinedine Zidane scored for France on a penalty kick seven minutes into the 2006 title game.

But Croatia needed only 10 minutes to get the equalizer with Ivan Perisic gathering a ball at the top of the penalty area, making a nice fake to escape the mark of France's N'Golo Kante, then blasting a left-footed shot into the bottom right corner for his second goal in as many games.

Perisic gave the goal back 10 minutes later, though. Defending on a Griezmann corner kick, Perisic saw the ball skim the back of French midfielder Blaise Matuidi and hit him in the hand before going out of bounds. Ar-

gentine official Nestor Pitana was screened on the play but after consulting with the video assistant referees, he looked at a replay and awarded the penalty, which Griezmann converted for the 22nd penalty-kick goal of a tournament, good for both a World Cup record and a 2-1 lead.

For Croatia, which had rallied from deficits in its three previous knockout-stage games to win in extra time, there would be no more comebacks. Paul Pogba and Kylian Mbappe made sure of that, expanding France's advantage with goals six minutes apart early in the second half.

Croatia's only response was a gift from Lloris, whose bungled first touch after receiving a back pass put the ball right on

Mandzukic's foot, setting up an easy shot at the unattended net.

France joins Brazil, Germany, Italy, Argentina and Uruguay as the only multiple champions. And there could be more titles on the horizon. Mbappe, 19, who was named the tournament's best young player, is on the verge of super-stardom and six of the 11 players France started Sunday are younger than 26.

When the final whistle sounded, the players gathered at one end of the field, hugging beneath a confetti shower, taking endless selfies and congratulating one another on making good on predictions that called them the favorites. Some players accepted flags from fans and set off on victory laps around the pitch.

TENNIS

No sweat: Djokovic cruises at Wimbledon

Routs Anderson to win for 4th time, capture 13th Grand Slam title

BY SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times

LONDON — After days of grueling, thrilling matches, Wimbledon went out with a whimper. Yawn tennis.

Novak Djokovic needed just three sets Sunday to dispatch Illinois alumnus Kevin Anderson 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (3) to claim his fourth singles title at this storied tournament.

Anderson was incredibly gracious in defeat, heaping praise on his Serbian opponent and choking up when he thanked his family. Djokovic, who won his first Grand Slam title since the 2016 French Open, relished the moment with a tearful embrace of his young son.

Djokovic said he had been fixated on these achievements since he was a young boy.

"I made a lot of improvised Wimbledon trophies from different materials," said Djokovic, 31. "I really always dreamed of winning Wimbledon. When that happened back in 2011, when I became No. 1 of the world, in just a couple days all my dreams came true.

"It's really hard to compare this year's victory and trophy with any of the other three because they're all special. But if I can pick one, that would be probably the first one and this year's winning because my son was at the trophy ceremony, which made it extra special."

It is the 13th Grand Slam victory for Djokovic, fourth all time behind Roger Federer (20), Rafael Nadal (17) and boyhood idol Pete Sampras (14).

"To be just one step away from his record is quite incredible," Djokovic said.

But the tennis itself was devoid of the high drama that led up to final.

A quick review: Anderson upset Federer in the quarterfinals, then outlasted John Isner in a 6-hour-36-minute marathon that had a 50-game fifth set.

Djokovic and Nadal had a semifinale odyssey of their own with a five-set battle that lasted 5:15 and stretched over two days.

But Sunday's match breezed past in 2:19, with Anderson offering little resistance in the first two sets.

"I sort of had high hopes and expectations that going out there I was going to be a little bit more comfortable, a little bit more free," said Anderson, 32. "That wasn't meant to be."

Djokovic unclicked the pause button on his spectacular career. The former world No. 1 who at one point held all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously struggled with an elbow problem that kept him out of Wimbledon last year and shut down his season.

"I've never faced a major injury in my career before," said Djokovic, who hosted his elbow surgeon in his friends-and-family box. "I changed the racket. I also made some compensations in my game. I had to adjust. I had to get comfortable with that game. It took me a while."

In May, Djokovic slipped to No. 22 in the rankings, the first time in 11 years he fell out of the top 20. He inched up to 21 for this tournament but is still the lowest-ranked man to win a Wimbledon title since No. 125 Goran Ivanisevic in 2001.

"I understand that people question whether I can consistently play on this level," he said. "Trust me, I am too. At the same time I can't look too far on the road because I have to embrace and cherish this kind of accomplishment."

But for the moment he's back, a champion in the place he calls the "sanctuary of tennis." And it's precisely where he wants to be.



MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY

Novak Djokovic raises his trophy after beating Kevin Anderson for his fourth Wimbledon singles title.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



JOHN MCDONNELL/WASHINGTON POST

Nationals ace Max Scherzer, who could be in line to start the All-Star Game on his home field in Washington, has a brain that's as much of a weapon as his prolific right arm.

BASEBALL

Nothing but Max effort

Competitiveness, intellect augment Scherzer's talent

BY CHELSEA JANES
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rick Kirby was the basketball coach for more than 20 years at Parkway Central High in Chesterfield, Mo., one of those beloved local figures who influence all corners of America. He was one of those defense-first types, the gritty kind who makes you do things right.

Of all the kids Kirby coached, his most unlikely legacy might lie in one 6-foot-something forward who took to the whole thing, falling head over heels for the grit and the grind. That kid would risk any blow from an elbow for a chance to throw his own. He loved the chase, even if he wasn't the most naturally talented kid in the race.

Max Scherzer always had an affinity for scratching and clawing.

"I loved the intensity of it," Scherzer said years later in the Nationals' clubhouse, where he is the heart of the team, four years into his tenure. "I loved the physical demands of it, the conditioning, the scouting of it."

Starting pitchers, as a genre, do not have a reputation for scrappiness. Scherzer, whose dominance is the product of a years-long wrestling match with mediocrity, wouldn't be a major-league



TONI L. SANDYS/WASHINGTON POST

Max Scherzer is one of 10 pitchers to win the Cy Young Award three times, and he's a candidate to claim his fourth this season.

pitcher without it.

The Scherzer competitiveness — the here-Manny-Machado-see-if-you-can-hit-95 competitiveness — has its origins in his days spent jostling bigger forwards in the paint or starting at quarterback as a freshman for the Parkway Central football team.

At least that's where he says it comes from. Maybe he isn't telling us everything. He never really does, even if something about the earnest twinkle in that blue eye and the stern stare of the brown one combine to leave you thinking you somehow have the whole picture.

Scherzer always holds something back. After nearly every start, as he delves into adjust-

ments and strategy and detail that so few starters feel any reason to give, Scherzer dodges a question. He can't tell you everything. The other guy might read it in the papers and know what's coming.

The thing Scherzer never banks on, in which he never takes solace — the thing he never uses as a reason to sit still for just one minute — is that the other guy doesn't think like he does.

"He has a very, very powerful brain," said Tony Vitello, the baseball coach at Tennessee who coached Scherzer at Missouri. "I don't know if that's the right way to say it. The guy's got a great arm, but the best weapon he has is that brain."

That brain — and its incompa-

ble wiring — explains how an earnest Midwestern kid became a player who some would say is the most accomplished right-handed pitcher of his era.

Scherzer was never destined to stomp around the grounds of major-league stadiums, never a can't-miss talent who would have disappointed everyone had he turned out merely mortal. Mediocrity never disappointed Scherzer either. It motivated him, over and over, until he had all but eradicated it from his baseball life.

"There's only been one or two Bryce Harpers — guys who have been the greatest thing ever from day one," Vitello said. "Max's high school numbers were not that good. His freshman year (at Missouri) was not that great. When he got into minor-league baseball, he did well — not great. His first few years in the big leagues, he was nothing special."

Now Scherzer is one of six pitchers to win the Cy Young Award in both leagues, one of 10 to win three of them and one of 11 pitchers to strike out at least 1,000 batters with two different teams. He probably will start his third All-Star Game on Tuesday. He just might have a case to be the National League MVP. He almost certainly has one for the Hall of Fame.

The eyes have it

Scherzer was born outside St. Louis to University of Missouri alumni, a Cardinals fan by birth. He wasn't a top recruit in high

school — drafted in the 43rd round, not the first, by those Cardinals as a high school senior — but he was good enough to catch the eye of a Missouri scout who saw enough in Scherzer to schedule a visit. Vitello, then a young assistant for the Tigers, was tasked with taking Scherzer to his opening-night dinner.

The only advice he had gotten about the fiery teenager was not to stare. The kid had weird eyes — one brown, one blue. So advised, Vitello could think of nothing else — "the old 'don't picture a pink elephant'" conundrum.

Scherzer found a way to take his future coach's mind off the eyes almost immediately. He insisted his host order the El Diablo pasta, so named for its kick.

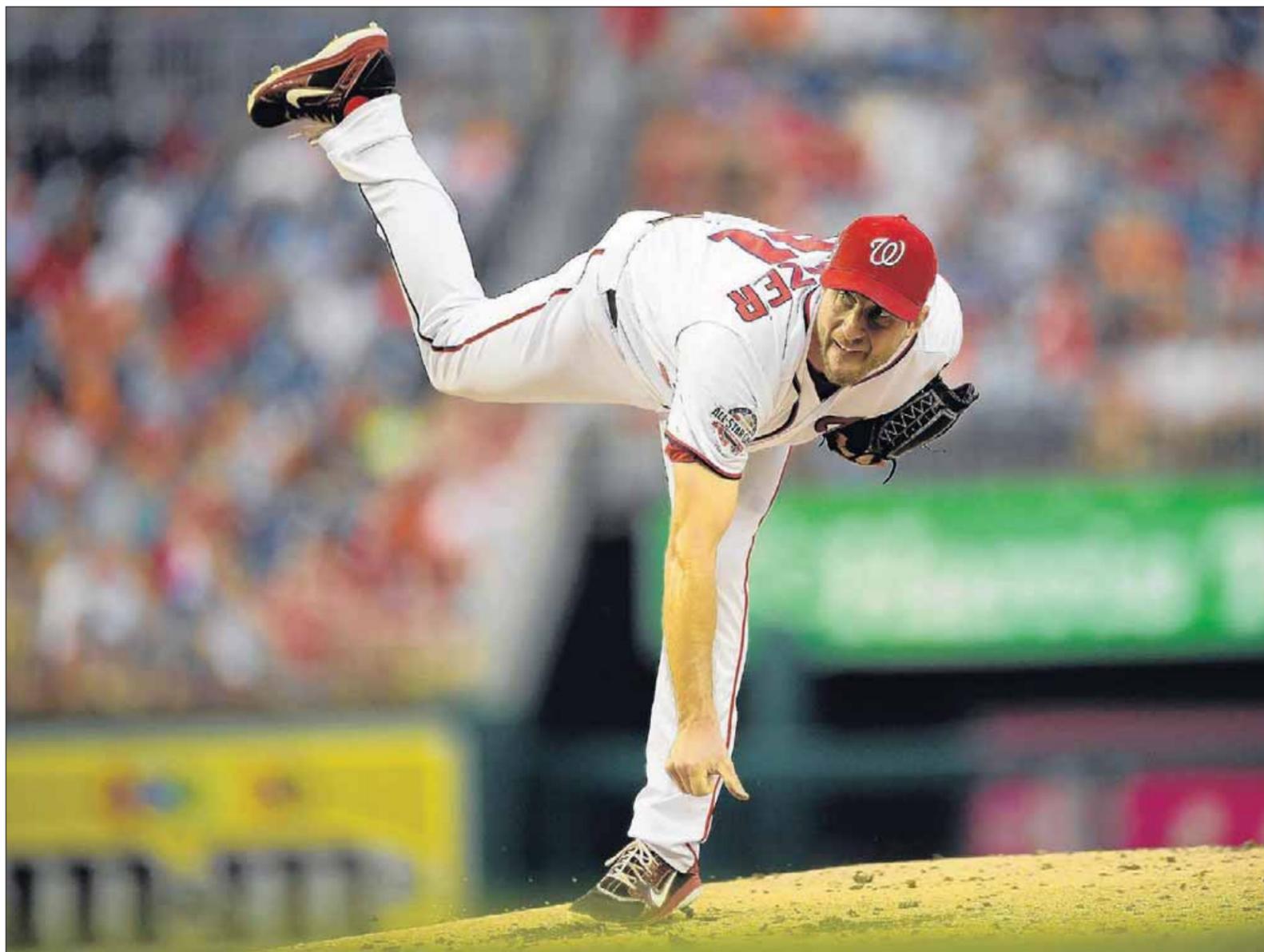
"It had me sweating like crazy," Vitello said. "His personality kind of took over the whole dinner."

Energy was never the problem for Scherzer, who used to try so hard on every pitch that his hat would fall off as he whipped his head during his follow-through. Mention "the head whip" to anyone who has scouted him over the years, and they will know exactly what you mean.

The Missouri coaching staff tried to help him, teaching him balance, to stay back through his delivery, to stop leaping at hitters — a bad habit that made him miss, up and in, to righties over and over again. He threw too many pitches. He got a chance as a freshman and lost it. After the Tigers got blown

Turn to Scherzer, Page 8

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JOHN MCDONNELL/WASHINGTON POST

The Nationals' Max Scherzer is striking out batters (12.2 per nine innings), limiting runners (.899 WHIP) and keeping opponents off the scoreboard (2.41 ERA) at career-best rates.

With Scherzer, expect max effort without fail

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out one day, Vitello turned a corner in the dugout to see Scherzer standing there.

"I want to know why I didn't pitch in that game," Scherzer said. "He was ready to fight me," Vitello remembered. "He's never lost that spirit."

"I didn't pitch the last 50 days of that season," Scherzer said, more than a decade later, voice low, teeth gritted, still haunted by the notion as he sat in front of the locker on which a Cy Young Award leaned a few months before.

Scherzer spent those 50 days working out and doing long toss, and he gained a few miles per hour on his fastball in the process. Vitello and head coach Tim Lincecum suggested a drill to help Scherzer stay balanced on his back leg, not to get over his front foot. Scherzer thought he could make the drill better, so he modified it.

Then he spent hour after frigid winter hour in the Tigers' indoor facility, getting as many repetitions as he could. When he came back as a sophomore, he pitched to a 1.86 ERA in 16 starts and struck out 131 batters in 106 1/3 innings.

"I thought, 'I'm not just going to flame out here,'" Scherzer said. "I'm here to pitch and succeed."

A bona fide freak

Not long ago, Josh Byrnes, the Dodgers' vice president of baseball operations, was driving around with highly touted rookie starter Walker Buehler when Scherzer's name came up.

He hadn't meant to mention him, but most conversations about major-league pitching these days eventually wind around to Scherzer.

He is, at 33, a bona fide freak. Even Clayton Kershaw hasn't held up. Even Justin Verlander hit a rut. The statistics say Scherzer is better at this age than he has ever been.

None of that is normal. And no one saw that coming. "To see (Scherzer) now and the consistent greatness ... to at least understand some of the steps that got him here, it's quite a baseball story," Byrnes said. "It's quite a lesson for anyone."

Byrnes was the general manager of the Diamondbacks when Scherzer again became eligible for the draft after his junior season. After his revelatory sophomore season, he entered his junior year as a projected first-round pick.

But that junior year did not go as well as he had hoped. He slammed the middle finger of his pitching hand in his apartment door while rushing off to play

Xbox one afternoon. He pitched through the pain of a mangled finger, compensated and developed biceps tendinitis.

When big-league evaluators hear "biceps" anything, they immediately think "elbow." The alarmists jump straight to "Tommy John."

So when Byrnes and his scouting director, a fiery guy named Mike Rizzo, headed to the Big 12 tournament to see Scherzer pitch not long before the draft, they were trying to see whether this kid was still worth the 11th pick. Would he ever be the same?

"Mike and I sat down, and we looked around and were like, 'Where is everybody?' This is the conference tournament. This is a big outing to decide: Are you in or not with Max?" Byrnes said. "We're walking out, and (Rizzo) was like, 'Are you good with taking him?'"

Rizzo, today the Nationals general manager, was always good with taking Scherzer. Tim Lincecum was on the board that year, and most teams ranked the diminutive righty ahead of Scherzer. Rizzo, looking back, is pretty sure the Diamondbacks weren't one of those teams.

But Scherzer's delivery still included a little head whip — less head whip, but any was too much. He still had Max-effort tendencies, so to speak. So they argued.

"We had some lively discussions if he was a reliever or a starter, if he had a bad delivery and good arm action, or bad arm action and a bad delivery," Rizzo said. "There was a lot of pitching philosophy being expounded on during that draft meeting."

Convincing a front office to draft Stephen Strasburg after watching him throw an 18-strikeout no-hitter, as Rizzo did in Washington, was easy. But Scherzer never "knocked your eyes out," Rizzo said, so he had to argue for the pitcher's competitiveness, for his "100 percent attack mode." Never one for groupthink, Rizzo also argued that Scherzer's delivery was as clean as they come.

"When I broke him down slowly on film, the delivery was pretty pure — on line, balanced," Rizzo said. "The ball was where it was supposed to be when his foot was landing. He landed soft. High-heel finish. Nobody else could understand why I thought it was good arm action when everyone else thought it was a bad arm waiting to happen."

A few years later, when Rizzo had departed for the Nationals, Byrnes led the front office that traded Scherzer to the Tigers. Scherzer had a 3.86 ERA in 46 career games at the time, averaging more than a strikeout per inning. Good but not incredible.

The Diamondbacks had five years of control left at the time, but their medical staff didn't think he had five years of innings in his right arm. So off he went to the Tigers.

"Not to get off topic and to trading him, which was obviously a terrible decision," Byrnes said with a chuckle.

Byrnes had been talking about how Scherzer proved everyone wrong — "the growth mindset," which is what he was chatting with Buehler about that day not long ago. Byrnes saw in Scherzer what Rizzo told the Lerner family he would bet his career on when the Nationals owners were deciding to sign Scherzer to the biggest contract in franchise history years later. The only thing Scherzer ever knew for sure was that he could always be better — in performance, in conditioning, in durability. In the last seven seasons, no one in baseball has thrown more innings. He has thrown more than 50 innings more than the next guy.

Scherzer still hates that anyone wondered whether he would be able to hold up. He doesn't run mile after mile between starts because he has something to prove. He isn't the kind to issue public requests to doubters that they kiss his backside. His career hasn't blossomed, like some have, because he needed other people's criticism to drive him. But Scherzer remembers.

As he headed down the tunnel for a light catch after talking about his draft year, Scherzer slowed, looking over his shoulder with one last thought.

"You know who the Rockies took (with the second pick) that year?" he asked, still walking.

"Greg Reynolds," he said. "Heard of him?"

He's still the same

To understand Scherzer, you must first understand Game 6 of the 2011 American League Championship Series. Nearly seven years later, he still talks about it as if it's the Alamo, the last stand of a forgotten time, the moment at which everything changed forever.

Scherzer gave up six runs in 2 1/3 innings that day, and the Tigers lost the series to the Rangers. He was, as he and his pitching coach put it, "devastated."

"He didn't pitch good that day, and it wasn't a good time not to pitch good," then-Tigers pitching coach Jeff Jones said. "But you knew that he was going to come back the next year strong. That was going to motivate him for the following year, and it did."

For Scherzer, that whole 2011 season — in which he pitched to a 4.43 ERA and less than a strikeout

per inning — represented the epitome of laziness. He worked physically — that was never the problem. But he assumed too much, like talent was enough. Game 6 issued a reminder that talent alone had never been enough. He had never been that guy.

"I just came in and thought I could roll it out, just show up," Scherzer said. "That was the worst year of my career. I said then, 'That will never happen again.'"

It never happened again. Two years later, Scherzer won a Cy Young. He earned that big contract with the Nationals before the 2015 season, at which point people in the front office asked the inevitable questions. If he gets paid, will he be the same?

"It was never about the money," said his wife, Erica.

He earned a big contract, so he negotiated one. He is heavily involved with the Major League Baseball Players Association, and he wanted to set a strong precedent for those who followed, to put the bar as high as he could so it would continue to rise. But other than the car and the house and the accoutrements — and the gaggle of dogs the couple has adopted — Scherzer is the same.

He and Erica, a former softball pitcher at Missouri, always talked pitching after starts, chatted through sequences, stuff like that. He never took the stress home with him, she said, not in the way you might expect from a man so prone to public stomping. And the birth of the couple's first child, a daughter named Brooklyn, didn't mellow him.

"A lot of people wondered (whether it would)," Erica said. "But he didn't need that."

The only difference now, she said, is instead of wrestling on the floor with the dogs, he has a little human to play with too.

Scherzer still wears khaki shorts and graphic T-shirts to the park, still has cartoon characters on the boxers he leaves by his locker, still directs clubhouse pools with handwritten charts or notes scrawled on scraps of paper and thrown in a hat.

He still trash-talks on a group text, the one in which all his Missouri buddies, including Vitello, keep in touch. His RBI count comes up a little more these days than it used to. Even before the big contract, Scherzer always had picked up the tab for those who couldn't afford the trip to the All-Star Game or to this or that bachelor party. He hasn't stopped doing that, either.

"It was just really important to him to have that crew together," Vitello said. "It wasn't, 'I'm Max, and here's my posse.' It was everyone together."

When Scherzer arrived in the Nationals' clubhouse, rookie dress-up day became team dress-up day. He left his most recent Cy Young Award in the Nationals' care all winter and told them he would pick it up in the spring. He didn't need to look at it.

Whatever stress he hides, whatever awards he accumulates, this is all still a game, a game he has figured out in a way most can't — or, perhaps, in ways they didn't have the patience to explore.

Rizzo often asks veterans to come into his draft room these days, more a courtesy than anything. The rest of them filtered in and out this year, thanking the scouts, getting their face time.

Scherzer broke down the potential picks. He loved their eventual first-rounder, Mason Denaburg. He had plenty of thoughts about the rest of them too. Scherzer is never one to keep his mouth shut about the thing he knows best.

"During games, he can become a type of a distraction for us sometimes," pitching coach Derek Lilliquist said, chuckling at the thought. "Max, just hold on a minute."

Scherzer can't help it. He is wired that way, to see weaknesses and want to correct them, to see room for improvement and want to do better. He told Nationals pitching prospect Erick Fedde that he should come to him with questions. Scherzer never gives the kid a chance to initiate.

"He's always coming to get me," Fedde said. "I'm spoiled that way."

Scherzer spoils everyone who sees him regularly. He makes the difficult seem easy, the outstanding seem routine — and loves every second of it.

One night in early June, Ryan Madson and Sean Doolittle sat in the bullpen, watching Scherzer hit. Madson, generally quiet, turned to Doolittle.

"He's just playing summer ball with his friends," Madson said. "He's playing American Legion, and we're all playing Major League Baseball."

Remembering the moment later, Doolittle thought Madson had "the perfect analogy."

That's Scherzer — the pesky kid on the playground who plays until the sun goes down, then wants to finish the game in the twilight. He was the kid who just wouldn't go away, who would slide on rocks if it meant he would be safe, then show off the scrapes later. He's the guy who throws bullpen sessions in full uniform because he wants to simulate games exactly, the guy who takes a fake lead off first base before he runs every sprint — you know, just for practice.

He's the guy who might end up in the Hall of Fame when it's all done. He just can't help himself.



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Star Dwayne Johnson, left, and writer-director Rawson Marshall Thurber of "Skyscraper," the only major studio release in July that is not part of an existing franchise.

Climbing out of the sequel rut

Dwayne Johnson and the director of "Skyscraper" on the state of Hollywood

By JOSH ROTTENBERG | Los Angeles Times

Throughout his movie career, Dwayne Johnson has squared off against all manner of threats, from giant monsters to ancient armies to earthquakes, firmly establishing himself as the king of the action-movie hill with more than \$9.4 billion in global box-office grosses to his name.

Now, with his latest film, Johnson is going up against one of the most powerful forces Hollywood can throw at him: sequelitis.

Out of eight movies that the major studios will release in the month of July, only one is not either a sequel or an outgrowth of an existing property: Johnson's "Skyscraper," the rare big-budget tentpole based on original material in this entire franchise-saturated summer.

"Skyscraper," which hit theaters Friday, stars Johnson as a former FBI agent and amputee named Will Sawyer who is hired as the head of security at the world's tallest building, a Hong Kong tower called The Pearl.

When the high-tech skyscraper comes under attack by a criminal syndicate, Sawyer must save his family before a raging fire consumes the entire building.

If that plot description gives you flashbacks to "Die Hard," that's no accident. From the start, writer and director Rawson Marshall Thurber — who directed Johnson in the 2016 action-comedy hit "Central Intelligence" and

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Rescuers work on July 9 near the cave where 12 boys and their soccer coach were trapped in Thailand.

In true Hollywood fashion, Thai cave rescue is going to be a movie

By TRAVIS M. ANDREWS
The Washington Post

The jokes, groans and eye rolls started on Twitter even before the announcement — replete with tongue-in-cheek casting predictions.

"How soon is too soon to start boycotting the Hollywood movie of the Thai cave rescue starring Mark Wahlberg?"

— Linda Ge

"The movie of the Thai boys trapped in the cave will star Matt Damon as all of the boys."

— Ketan Joshi

"Cave rescue is going to make an incredible movie, can't wait to see Scarlett Johansson inspire in her role as 12 Thai boys."

— djb

Then, on Wednesday, it was actually announced. The story that captivated the world about a boys soccer team and coach

being trapped in a cave in Thailand is going to be a major motion picture. Pure Flix Entertainment, the Christian film studio known for the "God's Not Dead" series, will produce it.

The announcement came the same day the last boy was rescued. The inevitable pushback was immediate, with writer and director Larry Charles tweeting:

"The Thai cave rescue reminds me of a post modern

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IN PERFORMANCE

Michael Che gives blunt, funny toast to Chicago

By ZACH FREEMAN
Chicago Tribune

In a neon green hoodie, jeans and white tennis shoes, comedian Michael Che, a stand-up comic best known for his "Weekend Update" co-hosting gig on "Saturday Night Live," took the stage at the Vic just before 11 p.m. for the second of two shows on Saturday night. Holding a red Solo cup in one hand and the mic in the other, he sat on one of two wooden stools placed at center stage and started into a relaxed back-and-forth with his host and opening act DJ Caph Sounds.

"I'm not a big fan of R. Kelly's music," Che deadpanned. After a pause, he added, "I love his movies."

For those familiar with Che's skill in dishing out unexpectedly cutting quips or stating (and then defending) unpopular opinions (two talents put on full display in his excellent 2016 Netflix special "Michael Che Matters"), lines like this — thrown out with a straight face followed by just a hint of a mischievous grin — embody the kind of dark humor Che excels at.

Che — who closed out the American leg of his "Uncle Grumpy Tour" in Chicago and is scheduled to co-host the Emmys in September with his "Weekend Update" co-host



MIKE PONT/GETTY

Michael Che, shown here in 2015, performed two shows Saturday night at the Vic Theatre.

Colin Jost — approaches his punchlines with a confident bluntness only occasionally softened with a short mid-sentence chuckle that reveals a childlike goofiness hiding behind his sober tone. His deliberately-paced delivery gives weight to his every thought, especially when he's implying that the audience might not be

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"Hotel Transylvania 3," the first of the franchise to open in the summer, has earned over \$100 million globally.

'Transylvania' is tops, 'Skyscraper' stumbles

"Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation" has checked into the No. 1 spot at the box office in its opening weekend and left the Dwayne Johnson action thriller "Skyscraper" in the dust.

Sony Pictures estimated Sunday that the animated family movie earned \$44.1 million from North American theaters. As the first in the franchise to open in the summer, it's just slightly under the previous installment's \$48.5 million debut in September 2015.

Worldwide, "Hotel Transylvania 3" already has earned more than \$100 million. The successful series has grossed over \$900 million worldwide to date.

Going into the weekend, experts expected a three-way race to the top between "Hotel Transylvania 3," "Skyscraper" and "Ant-Man and the Wasp," but the family film won by a large margin.

"There haven't been a lot of options for families this summer," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "They become instant hits."

Johnson's "Skyscraper," a rare original summer blockbuster, remained earthbound in its first weekend in North America. The Universal Pictures film brought in only \$25.5 million domestically. "Skyscraper" cost a reported \$125 million to produce, not accounting for marketing costs.

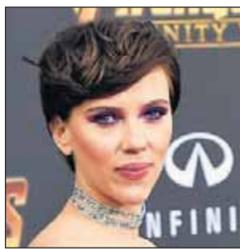
— Associated Press

July 16 birthdays: Singer William Bell is 79. Drummer Stewart Copeland is 66. Actress Phoebe Cates is 55. Actor Will Ferrell is 51. Actor Corey Feldman is 47. Actress Jayma Mays is 39. Actor Mark Indelicato is 24.

Box office

- Hotel Transylvania 3
\$44.1 million
- Ant-Man and the Wasp
\$28.8
- Skyscraper
\$25.5
- Incredibles 2
\$16.2
- Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom
\$15.5
- The First Purge
\$9.1
- Sorry to Bother You
\$4.3
- Sicario: Day of the Soldado
\$3.9
- Uncle Drew
\$3.2
- Ocean's 8
\$2.9

SOURCE: Associated Press, estimated sales.



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Johansson pulls out of trans drama: Scarlett Johansson, above, withdrew from the film "Rub & Tug" on Friday after her plans to portray a transgender man prompted a backlash. In a statement to Out.com, the actress said she's pulling out from the project "in light of recent ethical questions raised surrounding my casting." Johansson was set to star as Pittsburgh 1970s and '80s prostitution ring leader Dante "Tex" Gill, who was born Lois Jean Gill but identified as a man. It's not clear if the film, which Johansson also was producing, will go forward.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Teacher tells physician he's out of line

Dear Amy: I am a physician and a widower. Most important, I'm the father of a brilliant and deeply inquisitive 12-year-old girl.

I have raised my daughter (by myself) since she was 6 months old. We are very close. I noticed signs that she would soon be experiencing puberty, and I knew she would have lots of questions. I had a series of talks with her about things like hormones, body changes, romantic relationships and safe sex.

Before I started each of these conversations I told her that if she was uncomfortable talking to her dad about this, I would be happy to arrange it so she could talk to her doctor (who is a woman), or any other of the wonderful women I have worked hard to have in her life.

My daughter told me she would rather talk to me about these personal things. I got a call from my daughter's health teacher at her school, furious that I had "dared" to discuss menstrual products with my child. The teacher called it "tantamount to child abuse," that a male person (even a father) had discussed these things with a 12-year-old.

Amy, I know the information I gave my girl was correct, and I gave it to her in as objective, non-sensational and supportive way as I could. Was I out of line here? Should I have left this conversation to my daughter's pediatrician?

— Worried Widower

Dear Worried: If your account is accurate (I'm assuming it is), then this health teacher should be brought up short. Teachers are "mandatory reporters"

— meaning they must report any suspicion of child abuse (as a physician, I assume that you are, too). This teacher skirted this mandate by accusing you of doing something "tantamount to child abuse," leveling a deeply offensive accusation without the benefit of due process.

You are being bullied by your child's teacher for providing accurate information to your own daughter. This teacher's contact with you was out of line and inappropriate, and the statement she made was sexist and obnoxious.

Too many parents abdicate their responsibility to inform their children about sex and relationships, and leave these important conversations in the hands of others.

In some schools, educators are actually prevented from supplying accurate and detailed information about sex to adolescents.

You did the right thing. I hope you will continue to answer your daughter's questions about sex and relationships. If she isn't comfortable talking to you, the options you've presented (women friends or her pediatrician) are perfect.

Dear Amy: My girlfriend and I have been together for about three years. We each have children.

Initially, I had a hard time treating all of the children as if they were my own. She had no problem taking mine on as her own. I didn't treat her and her kids the best, so eventually we split up.

We got back together about six months ago, and I finally got my act together and am doing my part —

but she is very cold to me and says she can't get over my past mistakes.

Do I give up and move on, or should I stick it out?

— Trying

Dear Trying: Kudos for getting your act together. If the relationship between adults and all of the children in the household is positive and loving, the entire family will prosper.

You've been on the straight and loving path for six months, but what you are going through now is proof of what we all know: Cruel words and actions are powerful, and their effects seem to last much longer than everyday kindness.

Instead of cutting and running (again), you need to work with your partner so that she can learn to trust you. Understand the depth of her hurt. Communicate with her — and the kids. Apologize to all.

She should not continue to punish you. Your family will grow healthy if you all exercise gentleness and forgiveness.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your supportive answer to "Camera Shy," who was being pressured by her boyfriend to submit to a nude photo. One additional aspect of this: Depending on her age, a nude photo could be classified as child pornography and could get her boyfriend arrested.

— Aware

Dear Aware: Thank you for the addition.

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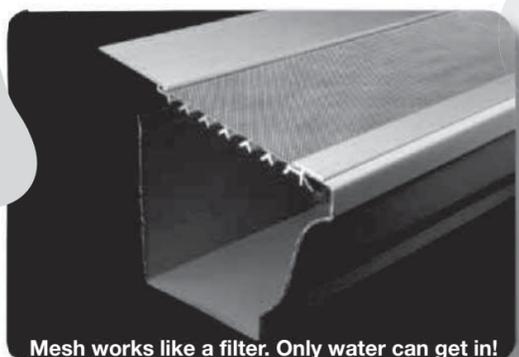
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Hollywood's habit of mining tragedies

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version of Billy Wilder's *Ace in the Hole*. You've got Elon Musk grabbing attention with shameless self-promoting, trying to shill a new product AND a movie of the saga being announced before the kids are out of the hospital."

Drudge Report tweeted, "Hollywood producers already on scene plotting Thai cave movie" — the emphasis naturally falling on "already."

The speed with which an ongoing tragedy has been mined for intellectual property might seem distasteful. But it isn't a particularly new phenomenon.

"Zero Dark Thirty" and "The Hurt Locker"

One of the most striking recent examples is "Zero Dark Thirty," Kathryn Bigelow's dramatization of the United States government's hunt for and eventual killing of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. U.S. forces killed bin Laden on May 2, 2011, in what President Barack Obama called "the most significant achievement to date in our nation's effort to defeat al-Qaida." The movie hit theaters in December 2012, barely a year and a half later.

That's a remarkable turnaround time. Bigelow, though, was no stranger to tackling fresh issues. She won six Oscars, including best director and best picture, for her 2008 movie "The Hurt Locker," which followed a U.S. bomb disposal team during the Iraq War. Though the movie was based on accounts of a journalist embedded in Iraq in 2004, it came out while the Iraq War was still underway.

"Patriots Day" and "Stronger"

The 2013 Boston marathon bombing, which killed three and injured hundreds more, was turned into two major, star-driven films.

First came "Patriots Day" in 2016. The Peter Berg movie depicts Mark Wahlberg as Boston police Sgt. Tommy Saunders as he searches for the bombers in the attack's immediate aftermath.

Though movies based on recent tragedies are often subject to backlash, the reaction to "Patriots Day" was particularly fierce — especially in the Boston area. The movie, wrote Boston film critic Sean Burns, was "as disgraceful



JONATHAN OLLEY/COLUMBIA PICTURES INDUSTRIES
Jessica Chastain in "Zero Dark Thirty," about hunting Osama bin Laden.



FRANCOIS DUHAMEL/PARAMOUNT PICTURES
Nicolas Cage as a trapped police officer in "World Trade Center."

an exploitation of real-life tragedy as I've ever seen. Everyone involved in this movie should be ashamed of themselves."

The Boston Globe's Ty Burr was slightly more forgiving, calling it "slickly heartfelt" and "vaguely insulting."

A year later, "Stronger" hit theaters. Rather than focus on the police response, the David Gordon Green film told the story of Jeff Bauman (played by Jake Gyllenhaal), a man who lost his legs in the bombing and was the subject of a famous photo from the day.

This one was much more warmly received, perhaps because it was based on Bauman's memoir. It "rises on the power of its well-chosen ensemble to offer an emotionally resonant fact-based story that transcends inspirational drama clichés," reads the critical consensus on Rotten

Tomatoes, where it earned a 92 percent "fresh" rating.

"United 93" and "World Trade Center"

The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the United States was, by far, the country's deadliest. Perhaps due to this wretched gravity, Hollywood waited a bit longer to cash in on the horror. But cash in it did, with a pair of back-to-back movies. "United 93" and "World Trade Center" were both released in 2006, within four months of each other.

The first came in April, and as the title suggests, told the story of United Airlines Flight 93 — the hijacked plane heading toward Washington, D.C., that crashed in Pennsylvania after its passengers attacked the hijackers. Paul Greengrass' account was met warmly by critics, but those connected to the actual event weren't



ROADSIDE
Jake Gyllenhaal as a Boston Marathon bombing survivor in "Stronger."



WARNER BROS. PICTURES
Bradley Cooper as Iraq War marksman Chris Kyle in "American Sniper."

as pleased.

"It was both excruciating and beautiful at the same time," Alice Hoagland, whose son was on the flight, told the San Francisco Chronicle. After Marjorie Kase, who lost three friends in the 9/11 attacks, unexpectedly saw a trailer of the movie, she echoed others in telling the paper, "I don't think the country is ready for this movie right now. We don't have enough perspective or hindsight on the matter."

Just as "United 93" was coming out on DVD months later, Oliver Stone's account of first responders was hitting theaters amid far more mixed reviews — many of which deemed it exploitative.

The World Trade Center attacks are still being mined for the big screen. "9/11," starring Charlie Sheen and Whoopi Goldberg, came out just last year.

With each release, it seems,

those directly affected by attacks are forced to relive the horrid day. Bill Doyle, whose son was killed in the Twin Towers, was particularly angry after seeing ads for 2012's "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," the Tom Hanks vehicle based on a Jonathan Safran Foer novel.

"Everybody's trying to make money off 9/11," he told the New York Post. "A lot of families got upset. Why couldn't they warn us about this? I don't think people really realized that these people are really still stressed."

"American Sniper"

A year after Chris Kyle — the deadliest marksman in U.S. history, who had 255 confirmed kills during four tours in Iraq — died in 2013, the Oscar-winning, Clint Eastwood-helmed depiction of his life (and death) titled "American Sniper" hit theaters.

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will soon reunite with him again on a heist movie called "Red Notice" — conceived of the film as a loving homage to the kind of meat-and-potatoes action movies that were a staple of the multiplexes in the heyday of Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"I hope that this movie is going to feel fresh in its familiarity," Thurber said on a recent afternoon at a hotel in Bel-Air, Calif., as Johnson sat beside him. "These kinds of movies aren't made anymore, which I think is a mistake."

We spoke with Johnson and Thurber about the challenge of trying to bring back the old-school action movie in today's era of Rotten Tomatoes scores, generally dwindling movie-star drawing power and comic-book franchise overkill. The following is an edited and condensed transcript.

Q: What was the original germ of this idea?

Thurber: When I was in post-production on "Central Intelligence," I saw "Creed," and I loved it. I started watching a bunch of Sylvester Stallone pictures, and one of them was Renny Harlin's (1993 action film) "Cliffhanger," which I remember loving when I was a kid.

Watching it again, there's this great cold open where Stallone is a rock climber and he's out on the wire and he's trying to save the girl and her glove comes off and she falls to her death. It's just a shocking way to open. I really love that idea of the hero who doesn't save the day in the beginning, and that failure haunts him or her through the rest of the story, and the story itself is a way of exorcising that demon. I thought, I haven't seen that in a long time.

Q: Dwayne, what hooked you about the idea?

Johnson: Rawson gave me a preamble of what it was and im-



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Dwayne Johnson and Rawson Marshall Thurber on the set of "Skyscraper," which Thurber sees as an homage to old-school action films.

mediately I was in, because it was different, it was fresh, it was cool. It had this clear reverence for movies we loved, like "The Towering Inferno" and "Die Hard" and "The Fugitive," and it felt like it had the potential to be something that audiences really liked.

At the end of this 45-minute pitch, I go, "Wow, I love it." And then about a minute later, Rawson goes, "Oh, one more thing: Remember the explosion at the beginning? Well, you lost your leg, and you're doing all this as an amputee." That automatically brought an interesting dynamic, and I just loved the idea of that challenge as an actor.

Thurber: For me, I was really excited to show Dwayne in a way he hasn't been seen before. Most of the pictures he does, he's a superhero without a cape. ... But what I was interested in is, how do we get the most vulnerable performance from him? How do we get Dwayne to think his way out of a problem rather than punch his way out of it?

Q: This movie is one of the only big-budget studio tentpoles this summer that isn't a sequel. Dwayne, in the current climate, is it getting rarer to come across original scripts like this?

Johnson: With "Skyscraper," the original IP (intellectual property) made it very appealing. I think there was also something interesting to the studios in that

we were going to be cost-conscious and create a summer movie that didn't have to be \$250 million. You could cut that in half and it would still feel like a big, entertaining movie.

Q: Dwayne, "Skyscraper" rests almost entirely on your shoulders in terms of your drawing power. You're one of the only stars left who a studio would conceivably make that kind of bet on. Does that feel like a lot of pressure?

Johnson: I mean, it comes with the territory and the position. But there's a lot of confidence that I have in the team and the material. The writer-director, a great producing team, a great studio in Universal and Legendary — there are a lot of components that I can rest on.

I like to take big swings. For me, the goal is always to impact as many lives as possible in the most entertaining way. You roll the dice and sometimes it works, like a "Jumanji" or like a "Central Intelligence," and sometimes it doesn't, like a "Baywatch" or a "Doom."

My gut and my instinct is the only thing I go by: Does this resonate with me and do I think audiences around the world will enjoy it? I'm an emotional guy, and if I feel like if my energy is in the right place, my *mana* — which in the islands means "spirit" — that's a very powerful thing.

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Che's 'Uncle Grumpy' is toast of the town

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able to handle him.

"I was gonna say something, but now maybe I shouldn't," he said early on, sipping his drink and looking around the room placidly as if deciding whether to move forward or not. Despite this performative wariness, throughout his 70-minute set he seemed delightfully unconcerned with how the audience would react to his more controversial thoughts.

"A lot of people blame the Jews for killing Jesus," he said, scanning the room carefully. "But I don't blame the Jews. ... I imagine going around telling everyone you were God 2000 years ago would be like going around today ... telling everyone that you're God."

He seemed to particularly relish the reactions to jokes that got both laughs and uncomfortable titters. "Depression. That's the most privileged disease you could ever have," he stated confidently. "Depression implies that your life is good enough that you shouldn't be sad."

His nonchalance may be a bit more put on than he implies, though, since like Dave Chapelle and Chris Rock did while on tour, he used Yondr — a phone-locking service — to prevent audience members from accessing their cell phones for the duration of the show. Mentioning this during his set, he joked that the reason he did this was " ... because I thought it'd be funny."

In fact, Che does seem like a performer seeking to entertain himself onstage as much as the audience, intentionally seeking out audience members who interrupted. "We can talk about it," he said patiently at one point after someone responded verbally to one of his jokes, "This is what I'm paid to do."

He also spent the last 20 minutes of the night casually drinking Malort with featured opening performer (and native Chicagoan) Correy Bell, declaring, "This is black people drinking Malort!" before taking his first of three shots of the infamous Chicago liquor.



NBC
Michael Che, shown here in 2014, closed out the American leg of his "Uncle Grumpy Tour" in Chicago Saturday night.

Though Che was still tossing in stand-up material — including some sketch ideas of his that never made it on "Saturday Night Live" — his banter with Bell became the true highlight of the night. "This has never gone past Roosevelt," she declared, holding up her cup and pointing at the Malort bottle. "You are not walking into Englewood like, 'Let me get a fifth of Malort!'"

The two then traded attempts at describing the taste, comparing it to "contact solution," "hair spritz," and even "something my grandfather puts on his knee."

As the show came close to wrapping up, Bell raised her third and final cup of Malort and made a toast to Che. "This is by far the largest live audience I've ever performed for," she gushed. "I'm representing for Chicago — and I'm going to drink turpentine!"

Perhaps it was the Malort, but Che seemed moved, admirably acknowledging her display of "genuine human emotion," abruptly thanking the crowd for coming and giving Bell a hug before walking off the stage.

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IN PERFORMANCE

A joyous ode to Bernstein, Beethoven

By HOWARD REICH
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No composer meant more to Leonard Bernstein – nor did more to inspire his social activism and hopes for humanity – than Beethoven.

Several weeks after the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, Bernstein famously led two performances of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in the formerly divided city. Tellingly, Bernstein changed a single word in Beethoven's setting of Schiller's "Ode to Joy," which the chorus sings in the symphony's exultant finale: "Joy" became "freedom," and the Ninth re-emerged as a potent political statement 165 years after its premiere.

Like Beethoven, Bernstein – whose centennial the musical world is celebrating this year – regarded music not as abstract sound and beauty but as a vehicle for social change and justice.

Which surely explains why conductor Marin Alsop, curator of the Ravinia Festival's Bernstein festivities, paired Beethoven's Ninth with Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" in the Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert she led Saturday evening. To varying degrees, the texts of both works address our relationships to each other and to divinity, the scores beseeching us to stop warring with one another and, instead, to aspire higher.

Alsop opened with Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," in the first movement wholly following the dictum of Psalm 100 to "make a joyful noise." She did so in the Bernstein manner, drawing buoyant energy and jazz-tinged rhythms from the orchestra and soloists from the Chicago Symphony Chorus. This was Bernstein at his most extroverted and accessible (albeit with text sung in Hebrew), Alsop's tempo conveying momentum without haste. A former protégé of the master, Alsop simply knows how a Bernstein line unfolds, capturing cadences and inflections that were uniquely his.

Boy soprano Wyatt Parr personified innocence – as Bernstein intended – in the second movement, which opens with Psalm 23 ("The Lord is my shepherd"). To



Conductor Marin Alsop, curator of the Ravinia Festival's Leonard Bernstein festivities, directs the Chicago Symphony Orchestra there Saturday. KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

hear Parr's dulcet, high-pitched tones accompanied by the meticulously balanced voices of the choir was to perceive Bernstein's conception of peace and serenity. Which, of course, was shattered by the turbulence of Psalm 2 ("Why do the nations rage"), these passages built on music cut from Bernstein's "West Side Story" and reflecting that work's rhythmic volatility.

Conductor Alsop did not shy from the orchestral dissonance that opens the third movement (quite the contrary), thereby setting the stage for the work's transcendent final pages. When the chorus sang without instrumental accompaniment, its ethereal voices sounded untethered from the troubles of this earth. Here was the ideal Bernstein

envisioned for mankind.

Beethoven's philosophical Ninth Symphony also explores man's never-ending struggles to achieve a nobler existence, albeit on a far grander scale. In this instance, however, Alsop steered away from the high drama, sweeping gestures and vivid orchestral rhetoric we associate with Bernstein at the podium. But her more objective, literal, mostly emotionally cool account of the first two movements – though notable for clarity – did not often quicken one's pulse.

That changed when she reached the poetic third movement, Alsop drawing ardent, beautifully arched phrases from the CSO strings, which gave her considerable tenderness of tone and delicacy of gesture. Now Alsop got to

the core of the music.

The finale, of course, stands as one of the most beloved movements in the symphonic repertory, its alternating passages of agitation and calm representing a kind of battle for humanity itself. When vocalist Ryan Speedo Green cried out the pivotal line, "O Freunde, nicht diese Töne!" ("O friends, not these tones!"), listeners heard a resplendent bass-baritone producing something more than sumptuous sound: the urgency and resonance of his delivery pointed toward the better world that both Beethoven and Bernstein envisioned.

From this point forth, there was no stopping the momentum of this performance, the full CSO Chorus summoning the tonal brilliance and depth of sound one

expects from this singular ensemble. The evening's four vocal soloists managed to cut through it all, with crisp articulation and remarkable synchronicity of pitch and phrase from soprano Tamara Wilson, mezzo-soprano Michelle DeYoung, tenor Paul Appleby and Green.

By itself, this reading of Beethoven's Ninth would have compelled attention, particularly in its final two movements. Alongside Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," it underscored the link between two visionaries of distinct epochs who shared a dream for the rest of us.

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Friends and family weigh in on world of Robin Williams

By ELLEN GRAY
The Philadelphia Inquirer

A bout with flu once cost Marina Zenovich the chance to meet the subject of her HBO film, "Robin Williams: Come Inside My Mind," which makes its television debut Monday after premiering at Sundance earlier this year.

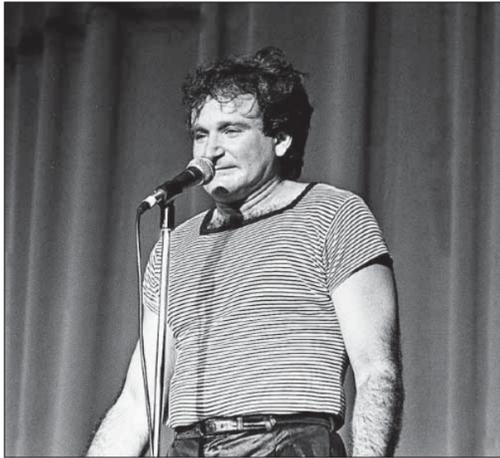
"I was supposed to interview him for my 2013 documentary about Richard Pryor, and I was very excited that he even agreed to do the interview," Zenovich recalled in a phone interview. "And then the day I was to fly to San Francisco, I was very sick with the flu – so sick that I couldn't go, and my producer had to do the interview. So I was bummed out about that."

That opportunity wouldn't come again, but Zenovich, who won Emmys for writing and directing the 2008 documentary "Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired," would eventually get to know Williams in a different way, as the director immersed herself in his work and spent time in deep conversation with some of the people the actor and comedian left behind when he died four years ago next month.

The resulting film is at least as funny, and sweet, as it is sad, focusing more on the life Williams lived, the joy he brought, and the things he overcame than on the circumstances of his death, and reminding us, clip by entertaining (and smartly curated) clip, of the talent that, from the beginning, confounded even his fellow comedians.

"In my head, my first sight of him was that he could fly, because of the energy," recalls David Letterman. "We knew that whatever it was that Robin was doing, we weren't going to get close to that."

When someone, famous or not, dies by suicide,



Robin Williams, shown in 1982, is the subject of a documentary directed by Marina Zenovich. HBO

there's a tendency for that person's final moments to draw focus from the rest of their lives. Zenovich, though, wasn't interested in making a film about Williams' death.

"Of course it was always going to be touched upon, but it was not the focus," she said of the two-hour documentary, which came about after she and Oscar-winning filmmaker Alex Gibney – "a friend and mentor" – merged competing projects about Williams, with Gibney staying on as a producer. "The suicide was the elephant in the room, and I literally didn't even have to bring it up, because it colors everything, because everybody knows how it ends.

"With 'Robin Williams: Come into My Mind,' we wanted to make a film about him, his incredible talent, the creative process and his brain, and just kind of try to get inside his brain. Which was not easy. That's like an idea, but then you have to ... make it happen," she said.

And in fact the film can never quite answer the question, raised in a clip from an interview with Williams by Inside the

Actors Studio host James Lipton: Was Williams "thinking faster than the rest of us"?

Williams was no saint, and the film deals squarely with his drug use – which ended, according to his "Mork & Mindy" co-star Pam Dawber, after he just missed witnessing the death of his friend John Belushi – as well as with a later bout with alcoholism, his womanizing, and the breakups of his first two marriages.

Of his three wives, only the first, Valerie Velardi, the mother of his oldest child, Zak, is interviewed. She paints an affectionate but clear-eyed picture of the early years of Williams' fame, and offers up this tidbit: Her husband, she says, didn't leave her for the nanny, as reports had long described the beginnings of his relationship with his second wife, Marsha Garces. Her marriage to him, she says, had been over, by mutual agreement, before Williams and Garces, who'd gone on to become the actor's assistant, got together romantically.

"She didn't really even want to tell me that," Zenovich said.

Inside magical world of 'Summer Camp Island'

By TRACY BROWN
Los Angeles Times

In Julia Pott's "Summer Camp Island," a pair of best friends discover magic is real as soon as the adults drop off their kids at summer camp. But actual magic takes time.

The Cartoon Network show "Summer Camp Island" has been more than three years in the making, and it debuted July 7.

The journey started back in New York, where Pott had moved after getting her master's degree from London's Royal College of Art in 2011.

She had been working on short films, music videos and advertisements before making the switch to television.

"I was feeling a little unsure of what my path was going to be, and someone suggested I pitch a TV show because I really like making short films," the British animator said.

Pott then put together her "pitch bible" that eventually became "Summer Camp Island."

Loosely based on her experience of moving to New York, the show follows Oscar (an elephant) and Hedgehog (yes, a hedgehog) as they discover their summer camp experience is going to be much different from what they expected.

"They go to a seemingly normal summer camp for the first time, and as soon as the parents leave, all this magical stuff starts to come out," explained Pott. "The camp counselors are actually three teen witches, and there are yetis and the horses turn into unicorns and there's monsters under the bed."

After Cartoon Network greenlit the pilot, Pott moved to Los Angeles and started working from the offices of Mike Roth and Nick Cross of the studio's shorts department.

"It was the first time I collaborated with someone on something that I considered just mine. I was very closed off for collaboration before that," Pott recalled. "And it was revelatory and really useful and really fun."

Pott, who cut her teeth as a writer on "Adventure Time," noted Cartoon Network's long-running hit series was wrapping up production the same month "Summer Camp Island" was picked up to series.

"A lot of the crew from 'Adventure Time' moved onto 'Summer Camp,' which was crazy cool and hugely lucky and amazing," Pott said. "I don't think the show would be what it is at all if that hadn't happened."

Pott recently talked about "Summer Camp Island." This interview has been edited for clarity and space.

Q: How much have elements of the show changed throughout the development process?

A: The biggest change, I suppose, (is that) in the pilot, Oscar has a crush on Hedgehog. We wrote that out of the show because we wanted it to be more about straight best friendship and unconditional love – this boy and this girl that just support each other no matter what, and (romantic feelings) didn't factor in at all.

Oscar has become more naive and more lovable and just supportive over time. I think all the storyboarders and writers have put their anxieties and their clumsy nature into him, and they sort of put their more intellectual thoughts into Hedgehog.

Hedgehog is this incredibly smart, science-oriented woman, and Oscar is this sweet naive kid who wants to stay a kid and believes in the good in

everyone. They balance each other out. They love each other unconditionally, and they're just exploring this world together.

In the pilot, we explored the very cusp of what the world could be, and now it's huge.

Q: What is the most intimidating part about running a show?

A: I think yourself is the hardest part. I had a lot of impostor syndrome when I first started because I had been on "Adventure Time" as a writer and now I was a creator of this new show with a lot of the same crew.

I felt like I was supposed to be the leader, and that was very stressful for me. I was very conflicted about giving notes to people that I had admired and respected for eons, wondering if my note would be in any way better than what they'd already boarded.

Q: What did you pick up while working on "Adventure Time" that has been helpful as you moved on to run your own show?

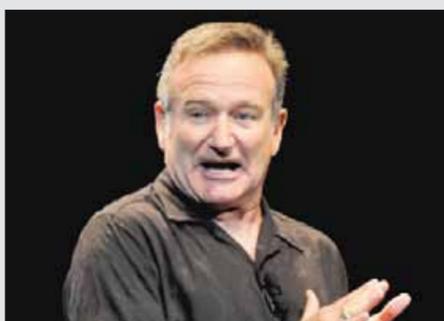
A: The whole experience was hugely helpful and definitely a huge part of why I have the show now.

I came on after Pen (Ward) had left and Adam (Muto) was running the show. Adam is an incredible showrunner, and he's so calm and so smart and works constantly.

When the show got picked up, I had coffee with Adam and he gave me a good tip. When I was freaking out, he said not every episode is your episode. It can't all be some amazing short film that you're making. Some might not be your favorite thing in the world, but other people will love it for different reasons and you just have to let it go.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Robin Williams

“Robin Williams: Come Inside My Mind” (7 p.m., HBO): Filmmaker Marina Zenovich examines the life, career and creative process of beloved comic and Oscar-winning actor Robin Williams in this poignant new documentary, much of it told via interviews with Williams himself. Along with onstage performance footage and clips from home movies, this film also includes extended commentary from friends and co-stars.

“American Ninja Warrior” (7 p.m., NBC): The City of Angels may be less than heavenly for some of the competitors in this new episode, as the Los Angeles City Finals offer the possibility for more entrants to qualify for the season’s ultimate finals in Las Vegas — and a possible \$1 million payday. Of course, the obstacle course poses many hurdles, including some new ones introduced for this round. Matt Iseman and Akbar Gbajabamila are the hosts, with Kristine Leahy as co-host.

“Salvation” (8 p.m., CBS): As if she hasn’t faced enough danger on this show already — with an asteroid headed for Earth and all — Grace (Jennifer Finnigan) undertakes a mission that could prove hazardous to her health in the new episode “Indivisible.” Liam and Darius (Charlie Rowe, Santiago Cabrera) face a situation that could break their trust in each other. Jonathan Silverman, Finnigan’s husband, continues his guest role. Ian Anthony Dale and Jacqueline Byers also star.

“9-1-1” (8 p.m., FOX): “Karma’s a Bitch” in an episode by that title, as several people who seem to deserve payback — a fitness-club owner, a widower and a criminal — all get their just desserts, in ways that involve the first responders. Bobby (Peter Krause) doesn’t anticipate the outcome of his making a blood donation. Connie Britton also stars.

“Elementary” (9 p.m., CBS): John Noble continues his return engagement as Morland Holmes in the new episode “You’ve Come a Long Way, Baby,” as Sherlock (Jonny Lee Miller) believes his father’s life is imperiled. The younger Holmes also probes the tobacco industry as he and Watson (Lucy Liu) seek the killer of a lawyer who was gathering financial information on a related company.

“Southern Charm Savannah” (9 p.m., Bravo): Things have changed somewhat drastically for the main cast members of this reality show spinoff as it returns for its second season. Catherine’s relationship with Lyle remains in limbo after a generally turbulent year for her, largely because she herself is ambivalent about what she wants.

TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Kunal Nayyar; actor Adam Pally; comic Harrison Greenbaum.*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Jamie Foxx; actor Taron Egerton; actress Zoey Deutch; comic Mark Normand.*
- “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Mom ©	Man With a Plan ©	Salvation: “Indivisible.” (N) ©		Elementary: “You’ve Come a Long Way, Baby.” (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	American Ninja Warrior: “Los Angeles City Finals.” (N) ©				Dateline NBC (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Bachelorette (N) ©				(9:01) The Proposal (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV 9.3	Man About Town (R,’06) **	Ben Affleck. ©			Return to Me (PG,’00) *** ©		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow: “Vintage Chicago.” (N) ©		Antiques Roadshow: “Vintage Toronto.” ©		POV (N) ©
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	One on One	One on One	In the Cut	Family Time	Showtime (PG-13,’02) *	Eddie Murphy ♦	
	FOX 32	So You Think You Can Dance (N) ©		9-1-1: “Karma’s a Bitch.” ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds: “Keeper.”		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦
	TeleM 44	† (6) Exatón (N) ©		Sin Senos Sí (N)		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N)	Whose? (N)	Whose Line		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ♦
	UniMas 60	† Reto 4 elementos: Naturaleza extrema		La jefa del campeón		† Ay Güey!		
	WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Paid Prog.	Monument
	Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		La bella y las bestias (N)		El Chapo (N)		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE	The Inside Story		Cultureshock: Freaks and Geeks (N)		The First 48		First 48 ♦
	AMC	† (5:30) The Goonies ***		Dietland: “Rad Fatties.” (N)		Unapologetic (N)		Dietland ♦
	ANIM	The Last Alaskans ©		The Last Alaskans ©		Marooned		Last Alask ♦
	BBCA	Dune (PG-13,’84) **	Kyle MacLachlan. A young man leads the fight for spice. ©					Werewolf ♦
	BET	† (6:30) House Party 2 (R,’91) **	Christopher Reid.			Daddy’s Little Girls (PG-13,’07) ***		
	BIGTEN	Big Ten Elite ©		Michigan Football Classic (N) ©		Michigan Football Classic		
	BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC (Season Premiere) (N)		Southern Charm (Season Premiere) (N)		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Deadly Rich (N) ©		Greed ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Street Outlaws: Full		Street Outlaws (N) ©		American Chopper (N) ©		Outlaws ♦
	DISN	Andi Mack	Raven	Big City	Stuck	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice:	Andi Mack
	E!	Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R,’08) ***	Jason Segel. ©			Very Cavallari ©		
	ESPN	2018 Home Run Derby (N) (Live) ©				Softball (Tape)		SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	† (6) NFL Live/NBA Summer League Basketball (N)						NBA Basketball (N) ♦
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Wedding Cake		Wedding Cake (Season Finale) (N)		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Chopped ♦
	FREE	Fairy Tale Weddings (Season Finale) (N)		(8:01) Despicable Me (PG,’10) *** ©				700 Club ♦
	FX	Now You See Me 2 (PG-13,’16) **	Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo. ©					Now You ♦
	HALL	Marry Me at Christmas (NR,’17)	Rachel Skarsten. ©			The Middle	The Middle	The Middle
	HGTV	Love It or List It ©		Love It or List It (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl	Hunters
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		American Pick. (N)		Pickers ♦
	HLN	Something’s Killing Me		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Inception ♦
	LIFE	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Escaping Polygamy (N)		Escaping (N)
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Teen Mom 2 ©		Teen Mom 2 (N) ©		Floribama Shore (N) ©		Floribama
	NBCSCH	† Minor League Baseball: Astros at Dash (N)				White Sox	Golf Scene	The Loop (N)
	NICK	Double (N)	Double Dare	Norm of the North (PG,’16) *	Heather Graham ©			Friends ♦
	OVATION	† (6:30) Under Siege (R,’92) ***	Steven Seagal.			X Company (Season Finale) (N) ©		Braveheart ♦
	OWN	Deadline: Crime		Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline on OWN ©		Deadline ♦
OHY	Deadly Power (Series Premiere) (N) ©		The Price of Duty (N)		Snapped: “Dee Eggert.”		Killer ♦	
PARMT	(7:12) Friends ©		Friends ©	(8:24) Cops	Cops (N) ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
SYFY	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG,’04) ***				Daniel Radcliffe.		Wynonna (N)	
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Joker’s Wild	Conan © ♦	
TCM	The Man Who Came to Dinner (NR,’41) ***				(9:15) Anatomy of a Murder *** ©			
TLC	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?				90 Day ♦	
TLN	Supernatural	Humanit	Faith Chi	Dynamic	Robison	Monumental	Humanit ♦	
TNT	Allegiant (PG-13,’16) *	Shailene Woodley, Theo James. ©				Insurgent (’15) ***		
TOON	Dragon Ball	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Food (N)	Man v. Food	Delicious	Delicious	Delicious	
TVL	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Queen ♦	
VH1	Love, Hip Hop (N)		Basketball Wives (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Basketball ♦	
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds: “Hit.”		Criminal Minds: “Run.”		Criminal ♦	
WGN America	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	Robin Williams: Come Inside My Mind (NR,’18) ©				Good Will Hunting (R,’97) ***		
	HBO2	Sharp Objects: “Dirt.” ©		(7:55) Succession ©		(8:55) VICE	Napoleon Dynamite *** ♦	
	MAX	Self/less (PG-13,’15) **	Ryan Reynolds. ©			The Time Traveler’s Wife (’09) ** ©		
	SHO	† (5:55) Jurassic Park ***		America	Toon Pres.		The Affair: “405.” ©	America
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (July 16): Discover fresh passion this year. Changes with friends reveal fresh perspectives. Imagine what you want, and plot for it. Reach a personal goal this summer before a shared financial challenge inspires you to make more money. A winter collaboration heats up.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Focus physical energy for your desired result. Choose stability over illusion. Play the long game. Go for endurance rather than a sprint.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Family comes first. Connections forged now have long-term value. Relax, and share some fun. Seek out harmony, beauty and creativity.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Practical domestic jobs require your attention. Clean up an old mess. Finish something you began earlier. Keep your promises and agreements.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Dig deeper into a favorite subject. Avoid distractions and side trips. Stick to your study goals. Do the reading, and summarize. Profit through communications.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. There's extra cash to be made. Avoid silly arguments or irritations. Focus on practical, simple strategies. Get support when needed. Take orders, and make arrangements.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. You're looking good. Dress for success, and focus on one dream at a time. Simplify your objectives, and polish your presentation. Smile for the camera.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 5. Postpone travel, expense or crowds. Rest and recharge. Let someone draw you into another world. Fantasies may fade, while details provide practical application.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Social gatherings benefit your career. Expand and grow your connections. Share talents and resources for common benefit. Generosity inspires generosity. Play on a powerful team.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. A professional challenge comes into focus. All isn't as it appears. Keep an open mind and get farther than expected. Someone is impressed.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. You're on the verge of a discovery. Avoid risky propositions. Resist distraction or procrastination. Study the route, book your seat and go.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. A financial opportunity deserves investigation. Manage investments, insurance or property. Keep files and accounts updated. Share your vision with your partner.

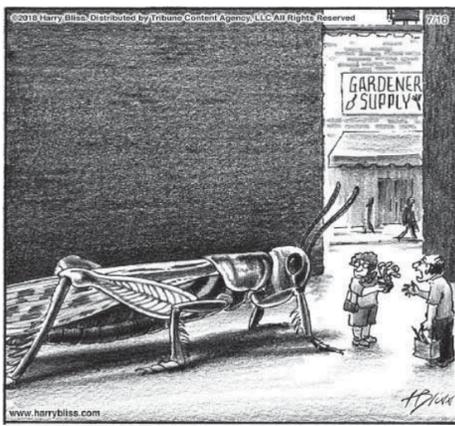
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Together, you're stronger. Use intuition with your partner. Pay attention to nonverbal cues. Listen and discover an unexpected dream.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



"For heaven's sake, Rozlyn, just give him the darn plant!"

Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 6 ♥ A K 2 ♦ A K 10 9 8 2 ♣ Q 6

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.1—Should you open 1D, you will have an impossible rebid over a response of 1H or 1S. Better to open 2NT.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J 7 ♥ A Q 4 2 ♦ Q J 5 4 ♣ K J 10

With the opponents passing, you open one diamond and partner raises to three diamonds, invitational. What call would you make?

A.2—Bid 3H. Partner has denied a four-card major, so you're not looking for a fit. You're just showing heart strength. You can't barge into 3NT with just the jack doubleton of spades.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 6 4 ♥ K Q 5 ♦ Q 10 5 2 ♣ J 5 3

West	North	East	South
2♠	3♥	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A.3—The queen of spades is probably of no value, but we would bid 4H anyway. We like the three good trumps and the potentially useful side suit.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q J 10 9 6 4 ♥ A K 7 6 3 ♦ Void ♣ 10

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.4—This hand would qualify as "game in hand," but it is not worth an opening bid of 2C. Bid 1S.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



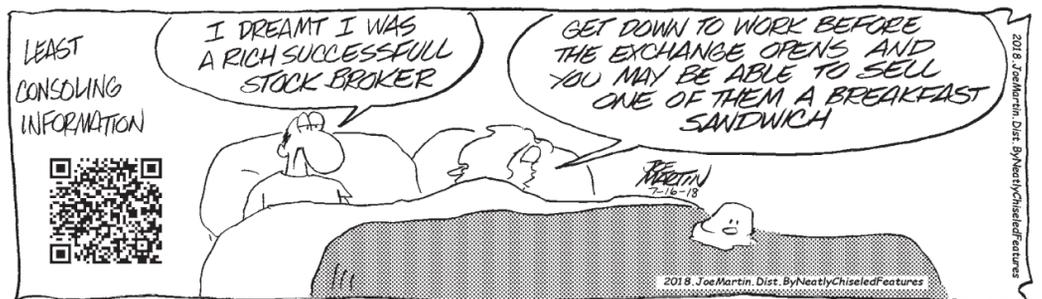
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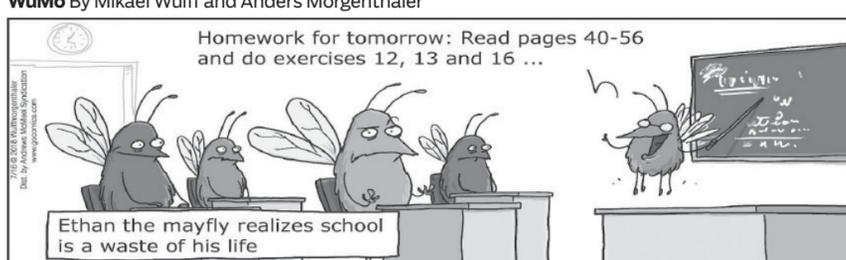
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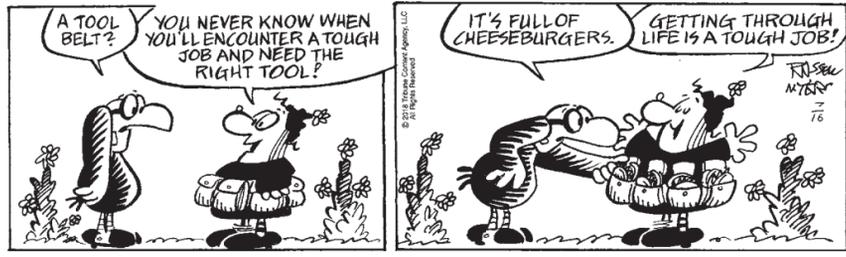
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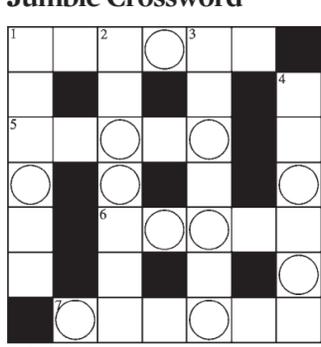
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Trivia Bits

“Beauty is truth, truth beauty” comes from “Ode on a Grecian Urn,” by which Romantic poet?
 A) William Blake
 B) Lord Byron
 C) John Keats
 D) William Wordsworth
 Saturday’s answer: Talia Shire, who played Adrian in the “Rocky” movies, is the sister of director Francis Ford Coppola.
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Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Not raw
 - Make a social call
 - Bring together
 - Withdraw
- CLUE DOWN**
- Spelunking site
 - Ambiguous
 - Coil, weave
 - Mourn

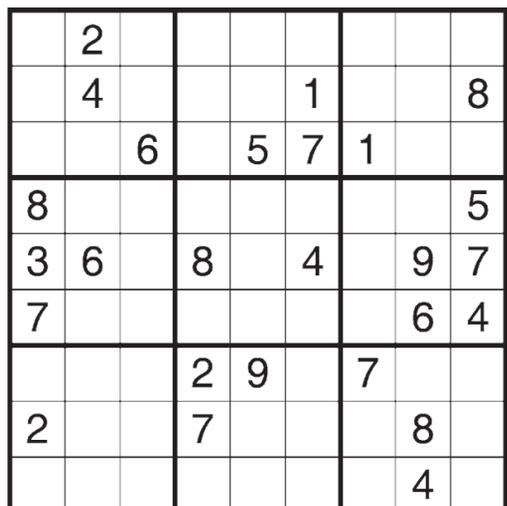
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS [Grid]

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

7/16



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8	4	7	9	3	2	6	1	5
6	1	5	8	4	7	2	9	3
7	6	9	1	2	5	3	8	4
4	3	8	7	9	6	1	5	2
5	2	1	3	8	4	9	7	6
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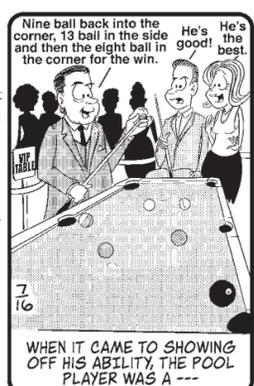
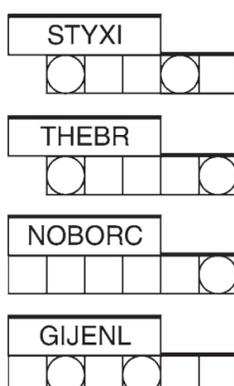
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

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



Answer here



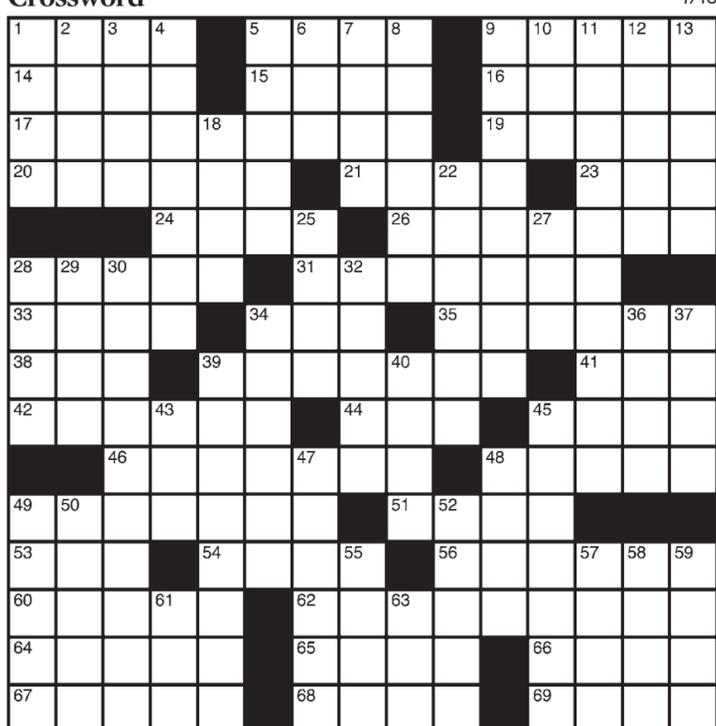
Saturday's answers

Jumbles: CACHE MAIZE STENCH STEREO
 Answer: After the outfielder ended the 15-inning game, he was ready to — CATCH SOME Z'S

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Crossword

7/16



- Across**
- Carpenter's file
 - Souped-up vehicle
 - Necklace pellet
 - Thorns in one's side
 - mat
 - Wrinkly citrus fruit
 - Neckwear named for a British racecourse
 - 1970s-'80s fashion inspired by astronauts' footwear
 - The "a" sound in "above"
 - Like Frosted Flakes' coating
 - Responsibility
 - "Above," in verse
 - DVD holder
 - Series installment
 - Like easy, well-paying jobs
 - Traditional 15th anniversary gift
 - 1993 Presidential Medal of Freedom awardee Arthur
 - Vietnamese soup
 - Souped-up vehicle
 - Speedwagon
 - "Was I premature?"
 - Fútbol cheer
 - NASA explorers
 - "Dig in!"
 - Coke or Pepsi
 - Most sour
 - Humped beast
 - "Who Let the Dogs Out?" one-hit wonder
 - Carry with effort
 - Grande
 - Colored eye part
 - Citrus-flavored diet drink
 - "... have a clue"
 - 1990s cartoon series featuring a classic 8-Down dog
 - Conical home
 - Short skirt
 - First blank on many forms
 - Donkeys
 - Trebek of "Jeopardy!"
 - Heavenly spheres
 - Teacher's domain
 - Hauled to the shop
 - Look steadily (at)
 - Donkey's cry
 - Final result
 - Rebound, like sound
 - H.S. exam for college hopefuls
 - Fisherman's soup fish
 - PC manual reader
 - Play some b-ball
 - Prickly flowers
 - Dorm room decoration
 - Shoppe sign adjective
 - "Let's Make a ..."
 - Home-wrecking insects
 - Witness' promise
 - Sheep cry
 - City near Naples
 - Real mystery
 - Terse
 - Big name in water filtration
 - Senate staffers
 - Stick on, as a label
 - Gardener's bagful
 - Fly high
 - Hair care tool
 - "Planet of the ..."
 - Born, in alumni newsletters
 - Single

Saturday's solution



Down

- Ewes' guys
- Moises of the 2007-'08 Mets
- Urban pollution
- Dashing style
- Regatta markers
- Sense of self
- Glee club voice
- Mickey Mouse creator
- "Tell your friends"
- Corner PC key

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MONDAY, JULY 16

NORMAL HIGH: 84° NORMAL LOW: 64° RECORD HIGH: 100° (1887) RECORD LOW: 49° (1945)

Warmth, humidity set to give way to cooler air

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 88 LOW 68

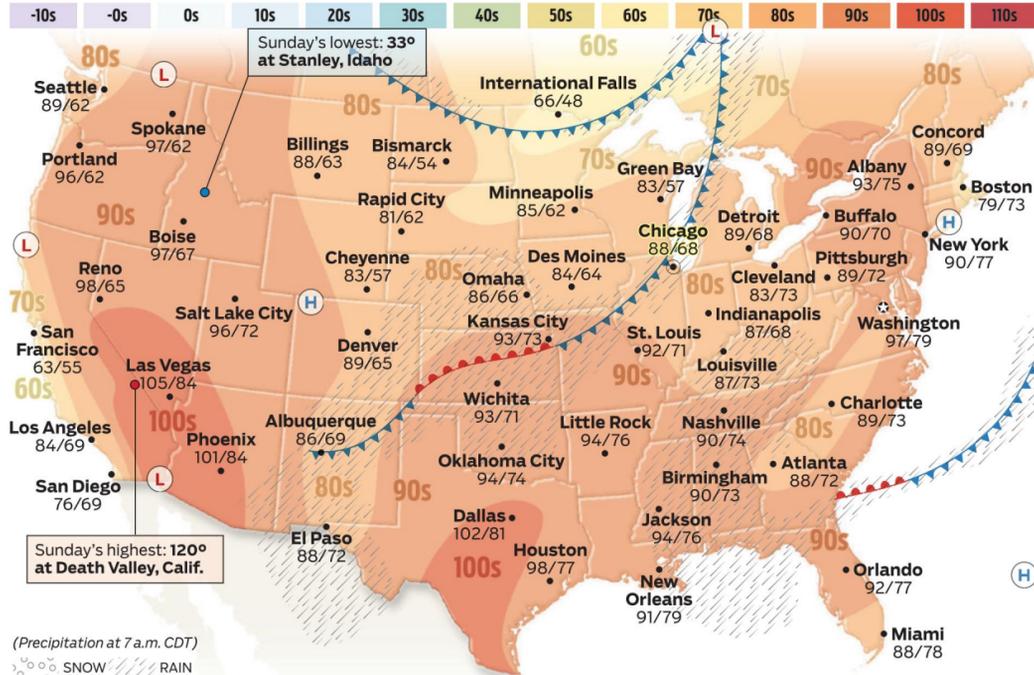
■ Combination of a cool front moving through in the morning from the northwest followed by a "secondary" cold front later in the day makes for unstable conditions with clouds and scattered showers/thunderstorms

■ Mainly cloudy with occasional peaks of sun, very warm and humid.

■ Showers or thunderstorms possible with the cool front in the morning and then building clouds again in the afternoon/evening.

■ Becoming partly cloudy, cooler and less humid overnight. NW winds.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Warm, humid air will hang on here one more day, as a "cool" front followed by a "secondary" cold front will keep clouds along with scattered showers/thunderstorms in our forecast Monday. Finally on Tuesday, northeast winds on the leading edge of cooler, less humid high pressure will signal a marked change in our weather pattern.

Northwest jet stream flow aloft will hold the warm humid air we have experienced well to the south and west the rest of the week, and longer-range forecast models indicate this pattern will persist over the Midwest and Great Lakes the remainder of July. Temperatures in the coming days will actually average a little below normal.

Precipitation-wise, after Monday, our next chance of rain looks to be later Thursday into Friday.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

HIGH 79 LOW 60

Abundant sunshine, not as warm and much less humid. Highs in the middle 70s along the lakefront to lower 80s well inland. Clear skies overnight. Northeast winds 12-20 mph.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

HIGH 78 LOW 59

Sunny and mild. Highs in the 70s with coolest readings at the lakefront. Increasing high clouds overnight. Easterly winds.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

HIGH 83 LOW 65

A sunny start, but clouds on the increase through the day. Highs reach the lower 80s inland, but southeast winds once again hold lakeside readings in the 70s. A thunderstorm possible overnight.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

HIGH 82 LOW 65

Mostly cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms. Rather humid with afternoon highs in the lower 80s. Chance of showers or thunderstorms overnight. West to southwest winds.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

HIGH 79 LOW 66

More clouds than sun with a chance of showers. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s. Continued chance of showers overnight. Northwest winds.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

HIGH 81 LOW 67

A mix of clouds and sun with conditions improving as the day progresses. Afternoon highs 80-85. Clear skies overnight. Northwest winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What was the temperature in Chicago's hottest July?
— Robert Chen, Chicago

Dear Robert,
On average, July is Chicago's warmest month (although occasionally June or August is warmer). In 147 years of official records beginning with July 1871, July 1955 stands as the hottest July on record (and, for that matter, the hottest month ever) with an average temperature of 81.3 degrees. It also has the highest average maximum temperature, 91.5 degrees.

However, Midway Airport has registered even higher temperatures in July, but it was not the city's official station in the years when those temperatures were reached. In 2012, the average July temperature at Midway was 82.5 degrees and the average high temperature was 92.1 degrees.

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Sunniest start to July in 30 years—cool dry air on the way

MID-LATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON Lake-breeze cool front NE WINDS

Clouds/showers develop along the lake-breeze front as it advances inland

SUNNIEST START TO JULY SINCE 1988
Percent of possible sunshine in Chicago: July 2018 vs July 1988
July 1-15, 2018 80% July 1-15, 1988 90% Normal: 68%

THE WEEK AHEAD
A cooler NW flow aloft—will likely continue through the remainder of July
Predicted pattern

THE FOLLOWING WEEK (JULY 23-29)
With a persistent NW flow aloft below normal temperatures for the Midwest continues
Predicted U.S. temp departures from normal

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives
PAUL DAILEY, THOMAS VALLE/WGN-TV

CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY'S TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	88	66	Midway	91	73
Gary	90	70	O'Hare	91	72
Kankakee	87	69	Romeoville	88	69
Lakefront	82	79	Valparaiso	92	71
Lansing	88	70	Waukegan	85	68

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sunday	0.00"	0.11"
Month to date	0.53"	1.65"
Year to date	27.01"	18.18"

MONDAY SUNBURN FORECAST
TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS

Time	Burn Unlikely	27 minutes	1 hour, 5 minutes
7 a.m.			
1 p.m.*			
4 p.m.			

SOURCE: Dr. Bryan Schultz *Peak intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY
Wind NW 12-22 kts.	N 15-25 kts.
Waves 2-3 feet	4-6 feet
Sun. shore/crib water temps 72°/60°	

LAST WEEK'S PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	Moderate
Grass	Moderate
Mold	High
Ragweed	0
Weed	Moderate

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Sunday's reading **Unhealthy**
Monday's forecast **Moderate**
Critical pollutant **Ozone**

MONDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	5:30 a.m.	8:23 p.m.
Moon	9:41 a.m.	11:08 p.m.

1ST Q FULL 3RD Q NEW
July 19 July 27 Aug. 4 Aug. 11

MONDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:47 a.m.	9:32 p.m.
Venus	9:11 a.m.	10:29 p.m.
Mars	9:27 p.m.	6:25 a.m.
Jupiter	2:49 p.m.	1:08 a.m.
Saturn	6:55 p.m.	4:10 a.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

Planet	Direction
Mercury	Not visible
Venus	9:15 p.m. 13° W
Mars	2:00 a.m. 24° S
Jupiter	9:15 p.m. 30.5° SSW
Saturn	11:30 a.m. 25.5° S

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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