



Emanuel won't yet say if he'll back march

Mayor: Anti-violence activists must work with cops on safety

BY JOHN BYRNE
 Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Wednesday said public safety planning, not the fact organizers are calling for him and his police superintendent to step down, will determine whether he throws his support behind an anti-violence march slated to close down part of Lake Shore Drive next week and continue to Wrigley Field before a Cubs night game.

If the groups planning the Aug. 2 march through the crowded North Side want his backing, Emanuel said, the Rev. Greg Livingston and other organizers need to talk through their proposal with police, as the Rev. Michael Pfleger did before an anti-violence march that recently closed part of the Dan Ryan Expressway.

"Father Pfleger worked with the Police Department on preparations," Emanuel said at a news conference after the City Council met Wednesday. "It's my hope that Mr. Livingston also works with the Police Department so we can ensure that if people want their voices to be heard that it be done in a way that is responsible, that there's a message of anti-violence."

And even if those talks take place, the mayor stopped short of promising he would back the plan. "I'm not going to get ahead of the discussions," he said.

The mayor finds himself dealing with a second group of anti-violence advocates in a month who want to shut down a major thoroughfare. Early this month, Emanuel ended up supporting Pfleger's march that closed part of the Dan Ryan on a Saturday morning, after Pfleger refused to budge when police asked him to hold it on a surface street.

This time, organizers say they want to "redistribute the pain" to the North Side by snarling traffic in crowded neighborhoods as thousands of fans try to make their way to the ballpark for a game between the Cubs and San Diego Padres. And unlike Pfleger, Liv-

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AT ODDS: The organizers behind the Dan Ryan Expressway shutdown and the march that could bring Lake Shore Drive to a standstill say don't compare the two. **Chicagoland, Page 6**



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 European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, left, and the U.S. leader met in Washington.

Sudden cease-fire called in growing U.S.-EU trade war

Pact seems to avoid auto tariffs, defuse steel, aluminum tax fight

BY KEN THOMAS AND PAUL WISEMAN
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and European leaders pulled back from the brink of a trade war over autos Wednesday and agreed to

open talks to tear down trade barriers between the United States and the European Union.

But the agreement was vague, the coming negotiations with Europe are sure to be contentious and the United States remains embroiled in major trade dis-

putes with China and other trading partners.

In a hastily called Rose Garden appearance with Trump, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said the U.S. and the EU have agreed to hold off on new tariffs, suggesting that the United States will suspend plans to start taxing European auto imports — a move that would have

marked a major escalation in trade tensions between the allies.

Trump also said the EU had agreed to buy "a lot of soybeans" and increase its imports of liquefied natural gas from the U.S. And the two agreed to resolve a dispute over U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum.

"It's encouraging that

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ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
 Tayshia Shaw, mother of Maurice Granton's two daughters, arrives Wednesday to view police video of the fatal shooting of Granton by an officer.

Lawyers: Video shows man unarmed when cop shot him

CPD reported subject fired first in fatal encounter in Bronzeville

BY JEREMY GORNER, DAN HINKEL AND ANNIE SWEENEY
 Chicago Tribune

Video released Wednesday shows a Chicago police tactical officer fatally shooting a 24-year-old man as he tried to scale a fence last month in the Bronzeville neighborhood.

Attorneys for the family said the video challenges the Police Department's account of Maurice Granton ignoring orders to stop during a foot chase, pulling a weapon and fir-

ing at the officer before he was shot June 6.

Attorney Antonio Romanucci acknowledged that a gun was found at the scene, estimating it was 20 to 25 feet from Granton's body, but he said many questions remain about the shooting.

"If you're a young man in the city of Chicago, do not run from the Chicago police," he said. "Maurice did not have a weapon in his hand when he was shot."

Romanucci accompanied family members who viewed the video Wednes-



CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
 Video released Wednesday shows Granton scaling a wrought iron fence before being shot June 6.

day at the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, the city agency that investigates police-involved shootings. COPA then made the video public, about two weeks before

the typical 60-day deadline.

The shooting remains under investigation.

Granton's father, Maurice Sr., wearing a red T-shirt with his son's im-

age emblazoned on it and the message "Heaven Couldn't Wait In Loving Memory, Maurice Granton 1994-2018," told reporters that the video was "hard" for family members to watch. He also questioned the police version that his son shot at police.

"He's not a person who would have an armed confrontation with a policeman," Granton said. "He didn't deserve death for whatever crime they think he committed."

Documents released Wednesday by COPA identified the officer who fatally shot Granton as

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Ida B. Wells will get street renamed in her honor

City Council votes to change part of Congress Parkway

BY GREGORY PRATT AND JOHN BYRNE
 Chicago Tribune

Chicago's City Council officially renamed Congress Parkway to Ida B. Wells Drive on Wednesday, making the prominent east-west artery the first downtown street named for a woman of color and honoring one of the city's great activists.

An African-American journalist, Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862-1931) worked to expose lynching, pushed for women's right to vote and started

numerous organizations to help African-Americans gain economic and political power across the country.

For many years, Wells' work was overlooked, even in her own time. When she died, The New York Times failed to write an obituary, an error in judgment the newspaper tried to address with a story earlier this year.

Near the end of her life, Wells attended a Negro History meeting but left disappointed because her storied career went unacknowledged among her contemporaries, according to her biographer, Paula Giddings, author of

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
 Michelle Duster, great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells, in front of Wells' former home in Chicago. Wells is the first woman of color to have a downtown street named after her.

'Everything they said he was — and more'

Jim Thome set to enter Hall of Fame on Sunday. **David Haugh** in **Chicago Sports**

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Willie Wilson talks at the Cook County Jail in 2016 in Chicago after paying the bonds of numerous inmates.



JOHN KASS

Mayoral candidate hands out cash. So what's new?

Chicago Democrats have been buying votes with taxpayer money since the first alderman crawled out of the primordial mud, stood upright, put on a suit and got himself indicted.

But now that mayoral candidate Willie Wilson gives out his own cash — \$40,000 of it — our public moralists are wagging their fingers at the poor man.

He thinks they're lunatics. And I agree. Some are friends of mine, but on this topic, they're just wrong.

"What's with some of these lunatics criticizing me? That's my money I'm giving away," Wilson told me. "My dollars that I'm spending. They're lunatics to get upset. They're trying to pull me down. But I think it's wrong to pull a man down. I've been doing this for years."

Willie Wilson, you are correct. If a self-made multimillionaire wants to give out his own money, only a lunatic would say he can't.

A blood moon is due in a few days, so perhaps the lunatics were already warmed up. But I think those upset with Willie Wilson have a different problem: They just don't understand politics.

The cash he gave out the other day doesn't include an additional \$200,000 in checks he gave out from his foundation to help people pay their property taxes and other bills. And who doesn't carry around \$40,000 in cash just in case?

He grew up the son of a sharecropper and plowed behind a mule named Mr. Charlie. My father plowed behind a mule in the old country and named his mule Truman, after a president.

So yes, I am somewhat sympathetic. Wilson worked hard for his money. Our recent mayors have had baby soft hands.

Ethics experts stroked their chins and said that even if Wilson wasn't engaged in outright vote buying, it sure looked, well, "unseemly."

Why don't you put your unseemly in a pipe and smoke it? Smoke it good.

Is Wilson playing Robin Hood? Hardly. Robin Hood was a deadbeat with holes in his green tights. He

robbed other people and gave the proceeds to his supporters.

That's what politicians do. Wilson didn't rob anybody. He earned his own money.

"People registered with the foundation, and we had checks for them. But other people heard about it, and they came in, street people, people without IDs, people with needs too. They're not voters, they don't have addresses, they live on the street, they're not going to vote. So how am I buying their vote?"

"What am I supposed to do? Turn them away? I don't do that," said Wilson. "And they say I'm buying votes? They don't know a thing about me."

Lunatics.

A few years ago, a colleague spotted Wilson on the street walking to his car. Wilson passed a homeless man. He stopped, talked to the man for a few minutes, then slipped him \$20.

"He didn't do it in front of a camera," said the colleague.

Democrats have been buying votes in Chicago since the beginning, passing out turkeys and hams and watermelons from trucks.

"I'm not passing out turkeys and hams," Wilson said. "And this is nothing new for me. If they want to investigate somebody, why don't they investigate Rahm for what he does?"

"He plays downtown games with big-money developments. He's got a political fund to pay black aldermen to vote with him and against their own people. Why don't they investigate Rahm for those red light cameras squeezing money from poor people?" asked Wilson.

"All I'm doing is giving away my own money. Not tax money. These people that're angry with me, they're lunatics, man."

Mayors buy votes too. They raise taxes and squeeze the blood of taxpayers. Then they hold news conferences conferring grants on friendly community groups that will support them in elections, or they approve huge developments that help fetch huge campaign checks.

And who pays? You do.

They use the law to take money from taxpayers, and shovel that cash to their friends all legal-like and take the credit. They've been shoveling cash at their friends for so long, Chicago and the state are broke.

What frosts me are smug reporters from out of town passing judgment on the good character of Chicago, saying this is just another episode of good old-fashioned Chicago politics.

As one of them told the story on a national TV network broadcast, he paused, then smirked.

You fool. You know nothing of the Chicago Way.

Our politicians never, ever hand out their own money. Giving out your own money is a sin, grounds for excommunication.

They keep their money, so their children and even their great-grandchildren can live large and go to Ivy League schools or Notre Dame and become lawyer statesmen.

They just squeeze cash from me, from you, and buy votes that way. They've been squeezing taxpayers for so long, and so thoroughly, that people are fleeing the state because they can't afford the rising property taxes on their homes.

But TV news people don't care about that. They care about this Wilson story, as if they caught him doing something illegal.

Each time they mention it, they show the video of Wilson passing out money to poor black people on the West Side.

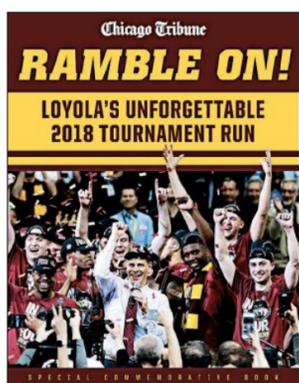
I asked him: Does it hurt your chances when they keep showing you passing out money, over and over?

"Yeah, they do keep showing that video. Does it hurt me?" he asked, laughing. "Oh, I don't know. What do you think?"

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Trump attacks reality as sleazy recording drops



REX W. HUPPKE

Remember, folks, what you are seeing and what you are reading is not what's happening.

Don't take my word for it, take the word of our president, the great truth-teller Donald J. Trump, who spoke that very line to a group of veterans Tuesday: "Just remember, what you are seeing and what you are reading is not what's happening."

Nothing is true. Nothing is real. This column might not even exist, who knows? We may all be ducks. It's just impossible to tell, because what we see isn't what we think it is, you see? (Or do you? Who can know?)

I'm sure the president also wants you to believe that what you hear isn't what's happening, particularly after a recording was released late Tuesday. That recording, if our ears can be trusted, sounded like Trump and his longtime attorney and fixer Michael Cohen talking like a mob boss and his consigliere about creating a shell company that would discreetly drop \$150,000 to keep a lid on a lascivious story a couple of months before the 2016 election.

It sounded sleazy and routine, like a road they had both been down before. It sounded like the kind of thing that would confirm all we've been seeing and reading that makes us think Trump is a liar and a cheat and a win-at-all-costs type.

But that's not possible, because Trump says those things we're seeing and reading are not what's happening. It stands to reason then that the things we're hearing — and the things we're likely to hear in the weeks to come — are also not what's happening. We're misinterpreting. We're misinformed.

There's nothing to hear, see or read here. Move along, America has been made great again. Don't let your eyes or ears deceive you.

It's good Trump explained to those veterans, and to the rest of us, what's actually going on. Because Tuesday would've been frightening if I'd relied on what I was seeing and reading.

I thought — mistakenly, apparently — that I saw an early morning tweet from the president of the United States exclaiming: "Tariffs are the greatest!"

Then, just hours later, I thought I read that the administration was making plans to give farmers \$12 billion in emergency aid to make up for all the money they're losing because of Trump's tariffs, which, I was led to believe, are the greatest.

That would seem wildly incoherent, anathema to any kind of conservative fiscal policy and downright stupid. But then Trump spoke these words: "Just remember, what you are seeing and what you are reading is not what's happening."

You can imagine my relief.

Of course that did lead me to wonder what was actually happening. If, as Trump suggested, my eyes and mind were failing me,



KEITH MYERS/KANSAS CITY STAR

President Donald Trump addresses a veterans group in Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday.

how could I discern reality?

No matter. I knew I could put my trust in Trump, the philosopher king, he of the prophetic red hats, and all would be great.

At one point Tuesday I thought I read a report that the White House was halting the long-standing policy of releasing readouts of the president's calls with world leaders.

Given all the other things I've seen and read about Trump — things that would make me think he's dishonest, quite possibly compromised by a foreign power and operating with a toddler's understanding of world affairs — that seemed concerning.

So I returned to my new mantra: What you are see-

ing and what you are reading is not what's happening. What you are seeing and what you are reading is not what's happening. What you are seeing and what you are reading is not what's happening.

Ohhhhhhhmmmmmmmmmmmm.

A video showing Attorney General Jeff Sessions addressing a group of conservative high school students and obliging their chant of "Lock her up!" — aimed at Hillary Clinton, a political opponent never charged with a crime — with a wink and a nod?

I whispered to myself, "That is not the nation's top law enforcement officer chuckling at the idea of imprisoning a political opponent in front of im-

pressionable young people. What you are seeing and what you are reading is not what's happening."

Then there was another Trump tweet saying he's "very concerned that Russia will be fighting very hard to have an impact on the upcoming Election" and will "be pushing very hard for the Democrats." The tweet ended with, "They definitely don't want Trump!" That came a week after he repeatedly questioned Russian election interference and Russian President Vladimir Putin said specifically that he wanted Trump to win the election.

WHAT YOU ARE SEEING AND WHAT YOU ARE READING IS NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING!

If I didn't believe that, if I didn't learn to doubt my own eyes and ears and brain, then I'd have to start wondering if President Trump is trying to get Americans to question reality and believe only in a reality he creates.

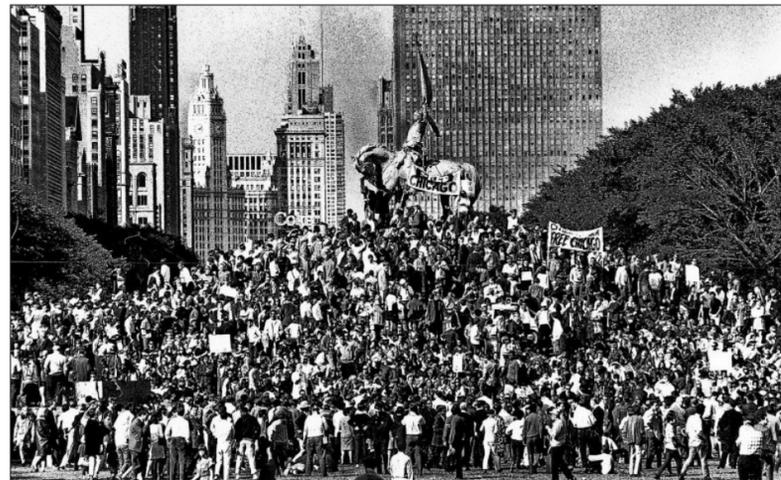
I'd wonder if maybe Trump is just as much the conniving, cheating, soulless person he sounds like on that recording that came out Tuesday night.

Nah. No way. I'm going to stick with the easy path and assume none of this is real. I'm not even sure I'm typing these words right now.

I may just be a duck, who knows?

Quack, quack.

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Crowds gather at the Gen. John Logan statue in Grant Park during the historic convention.

Activists hope to emulate 1968 with 50th anniversary protest

BY ESE OLUMHENSE
Chicago Tribune

Five decades after anti-war activists and Chicago police clashed in a dramatic sequence of protests that took place in the city during the August 1968 Democratic National Convention, another generation of pacifists are planning a demonstration against "war and police violence."

"We are not aiming for a nostalgia event," said Andy Thayer of the Chicago Committee Against War

and Racism, which is organizing the coming protest, slated for Aug. 25.

"Then, people were protesting the longest-ever war," at the time the Vietnam War, he said. But now, in Afghanistan, "We're currently involved in America's longest-ever war."

The event will start at noon. The group has obtained a permit, according to Thayer and city records, and will gather at Daley Plaza. A number of speakers — including Vince Emanuele, Marine Corps veteran

and anti-war speaker, and Kathy Kelly of the organization Voices for Creative Non-Violence — are scheduled to address attendees.

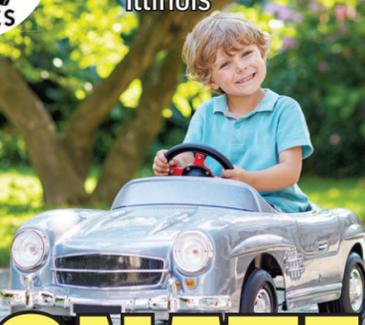
After the rally, the group plans to march through the Loop to the Gen. John Logan statue in Grant Park, a focal point of the 1968 protests, according to the group's website.

"Chicago '68 was pivotal," Thayer said. "The lessons are important to relearn today."

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Amaya Sam, 15, will be dancing, rapping and displaying her photography at Thursday's event at Douglas Park.

Black girls will honor a paradox of Chicago

Program showcases art by city youths affected by violence



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Summer in Chicago is joy, and it's sorrow.

It's festivals and beaches and sidewalk chalk and violence. It's beautiful and brutal, and neither is true without the other.

On Thursday, a group called A Long Walk Home will honor that paradox with a one-day public art program called Visibility Project: Black Girls Take Over Douglas Park.

Every year, the Chicago-based nonprofit hosts a summer program called Girl/Friends for adolescent girls affected by violence. Using dance, yoga, music, writing and art, the girls who are enrolled learn to advocate for social justice, for themselves and their communities. At the end of the session, they display the artwork and performances they've honed.

Last year they exhibited their work at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. This year they'll display it at Douglas Park, a 281-acre site at 15th Place



Aja Reynolds of A Long Walk Home hopes to raise awareness of black females who've been killed or are missing.

and Albany Avenue that is, itself, beautiful and brutal. Rekia Boyd, 22, was shot and killed by an off-duty police officer near the park in 2012. The officer, Dante Servin, was acquitted of criminal charges in the case.

"We're taking what we learned this summer and using it for good," Amaya Sam, 15, told me.

Sam is completing her third year of A Long Walk Home's Girl/Friends program. She'll be dancing, rapping and displaying her photography at Thursday's event.

"Douglas Park is a place where kids are supposed to play and people are supposed to barbecue and have fun," Sam said. "It's not supposed to be a place where the energy is just sad. I feel like what we're doing is taking it back."

But with a careful eye toward honoring Boyd and

other victims of violence.

Aja Reynolds, program coordinator for A Long Walk Home, said participants at Thursday's event will be invited to gather around and decorate a "healing tree" in Douglas Park, named in honor of Boyd.

"I hope people see the event as a place to come and have fun and laugh and play," Reynolds said. "But I also hope we use the event to raise awareness and speak the names of people who typically don't get a march for them, whose names we typically don't raise, so that people never forget these people lived and were here — particularly black girls and black women who've been killed or are missing in Chicago."

Joy and sorrow.

Reynolds said the event, which runs 4-7 p.m., will feature jump rope stations,

face painting, dance lessons, a photo booth and performances by poet and singer Jamila Woods, as well as the Girl/Friends participants.

Sam has two photos in Thursday's exhibit. One, she said, is a tribute to her godmother and how her death affected Sam.

"It's really bold," she said. "You have to see it in person to understand it."

The other is a self-portrait of Sam saluting in her Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps uniform. She plans to complete four years of Junior ROTC at her high school, Farragut Career Academy, to earn a scholarship for college.

"It shows me caught between two worlds," Sam said. "Do I want to protest against America, or do I want to help America?"

A person could argue, I told her, that protesting is a way of helping America.

"Yeah, but a lot of people don't see it as that," she said. "People think a protest is somebody yelling or somebody rioting."

I asked her how she sees it.

"I think sometimes you have to go against a system to fix a system," she said.

Thursday's event is free and open to the public. I asked Sam what she wants people to know about it.

"You all should come out," she said. "It's going to be really beautiful."

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Skies brighter as CPS OKs \$6B operating budget

Civic, disability groups still have debt, other concerns

By JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Board of Education approved a multibillion-dollar budget for everyday expenses and new debt Wednesday, prompting officials to repeat their praise for recent fiscal peace amid concerns from civic and disability rights groups.

The roughly \$6 billion operating budget for Chicago Public Schools marks a nearly \$285 million spending increase from last year and includes about \$60 million in extra funding for schools to help cover unionized teacher salary increases.

Officials credit an on-time state spending plan that increased aid to CPS — plus state assistance for teacher pensions and additional property tax dollars — with allowing the district to borrow at lower rates, ease off some of its need for enormous cash loans and win slight upgrades to what are still junk bonds.

"Clearly we have some room for improvement," district Chief Financial Officer Jennie Huang Bennett told board members. "I don't think anyone would stand here and say we're there financially, but we have significantly improved."

After having burned through its cash reserves to cover past deficits, CPS expects to restore a positive balance at the end of the fiscal year in a fund designated for emergencies.

"Today, we have enough cash to pay our bills," said board President Frank Clark, who was reappointed to his post by his fellow members Wednesday. "But we're also borrowing at a much more advantageous, lower interest rate."

While CPS is not currently scraping together cash to pay its bills and keep school doors open, it must continue to confront looming challenges including a half-empty city teachers pension fund and growing costs to pay off its debts.

CPS said it carried \$8.2 billion in long-term debt as of June 30.

Those debts will increase in order to finance Mayor Rahm Emanuel's election-year proposal to take on a \$989 million infrastructure spending plan that has been

met with growing complaints about inequitable distribution.

The district says much of that money will come from new long-term debt, a strategy that provoked concerns from the Civic Federation budget watchdog organization.

The group endorsed the overall CPS spending plan — but worried about the district's growing expenses in the face of dwindling enrollment and continued uncertainty over state government's ability to keep promises to better fund education and grapple with its own financial problems.

"With CPS' finances just barely having reached more stable footing, the Civic Federation does not believe this is the right time to be issuing massive amounts of additional debt with only a portion going to the District's most critical facility needs," the watchdog group said in its annual assessment of the district's budget.

The Access Living disability rights group also questioned the district's plans to hire new special education personnel while under the supervision of an Illinois State Board of Education monitor.

The \$26 million effort would give 78 schools at least one new special education case manager to help ensure that students receive services to which they are entitled through individual special education plans. The hiring also would assign one full-time social worker to 160 elementary and high school campuses.

The district also committed in January to financing 65 new special education positions at schools throughout the city.

"With CPS' well-intentioned but ambitious expansion of their plan for positions, the biggest concern is effective staffing," Access Living said in its annual assessment of the district budget.

"This is a pattern that has occurred in multiple years. CPS pledges additional special education positions and does not hold itself accountable for what it promised."

School officials acknowledged the challenge of hiring qualified personnel.

"That's going to be more of a yearlong process to be able to fill those positions," CPS special education chief Elizabeth Keenan said Wednesday.

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Council passes new reporting requirements aimed at shelter

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Chicago's City Council has passed a compromise measure endorsed by the mayor's office to add new reporting requirements aimed at a prominent city nonprofit that contracts with the federal government to hold immigrant children, including some separated from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border by President Donald Trump's administration.

The measure, approved Wednesday, follows a contentious Finance Committee meeting Monday during which Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, grilled representatives for Heartland Alliance and its affiliate, Heartland Human Care Services, over their work holding immigrants detained by the federal government.

Burke, who is facing political pressure in his majority-Latino ward due to his law firm having represented Trump on tax matters, pushed an ordinance that would require child welfare agencies to be licensed as child services

facilities in Chicago.

What the council ultimately passed is a weaker measure that requires child care institutions to provide city departments with contact information for supervisors at their locations within the city, their addresses, the average number of children housed at each institution and the average ages of groups of children.

A recent Washington Post story reported allegations of physical and emotional abuse at a Heartland shelter, prompting U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., to call for a federal investigation and raising Burke's ire.

"I am distressed at the allegations made by children in The Washington Post article and request that you notify me as soon as possible whether these accounts are accurate, what steps Heartland will take to hold the alleged perpetrators accountable, and how Heartland will work to ensure that nothing like this ever happens again," Durbin wrote in a letter to the organization last week.

The agency responded with a statement saying the

allegations were "deeply troubling" and don't "reflect our values or the quality of care we strive to provide."

Ald. Joe Moore, 49th, said he would reluctantly vote for the measure but raised concerns that aldermen were rushing to "solve a problem that may or may not exist."

"They've been doing this for a long time," Moore said, referring to Heartland, which has a long history contracting with the federal government on immigration matters.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel called the ordinance an "appropriate step" to make sure children housed in Chicago meet the city's standards.

"I would like us to remember we're stepping into a void — a chasm right now — that was created unnecessarily" by the Trump administration policy of family separation, he said.

A Heartland Alliance spokeswoman said in an email that the organization "has no objection to additional oversight."

Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich, meanwhile, released a statement saying he



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Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, had some pointed questions for Heartland Alliance.

visited with children at the facility Wednesday.

"These young people are here without parents to protect them and are being sheltered and cared for at this facility. That fact brought home to me the reality that many children are left to fend for themselves in life, and are put at risk when adults who should be nurturing and protecting them cannot or will not do so," Cupich said in the statement.

"Yet, we should be grateful for the many dedicated people in society who care for them in these circumstances, which is, for the most part an untold story. I stand in admiration of all care givers, social workers and counselors."

In other news:

■ Ald. Nicholas Spasato, 38th, introduced an ordinance calling for people appointed to positions in city government not to run for mayor, alderman, treasurer or clerk for two years after they leave office. The move comes in response to Lori Lightfoot's decision to run for mayor after Emanuel appointed her to the Police Board.

■ Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd, introduced a plan to force the Police Department to rein in use of a massive gang database and give people whose names are listed notice that they are included and a chance to make the case that they aren't gang members.

■ Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, introduced an ordinance allowing residents to invest in bonds to pay for \$500,000 of ward-level projects that locals would vote on, under a plan he said would help increase local involvement in how public money gets spent.

■ At a premeeting news conference, the Latino Caucus criticized Corporate Cleaning Services CEO Neal Zucker, who is in-

involved in a contract dispute with striking Service Employees International Union window washers. The company released a statement in response saying SEIU's demanded raise over the next five years is "unreasonable and unprecedented."

■ Ald. Ameya Pawar, 47th, introduced an ordinance that would change the way affordable housing projects in communities with little affordable housing are handled by the city. It's meant to prevent people from discriminating against residents by saying "we don't want those people living in our community," Pawar said.

■ Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno, 1st, introduced an ordinance calling for a hearing in the Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development he chairs into Chicago Public Schools' maintenance contract with Sodexo-MAGIC. The contract has been controversial due to its cost and failed health inspections.

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Van Dyke's lawyers want judge off venue decision

They contend jurist not open to moving trial out of Chicago

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In a highly unusual move, attorneys for Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke want a different judge to decide whether the trial over Laquan McDonald's shooting should be moved outside Cook County, saying the judge presiding over the hot-button case made up his mind long ago to keep it in Chicago.

Even though Judge Vincent Gaughan has scheduled a hearing on the issue for early next month, the filing Wednesday by Daniel Herbert, Van Dyke's lead lawyer, said the judge has made clear his intentions to refuse to move the trial.

"Any further proceedings would be nothing more than a show, much like a professional wrestling match wherein the outcome has been predetermined," Herbert wrote.

As evidence, Herbert noted that Gaughan set a trial date earlier this month before hearing any substantive arguments about moving the trial — a signal, he contended, that the judge already knows how he will rule.

The filing also briefly quoted from a sealed transcript of a closed hearing in June — sure to draw the ire of Gaughan, who has taken extraordinary measures to control the release of information in the case.

At that hearing, Gaughan had said that "only Cook County residents would be jurors in this case," according to the filing.

Reporters and spectators had been cleared from the courtroom for that hearing, and Gaughan ordered that the full transcript of the hearing be sealed.

Van Dyke's legal team,



Officer Jason Van Dyke's defense team does not want Judge Vincent Gaughan removed from the case at large.

however, does not want Gaughan thrown off the case altogether, only that a different judge rule on whether the trial should be moved outside Cook County because of extensive publicity. Gaughan would preside on any other remaining issues as well as the trial.

Seeking a different judge for a single pretrial issue — not the case as a whole — may be unprecedented, veteran attorneys told the Tribune.

"I've not heard of any case where it's been attempted, let alone granted," said longtime attorney Robert Loeb.

In more than 40 years practicing law, Barry Specator also said he had never heard of anything similar.

"If a judge is prejudiced against the defendant, it's for the whole case, not just on an issue," he said.

The potentially unprecedented nature of the filing makes it unclear what the next steps might be.

Gaughan could voluntarily step aside from deciding whether to move the trial. In addition, another judge could be brought in to decide whether Gaughan is, in fact, too prejudiced to decide the issue. Such a hearing is required under more ordinary requests for a judge to be substituted.

A long-sealed defense motion that was finally

made public in June seeks to move Van Dyke's trial for McDonald's fatal shooting outside Cook County, alleging that "extensive, inflammatory and sensational media coverage" and widespread publicity made a fair jury trial here impossible. The defense went so far as to allege that comments made by political figures amounted to a "public execution" of the officer.

While such requests to change a trial's location are rarely filed or granted, Van Dyke's lawyers have argued this is the case that should be an exception.

In an attempt to bolster its argument for moving the proceedings outside Chicago, the defense hired a California-based consultant who concluded that the McDonald's shooting "remains seared in the public's consciousness."

Van Dyke was charged with first-degree murder on the same day in November 2015 as the court-ordered release of police dashcam video showing the white officer shooting the black teen 16 times. The video showed Van Dyke opening fire as McDonald walked away from officers with a knife in his hand — contradicting written reports by Van Dyke and other officers who contended McDonald lunged at police with the knife.

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Bond set at \$300,000 in fatal crash

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A Wheeling man charged with reckless homicide in a crash that killed a Mount Prospect teenager was driving at more than double the posted speed limit and was fleeing from another collision less than a mile away, authorities said Wednesday.

Adam Grunin, 30, was traveling at 107 mph along Milwaukee Avenue on Saturday afternoon when he slammed into the back of a Chevrolet Equinox carrying the Lendino family, officials said.

The force of the collision pushed the Lendinos' car into the intersection, causing it to crash into another car, Wheeling police said. The speed limit near the intersection is 40 mph, police said.

Alyssa Lendino, a 16-year-old Hersey High

School junior, was pronounced dead a few hours later at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

Her 12-year-old sister remained in the pediatric ICU at the same hospital with two broken legs, a shattered pelvis, a fractured collarbone and other injuries, prosecutors said Wednesday. She has undergone several transfusions, was scheduled for surgery Wednesday afternoon and will need to relearn how to walk, officials said.

Alyssa's father, Anthony, suffered spinal and rib fractures and a lacerated spleen and was also still hospitalized; her mother, Michele, had a forehead laceration and has been released, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Maria McCarthy said during Grunin's first court appearance Wednesday.

Grunin, with a visible laceration on his forehead, appeared in front of Judge

Marc Martin in Rolling Meadows' branch court, where his bond was set at \$300,000.

In setting bond, Martin cited the potential for the defendant to flee, noting "there was flight in this case" — a reference to the fact that, according to prosecutors, Grunin collided with another car less than a mile away on Milwaukee Avenue, drove onto the median and was fleeing that crash when he slammed into the back of the Lendinos' car.

On Wednesday, Grunin's lawyer, Sergei Kuchinski, said Grunin has epilepsy, diabetes and "cognitive disorders." But McCarthy said there was no indication Grunin was under medical distress when the crashes occurred.

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Garcia avoids tiff with board president

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia on Wednesday deferred his proposal to create a revenue forecasting commission that would give the board independent financial analyses, delaying a public battle with Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

The measure to create a Congressional Budget Office-style panel had placed Garcia at odds with Preckwinkle, whom Garcia serves as floor leader.

Through spokeswoman Joanna Klonsky, Garcia said he'll continue to build support from the public and fellow commissioners over the summer.

Earlier in the week, Garcia said he has six votes so far and hailed the proposal as "an example of what good government can be."

"As a complement to the work of the county's chief financial officer, this entity would serve as a research arm and assist commissioners in fully understanding how much money we need to operate Cook County and where the needed revenue should come from," he said.

Preckwinkle's office, meanwhile, released a statement opposing the measure, saying it is not "at this time" an "appropriate use of tax dollars." Her office said it's redundant and unnecessary, due to the administration's strong track record of financial forecasting.

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A temporary evidence marker covers a bullet casing at the scene where a man and his daughter were shot Wednesday afternoon on the South Side.

3-year-old girl and her father shot

Police think man was intended target of attack

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A 3-year-old and her father were shot Wednesday afternoon when someone fired at the girl's father in the Back of the Yards neighborhood on the South Side, Chicago police said.

The girl was shot in both legs and the father, 34, was hit in the foot when a male walked up to the man and began firing at him with a handgun around 2:50 p.m.

in the 1900 block of West 48th Street.

The shooter ran away and possibly got into a black sedan that was waiting nearby, police said.

Chicago police spokesman Sgt. Mike Malinowski said the girl's father is "known to police," and investigators think he was the intended target of the shooting.

"Unfortunately, this 3-year-old is a victim of this senseless gun violence," he said.

No arrests have been made.

The attack happened about 50 yards from Hedges Elementary School. Blood and shell casings were outside the

nearby San Miguel School and St. Michael the Archangel Parish.

The girl was rushed to Comer Children's Hospital in a police vehicle, officials said. The man is being treated at University of Chicago Medical Center. Both have been stabilized.

Pedro Sanchez, 61, of Munster, Ind., was in the ER waiting room at Comer as his granddaughter was getting bloodwork done. Suddenly, he saw people rushing in and caught a glimpse of someone carrying a child. Shortly afterward, a man came "hopping" in and appeared to have been injured in the leg, Sanchez said.

"There was so much

chaos at the moment," he said.

Someone shouted something about a gun, and Sanchez said staffers at the reception desk "jumped up" and began pulling down the shades in the ER, and a security officer said they were on lockdown.

Sanchez said he heard the child and the man had been shot.

Donovan Price, a victim's advocate, grabbed his car keys and drove to the hospital when he heard about the shooting on police scanners.

"She's never going to be the same," Price said of the little girl who was shot.

He said he was there to help comfort the girl and

her family.

"There needs to be more outcry," Price said. "She deserves a march."

As of 4 p.m., only a few patients and family members were in the waiting room. There was no trace of any of the half-dozen officers who had stood by the reception desk earlier.

About an hour and a half later, a woman with her hair pulled back in a ponytail and wearing a gray long-sleeved hooded jacket walked into the ER, flanked by two uniformed Chicago police officers.

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Priest, minister at odds on shutdown goals

Lake Shore Drive, Dan Ryan protests on different paths

BY ELVIA MALAGON
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The priest behind the Dan Ryan Expressway shutdown and the activists planning a similar anti-violence march that could bring Lake Shore Drive to a standstill have drawn a clear line in the sand, saying: Don't compare us.

Organizers of next week's planned protest march onto Lake Shore Drive are calling for Mayor Rahm Emanuel and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson to resign.

But that's an unrealistic demand, said the Rev. Michael Pfleger, who led protesters onto the Dan Ryan Expressway earlier this month. "I don't think any of those people are going to resign, so I don't want to get distracted from my focus — economic development, jobs, more funding for our schools, and resources for the West and South sides," Pfleger, of St. Sabina Catholic Church, told the Tribune this week.

Marching on North Lake Shore Drive en route to Wrigley Field during evening rush hour on the first day of Lollapalooza sends a sharper message than shuttering a stretch of Chicago expressway on a Saturday morning, the Rev. Gregory Livingston told reporters this week.

"I thought it was strategically not the best thing because the purpose of a demonstration and a march is to redistribute the pain, so to be out on the Dan Ryan on a weekend at 10 o'clock in the morning, in a black neighborhood where all this is going on — I don't feel like it was anything that was going to redistribute the pain," Livingston said. "As you can see, already with the announcement of this march during a weekday, during rush hour, during rush traffic, during a Cubs game, it adds a whole different dimension in terms of our demands."

Beyond differences on how to tackle gun violence, there are practical differences between the Dan Ryan shutdown and the planned Aug. 2 protest march that aims to shut



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Tio Hardiman, speaking, and the Rev. Gregory Livingston, rear left, plan to march on Lake Shore Drive next week.



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The Rev. Michael Pfleger helped shut down the Dan Ryan Expressway during a July 7 march against gun violence.

"The purpose of a demonstration and a march is to redistribute the pain."

— The Rev. Gregory Livingston, Lake Shore Drive march organizer

down the northbound lanes of Lake Shore Drive between Diversey Parkway and Belmont Avenue. The state police had jurisdiction over the expressway and cleared the way for it to happen after on-scene negotiations and previous threats of arrest.

But Lake Shore Drive falls in Chicago Police Department territory, and the city has been vague on what it will do, though police are supposed to meet with organizers.

More than 1,500 people have been shot in Chicago so far this year, which is fewer than what the number was this time in the last two years. But the number of homicide and shooting victims remains higher

than in other recent years.

The Harrison and Austin police districts — both on the West Side — have seen the highest toll of shooting victims, according to data compiled by the Tribune. And organizers for next week's march say they want to "redistribute the pain" felt by Chicago's gun violence on the South and West sides.

But the shootings are not contained to just certain parts of the city. Wrigley Field sits in the Town Hall District, which had one of the lowest numbers of shooting victims — 11 — so far this year, according to data compiled by the Tribune. Last year, Town Hall had 36 gunshot victims compared with 56 in 2016. These statistics include those who have been shot and killed by police.

Pfleger's group focused on all gun violence victims, but organizers for next week's event have specifically pointed to police shooting and killing well-known barber Harith Augustus as one reason they want to take over Lake Shore Drive.

Here are three more ways that next week's

march is different:

Demanding improved schools vs. mayor and top cop's resignations:

Like organizers of the Dan Ryan shutdown, those planning the upcoming North Side march want to sit down with business leaders and elected officials, even as they call for the mayor's resignation. But both sides insist they're on divergent roads to end violence.

"Look, we need a budget for Chicago's disadvantaged and challenged," Livingston said at a news conference this week. "And we sit there and we work out the budget for the needy but, again, not with the favorites who have already been there because they have failed us. They cannot get the job done. Bring in the newbies, bring us some of these kids, even Chance (the Rapper) just wrote a song about Rahm resigning."

Pfleger said he doesn't plan to attend next week's march because he doesn't agree with the demands for resignations. (Livingston and activist Tio Hardiman, who is also helping plan the Lake Shore Drive shutdown, didn't participate in the Dan Ryan march.)

Pfleger said the group he led on the Dan Ryan had a different focus and wants to change policies that would create holistic solutions to gun violence, such as improving public schools and increasing economic opportunity.

"It's just a different focus than our focus," Pfleger said. "We can change the names in offices, but if we don't change the policy, then it's just someone else enforcing it. The system is bad. So it's not about Democrats or Republicans, it's about who is willing to radically change the policies and the determination of funds to level the playing fields."

Two protests, two ministers: Pfleger, a white longtime pastor for a church in an African-American neighborhood, is known for clashing with church superiors, but the organizer's of next week's march — both African-American — are not as high-profile.

Hardiman, one of the lead organizers, had long

been known as an anti-violence activist and was even dubbed "Mr. Cease-Fire." That's because he used to lead CeaseFire Illinois, but about five years ago the University of Illinois at Chicago, which oversaw the program, decided not to renew his contract after he was arrested and charged with domestic battery. A Cook County judge later dismissed the case.

Since then Hardiman, of Calumet City, has started his own group called Violence Interrupters, which operates very similarly to CeaseFire Illinois in that it tries to mitigate conflicts in neighborhoods to avoid gun conflicts.

Livingston, another organizer, is a pastor at New Hope Baptist Church. He is involved in the Coalition for a New Chicago, a social justice advocacy group. The group was among those that staged protests along the Magnificent Mile in 2015 during the busy holiday shopping season.

That was done in response to the release of Chicago police video that showed Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times. Van Dyke's first-degree murder trial is slated for Sept. 5.

It's Chicago, so there's always politics involved:

While he's certainly gotten caught up in the political fray, Pfleger has never run for office.

Hardiman ran for governor earlier this year but lost the Democratic primary to billionaire J.B. Pritzker. In fact, he was only able to get 1.6 percent of the vote, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections. In 2014, Hardiman also ran for governor and lost to Pat Quinn.

Livingston had his eye on a seat on the City Council. Earlier this year, he sought the seat for the 4th Ward during a special election, but he lost to Ald. Sophia King, who had been endorsed during the election by former President Barack Obama.

Livingston also served as a spokesman for Wilson, who ran for Chicago mayor in 2015, the Tribune previously reported.

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Emanuel won't yet say if he'll back march

Emanuel, from Page 1

Livingston, who was a spokesman for Willie Wilson's 2015 mayoral campaign against Emanuel, says he's putting together the upcoming march in part to call for the resignations of Emanuel and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson.

Livingston is joined in the planning by Tio Hardiman, a two-time candidate for governor who's involved with the group Violence Interrupters.

Emanuel said their message against him won't play a part in whether he supports the march.

"If people want to say the superintendent and I should resign, that doesn't influence my decision, except for one thing: I think Superintendent Johnson does a fabulous job, and I'm proud that I appointed him."

Wrigleyville Ald. Tom Tunney, 44th, said he needed to get more specifics from police on the march before deciding whether he supported the plan.

"You have to balance people's right to make their voices heard with the safety of the community," Tunney said. "It's a big city. We handle big events all the time."

The groups said they started to plan next week's march after Chicago police fatally shot Harith Augustus on July 14 in the South Shore neighborhood.

Livingston this week said holding the march on the North Side is a way to make people in that part of the city deal with their demands, as opposed to Pfleger's decision to march on a Saturday on the South Side.

"I thought it was strategically not the best thing because the purpose of a demonstration and a march is to redistribute the pain, so to be out on the Dan Ryan on a weekend at 10 o'clock in the morning, in a black neighborhood where all this is going on — I don't feel like it was anything that was going to redistribute the pain," Livingston said.

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Website targets bike lane scofflaws

City working with site to crack down on problem vehicles

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Bicyclists are fighting for space in Chicago's designated bike lanes by posting vigilante-like photos of illegally stopped cars on the website Bike Lane Uprising. And the grassroots effort is one the city wants to use to help clear the lanes.

The site, which got its start in Chicago and has grown to cover more than 15 cities worldwide, crowdsources information from users who report the location and photos of vehicles stopped in bike lanes.

From there, the site collaborates with city officials, organizations and companies to pinpoint problem areas and identify repeat offenders, according to the website.

In Chicago, it's illegal to park, idle or drive in the more than 200 miles of dedicated bike lanes, and violators can be issued \$150 tickets and are at risk of having their vehicle towed, according to the city. But that doesn't stop it from happening in what *Bicycling* magazine named the nation's "best bike city" in 2016.

The site's founder, Christina Whitehouse, shared on Twitter her experience nearly getting run over by a truck while waiting in a bike lane for a red light to change. Whitehouse and Bike Lane Uprising did not respond to requests for comment.

"I began to learn just how fragmented and difficult it is to report drivers like him. I knew there were opportunities to make it easier to report and better use the data of incidents. I



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A FedEx truck is parked in a bike lane along Harrison Street, near Racine Avenue.

"Bike Lane Uprising is an additional set of eyes and ears."

— Kristen Cabanban, a Department of Finance spokeswoman

decided to do something about it," Bike Lane Uprising wrote in a tweet in January.

Whitehouse's near-accident is one of thousands that happen on city streets.

According to a 2012 Department of Transportation bicycle crash analysis, from 2005 to 2010 there were nearly 9,000 injury crashes involving bicyclists, with 32 bicyclist fatalities. Overall, bicycle crashes were on the rise, from 6.7 percent of all crashes in 2005 to 9.8 percent in 2010.

In 2017, the city issued 3,461 tickets for blocked lanes, bringing in nearly \$374,000 of revenue, Kristen Cabanban, a Department of Finance spokeswoman, wrote in an email.

That's up 20 percent from the 2,766 tickets issued in 2016 that generated about \$333,400.

In 2018, 2,062 tickets have been handed out so far, generating about \$132,400, Cabanban said Tuesday.

The most common accidents Michael Keating, an attorney who specializes in bicycle accidents in Chicago, sees involve a combination of factors. Often they involve a ride-sharing vehicle, such as Lyft or Uber, stopped in a bike lane, causing a bicyclist to get injured by traffic or a car door opening.

"If we were to solve just that one issue, from that we could stop a whole series of related actions that occur that often lead to bicyclists being injured," he said.

In Chicago, bicyclists will most likely have to swerve around a stopped car in the Loop, along Harrison Street and the Illinois Medical District, according to a map on the site. More than 1,800 obstructions in Chicago were reported to Bike Lane Uprising from Sept. 1, 2017, through June 29, according to the website. People can sign up to be contributors to the database, where they'll remain anonymous, according to the site.

The number of contributors has increased by hundreds following coverage from NBC-Ch. 5 and Block Club Chicago in the past few weeks, according to tweets from Bike Lane Uprising.

Finance officials have met twice with people from Bike Lane Uprising, and are exploring ways to use the site's data, Caban-

ban said.

"Bike Lane Uprising is an additional set of eyes and ears to provide an added source of data to further support our ... enforcement efforts," she said.

In 2017, the city increased its enforcement efforts, adding bike routes to maps that parking enforcement aides patrol and analyzing 311 complaints, a city spokeswoman told the Tribune at the time. And in May 2018, the city increased its parking enforcement fleet on bikes, Cabanban said.

Keating said the user-submitted photos, which often display license plate numbers, aren't violating people's privacy and are no different than a citizen reporting any other kind of crime. While cities could use the data to pursue lawbreakers based on their plates, it would be difficult, he said.

This is the most organized and sophisticated effort to address the problem that Keating's seen.

"If parking in an expired spot is worthy of that time and energy, then most certainly a vehicle blocking the bike lane and causing bicyclists to go into harm's way is equally worthy of the city's time and resources in enforcing that law," Keating said.

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Lake County top cop under fire for remarks

Comments on radio show draw challenger rebuke

BY FRANK ABDERHOLDEN
News-Sun

Sheriff Mark Curran's challenger in the upcoming election and some women in Lake County politics are criticizing the sheriff for sexually charged remarks he made on a radio show earlier this year.

Democratic candidate John Idleburg said he was "appalled" by "inappropriate" comments the incumbent Republican made on the Jan. 25 episode of "Chicago's Morning Answer" show on AM 560 The Answer, hosted by Dan Proft and Amy Jacobson. The show was recorded at the Lake County Jail and posted on the station's website.

Idleburg said people have been sharing recordings of the show, during which Curran makes reference to Jacobson's "awesome skin" and that she's a "really nice-looking lady." At one point, the sheriff tells Proft, "That's not bad waking up to, Dan?"

The co-hosts are not married, nor are they in a relationship, according to station program director Marcus Brown.

Curran said in response that Jacobson was not offended by his remarks, and they were simply "a compliment."

"I've paid Amy compliments in the past about her authenticity and her interviewing skills," he said.

Jacobson could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The sheriff said he had been a guest on the show many times, but that was the first time he met Jacobson in person.

On the broadcast, after Curran is introduced, he says, "It's awesome to have y'all here. Um, Amy, um, I have, um, not really met. She's 6 feet tall; got awe-

some skin. She's a really nice-looking lady. That's not bad waking up to, Dan."

"Now you have to compliment me," Proft says.

"Yeah what are some of his ..." Jacobson says before Curran breaks in, "Dan is one of the brightest individuals in this industry, if not right at the very tops."

Idleburg said he was shocked the first time he heard the audio.

"When I heard about it, I was appalled at his comment. They were very inappropriate, but it's consistent with what people who work with him have told me," he said.

Democrat Erin Cartwright Weinstein, clerk of the Circuit Court in Lake County, said she didn't think Curran acted professionally.

"There he was talking about the reporter, and it was just offensive," she said. "I thought he was really offensive when he should have been a role model to look up to."

Lauren Beth Gash, a former Democratic state representative who has been a commissioner on the Illinois Human Rights Commission, which deals with sexual harassment complaints among other issues, said Curran is unfit to be sheriff because of the comments.

"Considering what's occurring around the country about issues of sexual harassment, he should know better," she said.

"These people are haters," Curran said. "They're bringing up a radio interview from eight months ago where a compliment was paid. It just shows they are an angry group."

"No one has promoted more women than I have," Curran said, citing three female deputies he hired who are now going to be on a Lifetime network reality TV series, "Live PD Presents: Women on Patrol."

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Maurice Granton Sr., center, said Wednesday his son "didn't deserve death for whatever crime they think he committed."

Lawyers: Video shows man unarmed when shot by cop

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Sheldon Thrasher. Records show Thrasher, who is African-American, joined the department in 2013. He could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Department officials said that both Thrasher and a second officer involved in the shooting have returned to active duty after taking a mandatory 30-day leave following the incident.

In a statement Wednesday, Chicago police noted that COPA has not requested that any officers involved in the incident be relieved of police powers and placed on desk duty.

Department officials said the Wentworth District tactical officers were in the area conducting a narcotics investigation when they were directed to the 300 block of East 47th Street.

Surveillance video showed Granton and others milling around under the CTA Green Line before a police car pulls up and the men scatter.

The body camera from one officer captured him saying, "Come here, man," and then chasing Granton, who jumped a wooden fence, leaving the view of that officer's body camera.

That officer abandoned the chase, shouting in pain. The view from his camera indicated he was limping away.

But his camera captured the sound of a single gunshot, then a pause, followed



A gun was recovered at the scene where Maurice Granton, 24, was killed.

by three more shots in quick succession.

The body camera video posted from the officer who appears to have opened fire did not include audio from the time of the shooting.

That video showed Granton running across a vacant lot and darting onto a wrought iron fence with one leg raised. As both of his hands reached for the top of the fence, the officer can be seen raising his gun. The video then showed Granton immediately fall from the fence, stumble to his left a few feet and drop to the ground, writhing in pain.

Granton was shot in the back, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

About 10 seconds into an emergency dispatch recording released by COPA, an officer can be heard saying, "Shots fired at and by the police."

"They're calling a 10-1," said the dispatcher, signaling the code for an officer in distress. "... Shots fired at and by the police."

COPA also released a 911 call made by a woman who claimed the police shot Granton five times.

"He wasn't even doing nothing!" the caller shouted. "They shot him

five times (when) he was on the gate, the police!"

"Can y'all please, y'all can save his life if y'all hurry up!"

A use-of-force report filed by Thrasher — released by COPA along with other audio and video evidence — said he reported to supervisors that Granton was armed with a semi-automatic pistol and fired on him.

His body camera video included audio in the moments after the shooting, and the officer who fired can be heard pointing other officers to a gun near Granton. As irate bystanders approached shouting "Maurice!" the officer told them, "He woke."

At one point, the officer exchanged words with a man nearby as other officers arrived and confronted the bystanders.

Thrasher was heard on the video encouraging Granton to "stay woke."

In comments to reporters, Granton's father said his son was "left on the ground like an animal."

"I'm just seeking justice," he said. "It was a cold-blooded murder."

The Police Department released a limited video shortly after the shooting that it said showed Granton holding a gun sometime before he was shot by the officer. The department also tweeted out a photo of a 9 mm handgun it said was recovered.

Romanucci on Wednes-

day took exception to those releases by the department, saying none of the images answered key questions.

"We do not know if Maurice Granton was holding that gun. We do not know if that gun was fired," he said. "We don't know anything about the gun except the narrative that the Chicago Police Department issued on the day of the shooting."

Romanucci also said it was "deeply disturbing that after all this time Chicago police officers are not trained to de-escalate situations."

Granton was pronounced dead at University of Chicago Medical Center. He had been treated at the same hospital just days before for a graze wound near his right eye. He refused to cooperate with police after officers found him lying in an alley in the South Side's Chatham neighborhood, authorities said then.

Granton had two convictions for robbery and theft and several arrests on suspicion of trespassing and drug possession. His last arrest was in 2016, records show.

But his family said that with the birth of two daughters in recent years, Granton had put his criminal behavior in the past.

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New sticking point in CPD consent decree

Watchdog favors cops documenting when they pull guns

By JOHN BYRNE
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City Inspector General Joe Ferguson on Wednesday said he favors requiring Chicago police to document incidents in which an officer points a gun at a person.

Whether they should have to be the lone sticking point in negotiations between the city and the state attorney general's office over a proposed court agreement intended to govern reforms in the Chicago Police Department. Ferguson said Wednesday he had a gun pulled on him by a robber who held up a gas station where he worked as a youth — and then police pulled their weapons on him minutes later when they responded and thought he might have been the culprit. He contended it's a life-altering experience.

"It is a fundamentally perspective-changing event," he said. "And so, it's a really important thing to fold into how it is that we monitor use of force."

Ferguson was appointed by Emanuel to the police accountability task force the mayor created in late 2015 to recommend ways to improve oversight of the Police Department in the wake of the release of video of the police shooting of black teen Laquan McDonald.

Ferguson is not involved in negotiating the consent decree and said he isn't sure who is taking which position regarding the possibility of the data being kept on officers pulling their guns.

State Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office said Friday the sides reached consensus on most of a draft consent decree spanning more than 200 pages that covers topics including use of force, training, supervision and officer accountability.

Officials in Madigan's office have said they want the incidents documented.

Lawyers for Madigan and City Hall were back in court Wednesday but said they had not broken their impasse over the issue. The attorneys indicated they plan to litigate it while moving ahead with the rest of the consent decree.

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City Inspector General Joe Ferguson said there is no reason for officers to oppose his proposal.

Order of Police, whose leaders want the litigation over the consent decree dismissed, is seeking to intervene in the case, though the judge has not ruled on whether the union can be involved.

The union's attorney, Joel D'Alba, said in court that the issue of documenting the pointing of guns is "very critical to the safety of officers." He voiced concern that forcing the department to document the incidents would cause officers to second-guess themselves.

The parties are scheduled to be back in court Aug. 6.

Ferguson said police officers shouldn't oppose the clause, since if they are behaving properly and following department protocols when they pull their guns, the data wouldn't be held against them. The forthcoming draft represents a starting point for a potentially divisive battle over the details of an eventual court agreement.

Efforts to hammer out a court order are poised to take place in the last months of Emanuel's campaign for re-election. The mayor faces multiple challengers who could use his efforts at police reform to cast him as either unconcerned about police abuse or too eager to restrain police in a city plagued by violent crime.

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Ida B. Wells will get her street on part of Congress Parkway

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"Ida: A Sword Among Lions."

But now with a major street renamed in her honor and plans to construct a monument to her in Bronzeville, the pioneering civil and women's rights icon's memory lives.

Ald. Sophia King, 4th, who pushed the measure alongside Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, called Wells "a phenomenal woman" and "the original boss."

"This moment today is a historical moment, a bitter-sweet moment because it also acknowledges there has never been a street downtown named after a woman and/or a person of color," King said. "It's long overdue."

Reilly praised Wells, who fled Tennessee for Chicago, saying "every place she went, every geography she moved to, she made a big impact."

Wells' great-granddaughter Michelle Duster applauded the council for honoring her "in a way that's fitting for the level of contribution she gave to this country."

"My great-grandmother sacrificed a lot in order to fight for justice and equality for women and of African-Americans in particular," Duster said. "To some ex-

"A lot of folks who didn't really know who Ida B. Wells was, they've learned over the last several months."

— Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, pushed for renaming

tent during her lifetime and then definitely after her lifetime, I don't think she got as much credit for the work as she deserved."

The new street name would be in effect only for Congress Parkway between Grant Park and the expressway interchange at the west end of downtown. It would not change farther west.

It is the first official street name change in Chicago since 1968, when the city renamed South Park Way for Martin Luther King Jr.

The effort was supported by dozens of organizations, including the League of Women Voters of Chicago.

The city's Department of Transportation said the department is required by law to provide written notification to the postal service and the board of elections of the name change. It'll be at

least 30 days before the signs change, a spokeswoman said.

The name change was a compromise deal meant to avoid an election-year clash with Italian-American groups that opposed an earlier proposal to change the name of Balbo Drive in Wells' honor.

Balbo Drive is named for Italo Balbo, a pilot who flew from Rome to Chicago in 1933 for the Century of Progress Exposition and who was an ally of Italian fascist leader Benito Mussolini.

Some local Italian-American groups say Balbo's name should stay on the street because his flying feat should be considered separately from his ties to the dictator.

King and Reilly backed off that fight and turned their attention to renaming Congress, but both have suggested Balbo Drive should eventually be renamed, possibly for a Chicagoan of Italian descent without fascist links.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel said there's "poetry" in renaming Congress after Wells due to the street's history.

Long ago, Congress was named after former President John Tyler, who was the only president to join the Confederacy.



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Congress Parkway will be renamed in honor of African-American journalist and anti-lynching activist Ida B. Wells-Barnett. The current Wells Street honors a soldier slain in 1812.

The Chicago Public Library said the street was renamed Congress in September 1872, and though it wasn't explicitly said, "No doubt the Union veterans on the council were not ready to forgive and forget in 1872."

Wells was born enslaved in 1862 and lost her parents as a teenager to yellow fever. She got a job and raised her five siblings, writing in her autobiography, "There's nobody but me to look after them now."

With her husband, Chicago attorney and newspaper publisher Ferdinand Barnett, Wells' wedding announcement ran on the front page of The New York Times. They raised four children on the South Side.

As a journalist and newspaper publisher, Wells-Barnett traveled throughout the South documenting and writing about the lynchings of black men.

She chronicled each case, keeping records, pulling police files and interviewing witnesses. Her newspaper offices in Memphis, Tenn., were vandalized, and she was run out of the city. Still, she went on to publish "Southern Horrors," a long-form article that proved lynching was a form of racial violence aimed at ambitious black Southerners.

She was also a mentor to W.E.B. Du Bois and was close friends with the abolitionist and freedom fighter Frederick Douglass.

She moved to Chicago in 1894 and opened a black settlement house offering housing and social services to African-Americans moving North.

Duster said she hopes the street-naming "will come along with education about who she was."

At a pre-vote news conference, Reilly said the



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street renaming effort and a related effort to build a monument in Wells' honor has "done a lot to educate people in Chicago about her ... legacy."

"A lot of folks who didn't really know who Ida B. Wells was, they've learned over the last several months," Reilly said.

Referring to the confusion expressed by some people over the already-existing Wells Street, King said, "They obviously have never been to Atlanta where there's Peach Street, Peach Way, Peach Drive, Peach Avenue, Peach whatever." "I think we'll figure it out," King said. "I, for one, will be calling it Ida Drive."

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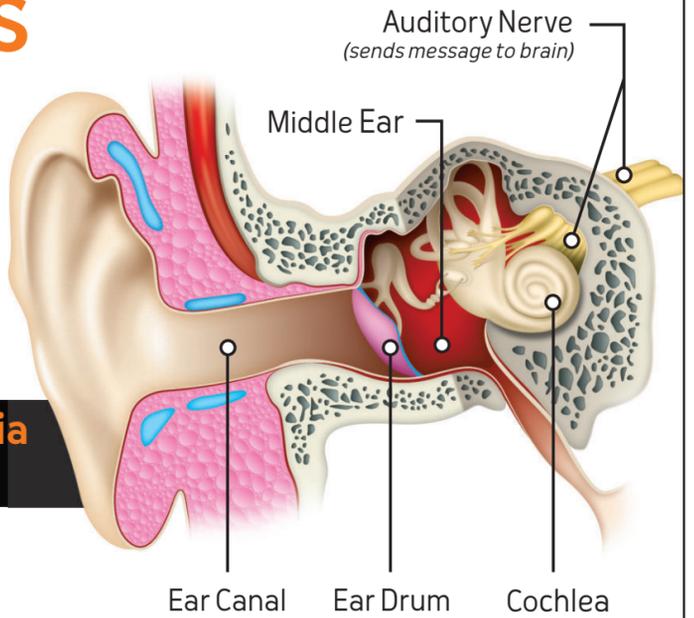
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Pompeo backs Trump's Russia policy

Secretary of state trades barbs with senators, says U.S. won't recognize Crimea annexation

By TRACY WILKINSON
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — An often-defensive Secretary of State Mike Pompeo struggled Wednesday to explain President Donald Trump's often confusing and secretive handling of foreign policy as senators demanded details about the president's conversations last week with Russia's Vladimir Putin.

In testimony that began shortly after the White House announced that a planned Putin visit to Washington would be put off until next year, sparing Republicans an unwanted election-season distraction, Pompeo attempted to dispel the criticism that Trump has been soft on Russia.

Citing a series of economic sanctions that Washington imposed on Moscow and the expulsion from the U.S. of dozens of Russians, Pompeo contended that Trump has overseen a defensive military buildup that "frightens" the Russian president. "Our approach has been ... to steadily raise the costs of aggression until Vladimir Putin chooses a less confrontational foreign policy, while keeping the door open for dialogue," Pompeo testified.

He also unveiled a Crimea Declaration that repeated U.S. refusal to recognize Russia's 2014 attacks on Ukraine and its invasion and annexation of Crimea, and demanded Putin respect international boundaries.

The declaration was designed, in part, to put to rest

ambiguity created by Trump when he chose not to condemn Putin's actions when the two appeared together July 16 in Helsinki.

In nearly three hours of questioning by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Pompeo refused to answer questions that demanded explanations of Trump's often contradictory comments, including his back-and-forth statements on Russian interference in U.S. elections and his boasts that he already has resolved the North Korean nuclear threat after a one-day summit last month with leader Kim Jong Un. He repeatedly deflected questions about Trump's one-on-one meetings with Putin and Kim.

"Presidents are entitled to have private meetings," he said as he declined to answer questions from the committee's senior Democrat, Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey.

All Democrats on the committee, and several Republicans, voiced frustration over the administration's refusal to provide more detailed answers.

"It's not about you; it's not about Mattis," said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., the committee chairman, complimenting Pompeo and Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis. "It's the president who causes people to have concerns," Corker said, listing a series of statements Trump had made this month that he said appeared "purposefully" designed to "create tremendous distrust in this nation and our allies."



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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo testifies Wednesday before a Senate committee.

"Why does he do those things?" Corker asked.

Pompeo said he disagreed and implored senators to pay more attention to policy than to presidential tweets and remarks. He also insisted that Trump was "clearly in charge," even though he often contradicts his own Cabinet members.

In one such contradiction, Pompeo insisted the U.S. would never allow former ambassadors or other officials to be interrogated by Russian agents. "The United States will defend our team that's in the field," he said. "Both during their time in service and thereafter." He declined to acknowledge that in their joint news conference in Finland, Trump had complimented Putin for suggesting just that sort of interrogation of several Americans, including a for-

mer U.S. ambassador to Moscow, Michael McFaul.

The hearing began on a contentious note.

"You come before a group of senators today who are filled with serious doubts about this White House and its conduct of American foreign policy," Corker said. "We really need a clear understanding as to what is going on, what our president is agreeing to and what our strategy is on a number of issues."

Within minutes, Pompeo was exchanging barbs with Menendez, who branded Trump's actions and statements "incoherent" and "untruthful" that cause "chaos and confusion, or worse," and asked whether there was a strategy behind what he called the "art of concessions" that weaken the United States.

Pompeo retorted: "I

understand the game that you're playing."

Repeatedly asked about specific points in Trump's two-hour private talk with Putin, Pompeo would only restate U.S. policy.

When Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., noted that he was avoiding the question, Pompeo curtly responded that he was addressing "what matters."

In summits with Putin and Kim, Trump took the unusual tack of sitting down with wily adversaries without advisers or note-takers. That has led to unverifiable speculation over any agreements that might have been made and widespread unease among lawmakers, politicians and even the Pentagon.

In the absence of U.S. statements, Russian officials and media have reported on verbal agree-

ments they say Trump made, often leaving U.S. officials scrambling.

The Pentagon has been struggling to find out, for example, whether Trump and Putin agreed to a U.S. withdrawal of troops from Syria, as Moscow has said. Pompeo appeared to downplay that, saying that Trump and Putin had agreed only to further talks on Syria to "see if we can't get Russia to be more cooperative."

Menendez, meanwhile, launched a bipartisan effort Tuesday to place additional economic sanctions on Russia, something Trump has repeatedly resisted. On Wednesday he described Trump's Helsinki performance as an "appallingly self-serving circus" that undermined U.S. democracy.

Trump has been ambivalent toward sanctions, and imposed many on Russia only when Congress forced his hand. He has also publicly doubted the extent to which Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election despite evidence of meddling. That has colored much of his positive posture toward Putin — and given ammunition to his critics who say he is weak before Moscow.

In announcing the delay of the White House invitation to Putin, John Bolton, the White House national security adviser, said the meeting would take place early next year "after the Russian witch hunt is over," a reference to the investigation into possible Trump-campaign ties to Russian agents who meddled in the 2016 election.

Putin has yet to accept any White House invitation.

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Trump moves to allay GOP election worries

Capitol Hill leaders, president discuss averting shutdown, tariffs

By ELI STOKOLS
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump took steps Wednesday to allay Republicans' anxieties ahead of the midterm elections, postponing a possible second meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin until next year and agreeing to a cease-fire in a trade war with the European Union that is hurting American farmers.

Both moves came after the president met with Congress' Republican leaders, House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, to discuss an annual funding bill to avert a government shutdown a month before the election.

But the leaders also used the White House meeting to express concerns about the political impact of Trump's approach to Russia and tariffs, according to two people with knowledge of the meeting.

"They're trying not to (mess) up the election," said one source close to the two leaders.

At the outset of a sometimes testy hearing with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Sen. Bob Corker, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, didn't conceal his disdain, warning Pompeo that he was testifying before senators "who are filled with serious doubts about this White House and its conduct of American foreign policy."

Corker, R-Tenn., said he hoped that Pompeo could "convince us that the those at the White House know what they are doing."

For politically vulnerable Republicans hoping to remain in office, the days leading up to the Nov. 6 election will be largely about convincing voters of that.

Party leaders are increasingly worried that Trump is fanning the political headwinds they're already facing.

Polls have shown a bump in voters' preference for Democrats following the Helsinki summit, at which Trump accepted Putin's denial of Russia's 2016 election interference over the findings of the U.S. intelli-

gence agencies. Most Americans say they disapprove of his performance there.

A Quinnipiac University poll taken after the summit and released Wednesday showed Democrats with a 12-point advantage on the question of which party's candidate they would support for Congress.

Further, Trump's protectionist trade stance, which has resonance with many of his supporters, may be a political loser with the broader electorate. According to a NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released this week, by a 2-1 margin, voters oppose Trump's turn toward tariffs, believing they "raise the cost of goods and hurt the economy."

Polls also show opposition to his proposed wall on the southern border, an issue that could risk a shutdown if his demands for billions of dollars prevent agreement on a government-funding measure for the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1.

Most worrisome to Republicans are Trump's threats of new tariffs on trading partners, which



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Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., said senators had "serious doubts" about the U.S. foreign policy.

could invite more retaliatory tariffs, hurting American producers and undercutting the party's economic message.

"For Republicans, the midterms have to be about the economy. If it's about tariffs, Russia or anything else, it's hugely problematic," said Alex Conant, a party strategist.

"Our message needs to be: People have more money in their pocket today because of Republican leadership in Washington, and Democratic control would jeopardize economic security. To the extent that tariffs weaken the economy and undermine that mes-

sage, they're a political disaster."

McConnell described his and Ryan's conversation with the president as "routine," and went out of his way to say that Trump was interested in the status of the Senate's process for confirming his Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh. McConnell told the president it's "going along nicely."

Later on Wednesday, a group of 11 House Republicans introduced articles of impeachment against Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who oversees special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into

Russian election interference and Trump's 2016 campaign.

The Republicans who introduced the resolution have criticized Rosenstein for not being responsive enough as they have requested documents related to the Russia investigation and a closed investigation into Democrat Hillary Clinton's emails.

It is unclear whether there will be enough support in the party to pass it, as Republican leaders have not signed on to the effort.

Washington Bureau's Sarah Wire and Tracy Wilkinson contributed.

DeVos moves to tighten rules for student loan debt relief

By LAURA MECKLER AND DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Betsy DeVos moved Wednesday to make it harder for students who say they were defrauded by colleges to erase their debts, rolling back Obama-era regulations that for-profit colleges saw as threatening their survival.

The proposed rules published Wednesday require students to prove schools

knowingly deceived them if they want their federal loans canceled. And it scuttled an Obama administration provision that allowed similar claims to be processed as a group. Instead, students will have to prove their claims individually.

The rules are DeVos' rewrite of an Obama-era regulation published in 2016 and part of that administration's crackdown on



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for-profit colleges that critics say prey on vulnerable students. In ways big and small, the new version makes it harder for students to win debt forgiveness.

"Postsecondary students are adults who can be reasonably expected to make informed decisions and who must take personal accountability for the decisions they make," said the proposed regulation, which

was posted online Wednesday.

Still, DeVos said in a statement, "Our commitment and our focus has been and remains on protecting students from fraud."

The Education Department punted for now on one key question: whether students must be in default in order to apply for loan forgiveness. Allowing "affirmative claims" from students who are current on their loan payments could invite a flood of applica-

tions, the agency warned, because there is little downside to asking for loan forgiveness. At the same time, the Education Department said, it does not want to create incentives for borrowers to fall into default in hopes of winning debt relief.

The department said it wants feedback on the matter. But it said that if claims are permitted from people not in default, they may be required to meet a higher burden of proof. In general, the agency is suggesting

that applicants prove their case with a "preponderance of evidence," the same standard used by the Obama version. But the department said it was considering the tougher standard of "clear and convincing" evidence in the case of claims from people not in default, if those are allowed.

The department aims to publish a final rule by Nov. 1 so that it can take effect for loans originating after July 1, 2019. The agency will allow 30 days for public comments on the proposal.

Officials: ISIS kills at least 204 in Syria

Coordinated attacks also injure 180 in southern province

BY ALBERT AJI
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DAMASCUS, Syria — The Islamic State unleashed suicide blasts and gunfire Wednesday in a coordinated ambush on a city and several villages in southern Syria, triggering ferocious clashes between residents and the militants that provincial health officials said killed more than 200 people.

The attacks across the province of Sweida, which included several suicide bombings, shattered the calm of a region that has been largely insulated from the worst of the violence of Syria's 7-year-long civil war.

The suicide bomb blasts inside the provincial capital, also called Sweida, were apparently timed to coincide with attacks on villages in the eastern countryside, creating mayhem across the province.

The attacks triggered deadly clashes between pro-government fighters and residents who picked up weapons to defend their hometowns on one side and militants from the Islamic State, also called ISIS, on the other.

By nightfall, the provin-



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Syrians inspect a blast site in Sweida, the provincial capital. Coordinated attacks rocked the province Wednesday.

ce's health directorate had recorded 204 civilians killed and 180 wounded, according to local official Hassan Omar, making it the single bloodiest day for the province since the 2011 national revolt that sparked the ongoing civil war.

Sultan Bou Ammar, a resident of the village of Shbiki, said some residents unwittingly opened their doors when militants knocked early Thursday.

"They kidnapped more

than 40 people, all of them women or children," Bou Ammar said.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said at least 183 people were killed, including 94 residents who were part of local defense militias that have the backing of the Syrian government.

At least 45 ISIS militants were killed in the fighting.

Al-Ikhbariya state-run TV showed images from several locations in the

province and its capital where the bombers blew themselves up.

The rare attacks in Sweida, populated mainly by Syria's minority Druze, came amid a government offensive elsewhere in the country's south.

Government forces are battling the ISIS-linked group near the frontier with Israeli-occupied Golan Heights and near the border with Jordan.

The group also has a

small presence on the eastern edge of Sweida province.

Since their offensive in June, Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces have retaken territories controlled by the rebels along the Golan Heights frontier and are now fighting militants in the country's southern tip.

ISIS has been largely defeated in Syria and Iraq, but still has pockets of territory it controls in east-

ern and southern Syria.

Al-Ikhbariya said one of the suicide bombers hit a vegetable market in the city of Sweida just after 5 a.m., a busy time for the merchants at the start of their day.

The bomber drove through the market on a motorcycle and detonated his explosives, the TV station said. A second attacker hit in another busy square in the city. Two other attackers blew themselves up as they were chased by security forces, the TV said.

The city of Sweida has largely been spared most of the violence that Syrian cities have witnessed in the years since the conflict started in 2011.

The provinces' religious and civil leaders have preached coexistence with Damascus, even as cities elsewhere in the country heaved with protests.

But the largely rural province has suffered from emigration as weak employment prospects and conscription pressures to serve in the national army have pushed men out.

Bou Ammar, of Shbiki, said there weren't many men left to defend the village when the militants attacked.

"We got reinforcements from (security) forces near and far, God grant them peace," he said.



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Jubilant supporters of Pakistani politician Imran Khan celebrate Wednesday in Lahore.

Cricket star leads Pakistani vote amid election violence

Rival charges fraud; suicide blast kills 31

BY KATHY GANNON
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ISLAMABAD — Pakistanis voted for a new government Wednesday in an election marred by violence and allegations of fraud. The winner will face a crumbling economy and bloodshed by militants whose latest attack saw a suicide bomber kill 31 people outside a polling station.

Official results declaring a winner were not expected before Thursday morning.

Early unofficial results gave cricket star Imran Khan and his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Party, or PTI, a commanding lead over his main rival, Shahbaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League.

Khan supporters danced to the beat of drums at his party headquarters in Islamabad, sensing a victory. The sound of fire crackers echoed in the night sky.

Sharif, the younger brother of disgraced Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who has been jailed on corruption charges, dis-

puted the election results even before they were announced. He charged fraud and vowed not to accept the results, generating fears that disgruntled losers could delay the formation of the next government.

The parliamentary balloting marked only the second time in Pakistan's 71-year history that one civilian government has handed power to another in the country of 200 million people. There also have been concerns during the election campaign about manipulation by the military, which has directly or indirectly ruled the country for most of its existence.

"We will sweep the elections," said Abdul Basit, a supporter of Khan's, who watched the results on a large TV screen.

Hours after the polls opened, a suicide bomber on a motorcycle detonated his explosives in a crowd waiting to vote in the southwestern city of Quetta.

In addition to the 31 dead, the attack wounded 35 people, said Dr. Jaffar Kakar, a hospital official.

No one claimed responsibility, but local officials were quick to blame the Islamic State, also called ISIS.

The attack in Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province, underscored the difficulties the majority Muslim nation faces on its wobbly journey toward sustained democracy.

Baluchistan also saw the worst violence during campaigning earlier this month, when a suicide bomber struck at a political rally, killing 149 people, including the candidate Siraj Raisani. Another 400 were wounded. ISIS claimed responsibility for that attack. Baluchistan has seen relentless attacks, both by the province's secessionists and Sunni militants who have killed hundreds of Shiites there.

As voting ended, festive supporters of both parties gathered outside polling stations, dancing to the beat of drums. The third-largest party is the left-leaning Pakistan People's Party, headed by Bilawal Bhutto, the son of late Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, assassinated by the Pakistani Taliban, whom she had vowed to eradicate.

More than 11,000 candidates are vying for 270 seats in Pakistan's law-making National Assembly, the lower house of parliament, and 577 seats in four provincial assemblies.



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A woman tries to save what she can Wednesday in Neos Voutzas, a village near Athens.

Grim search: Death toll hits 81 in Greek fires near Athens

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MATI, Greece — Rescuers intensified a grim house-to-house search Wednesday for more casualties from a deadly forest fire outside Athens, as the country's military said it was using footage from U.S. combat drones and surveillance aircraft to try to determine whether arsonists were behind the blaze and stop future attacks.

Joint patrols of the Fire Service, army personnel and volunteer rescuers discovered more bodies in the gutted homes near the port of Rafina east of Athens, raising the death toll to 81.

Nikos Giannopoulos stood with his wife and two children outside the destroyed home of his mother, waiting for news as rescuers searched each room. They found her charred body in the bathroom. Giannopoulos had searched the home earlier but failed to spot his mother's body.

"She died helpless, an 88-year-old woman. I lost my nearby home in the fire, and my mother's was burned too," he said, his voice cracking with emo-

tion. "So many people died that it took the rescuers three days to find her."

The fire forced hundreds to sprint to sea for safety, swimming out into the rough waters to avoid the suffocating smoke until they were picked up by boats after nightfall. Divers and coast guard patrols were still searching Wednesday for bodies at sea.

Tawefik Halil, 42, was among dozens of fishermen who responded to the overwhelmed Greek coast guard's urgent call for volunteers to help save hundreds of people stranded on beaches and in the choppy waters, buffeted by gale-force winds.

The fishermen, Halil said, were confronted by cries for help that pierced the choking smoke as dozens of people bobbed in the sea. Children held onto adults, and people who couldn't swim clung to those who could.

"It was chaos, do you understand? Do you know what it's like to be in all that smoke, not being able to see anything and to have people asking for help?" Halil said Wednesday.

Halil said he and the others did what they could as they plucked young and

old from the water.

"You can't see anything in the smoke and fire — so much fire and so much smoke. There was so much wind," he said. "We could not breathe. I almost fainted at some point from all the smoke, and it was very difficult, my friend, it was so difficult."

Halil, an Egyptian who has been living in Greece and working as a fisherman for two decades, said it was his second time dealing with a humanitarian disaster; the first was helping to rescue Syrian migrants after their flimsy boat capsized off the Greek island of Chios in 2015.

Flags across Greece, including those at parliament, public hospitals and the ancient Acropolis in Athens, flew at half-staff after Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras declared three days of national mourning.

Firefighting planes from Italy and Romania and fire patrols from Cyprus joined the Greek effort Wednesday, while Defense Minister Panos Kammenos announced that U.S. surveillance aircraft had also assisted in the firefighting effort and were gathering footage to try to determine whether Monday's fire had been started deliberately.

Judges crack down; carriers told to kill cellphones in prisons

BY DON THOMPSON
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Judges in California and South Carolina have ordered cellphone carriers to disable nearly 200 contraband cellphones used by inmates to orchestrate crimes behind and outside prison walls, the most sweeping order of its kind ever won by corrections officials.

It's an important victory for prison officials who have been frustrated by their inability to stop the flow of smuggled phones

that are used to coordinate drug deals, gang operations and killings. Even murderous cult leader Charles Manson, who died in November, obtained phones and used them to communicate with followers outside prison.

The warrant essentially orders carriers to "turn these phones into bricks," California Corrections Secretary Scott Kernan said this week. The phones will be shut down over the next week or two, he said.

Kernan expects other states will follow the lead of South Carolina and Cali-

fornia and ask judges to approve broad shutdowns.

Last February, federal prosecutors said two inmates used smuggled cellphones to run a drug-dealing street gang from inside California's super-maximum-security Pelican Bay State Prison. And South Carolina officials blamed a prison riot that killed seven inmates in April on a turf war between gangs over territory, money and contraband items such as drugs and cellphones.

The wireless industry has long been able to remotely disable cellphones if

they are lost or stolen. But the industry has said it needs a court order before it can shut down the devices at the request of the government.

The goal is to not only stop inmates from using the phones to orchestrate crimes, but to disrupt the smuggling of cellphones by prison employees and others that Kernan said can bring the smuggler "about \$1,500 a pop on the (prison) black market."

California authorities seized more than 13,000 cellphones last year, "so you can do the math," Kernan

said. "That's a lot of black market."

Getting an order to shut down multiple cellphones is more efficient and cheaper than tracking them down one at a time.

Last week in California, a Kern County judge ordered all the major carriers to shut down 97 devices at Kern Valley State Prison in Delano, north of Bakersfield. A South Carolina judge also issued a similar warrant for about 100 cellphones at one prison there.

Prison officials identified the contraband phones using signal-capturing devices

that were installed years ago at 18 of the California's 35 prisons. They halted expansion of that program in 2015 for fear the technology was being outpaced by advances in cellphones' sophistication.

South Carolina officials used similar technology to identify the illicit cellphones there, Kernan said.

California has since installed nearly 1,000 sophisticated metal detectors, scanners and secret security cameras in prisons to detect and deter the smuggling of cellphones and other contraband like drugs.

Trump-Cohen feud heating up

Audio tape before 2016 election captures talk of payment for story on alleged affair

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WASHINGTON — Two months before the 2016 election, Donald Trump and his lawyer discussed plans to pay for a former Playboy model's story of an alleged affair, according to a secretly recorded tape released amid an escalating feud between the president and his longtime personal attorney.

The audio recording, made by Trump's former lawyer Michael Cohen, appears to contradict the Trump campaign's later claim that the president knew nothing about a media company's purchase of model Karen McDougal's story or any efforts to keep it from becoming public.

The tape captures the soon-to-be elected president and his lawyer discussing logistics of financing and whether to "pay with cash," although the sound is muffled and Trump's instructions on that are unclear. Lawyers for Trump and Cohen are disputing what was said.

The tape was provided to CNN on Tuesday by Cohen's attorney, Lanny Davis, and signals a new level of open hostility between the president and the man who once described himself as Trump's "fixer." Cohen, who is under federal investigation for possible bank fraud and campaign finance violations, has shown a growing willingness to reveal damaging information.

On Wednesday, Trump vented on Twitter about the release of the surreptitious

tape. "What kind of a lawyer would tape a client? So sad!" he said. "Is this a first, never heard of it before? Why was the tape so abruptly terminated (cut) while I was presumably saying positive things?"

In an earlier interview, Davis said Cohen released the tape in response to an "intense campaign of disparagement" from Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani and the president's team. He accused Giuliani of "inventing words" concerning the tape's reference to cash payments.

Giuliani says Trump said "don't pay with cash," which he says shows Trump was not trying to hide the potential payment.

"The word is 'cash.' Everybody should listen to the tape and see whether I'm right or not," Davis said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The taped conversation between Trump and Cohen came weeks after the National Enquirer's parent company reached a \$150,000 deal to pay McDougal for her story of a 2006 affair, which it never published, a tabloid practice known as catch and kill.

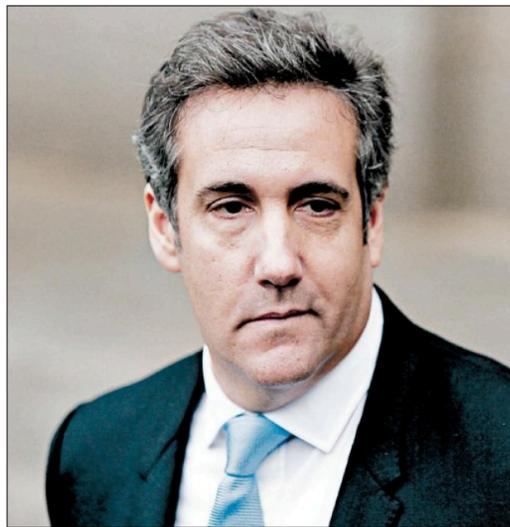
Davis also hinted that Cohen may have more to say. "Michael Cohen has turned a corner in his life and he's now dedicated to telling the truth to everyone, and we'll see what happens," Davis said.

Asked if Cohen was still seeking a presidential pardon while under federal investigation, Davis responded simply: "No."

On the tape, Trump and Cohen appear to be discussing buying the rights to McDougal's story from the



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The tape of Donald Trump and Michael Cohen apparently discussing paying an ex-model was provided Tuesday to CNN.

"Michael Cohen has turned a corner in his life and he's now dedicated to telling the truth to everyone, and we'll see what happens."

— Lanny Davis, Cohen's attorney

Enquirer's parent company. Trump's lawyers say the payments were never made.

Cohen can be heard saying he needed to start a company "for the transfer of all of that info regarding our friend David," a possible reference to David Pecker, Trump's friend and president of the National Enquirer's parent company, American Media Inc.

When Cohen begins to discuss financing, Trump interrupts him and asks, "What financing?"

"We'll have to pay," Cohen responds.

The audio is muffled, but Trump can be heard saying "pay with cash," though it isn't clear if he is suggesting to pay with cash or not to pay with cash. Cohen immediately says, "No, no, no"

and Trump can then be heard saying, "check."

Giuliani said he's had an expert, whom he did not name, enhance the recording and the president says "don't pay with cash."

"Suggesting otherwise is ridiculous and is inconsistent with the rest of the conversation, during which it was discussed doing it through a corporation," Giuliani said.

Giuliani said Cohen, as Trump's lawyer, thought it would be best to buy the rights to McDougal's story and the tape captures the two of them discussing how to do just that.

"Cohen says I have to pay him. The president brings up cash and says don't pay with cash and says 'check.' He wants it memorialized,"

Giuliani said. "Cohen then says 'No, no, no, no' and he cuts off the tape. He obviously cuts it off in mid-sentence and that in itself is suspicious."

"The president wanted to do it the right way. If you wanted to hide something, you would not do it by corporation or check," he said.

Giuliani said he didn't know why the payment was never made.

Davis said he released the tape because his client has been smeared in the media and wanted to set the record straight. He noted Trump does not appear to be learning about the McDougal matter.

"Listen to the tape. Donald Trump is not shocked money is being paid about someone named Karen McDougal," Davis said on CNN.

American Media Inc.'s payment effectively silenced McDougal through the election, though days beforehand news of the deal emerged in The Wall Street Journal. At the time, a Trump spokeswoman

said his campaign had "no knowledge of any of this."

The FBI raided Cohen's office, home and hotel room in April, searching in part for information about payments to McDougal and porn actress Stormy Daniels, who says she had a sexual encounter with Trump in 2006 — which Trump denies — and was paid \$130,000 as part of a non-disclosure agreement signed days before the 2016 election.

A dozen audio recordings seized during those raids were forwarded to federal prosecutors last week after lawyers dropped challenges on attorney-client privilege grounds.

Giuliani said those recordings captured Cohen discussing the president with third parties, whom he would not identify.

Trump and Cohen can also be heard on the recording discussing other legal issues, including fighting a request by The New York Times to unseal court records concerning Trump's divorce from his first wife, Ivana.

Reunifications of families said to be on track

Hispanic Caucus doubts DHS chief claim

BY ALAN FRAM
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WASHINGTON — The chief of the Homeland Security Department has told members of Congress that the government is "on track" to meet Thursday's court-ordered deadline of reuniting hundreds of migrant children with their families, lawmakers who met privately with her said.

Wednesday's assertion by Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen was greeted with open disbelief and anger, according to many of the roughly 20 members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus — all Democrats — who attended. The private, hourlong meeting seemed to do little toward dousing lawmakers' criticism of how children taken from their parents are being handled.

Nielsen also told the group, "I am not a racist," according to two of the lawmakers. One of them, Rep. Luis Guterrez, D-Ill., said she made the remark after he told her she worked for a "racist regime." Gutierrez said she cited her friendship with the first lady of Honduras and other Latina women.

Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, tweeted that she told the lawmakers: "I am not a racist. Nobody believes families should be separated."

A spokeswoman for the Homeland Security Department was asked for comment and did not immediately provide one.

After the meeting, lawmakers said Nielsen provided no statistics to support her assertion that the deadline for reuniting families would be met.

"She said they believe they're on track" to meet the court deadline, said Rep. Jim Costa, D-Calif., one of several lawmakers who said she used that phrase to describe the status of reuniting separated families.

"That's impossible. And we all said this to her," said Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz. Gutierrez said he told Nielsen "she is committing crimes against humanity, that she is a child abuser" and that she is "an accomplice of Donald Trump's racist regime."

U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego set a Thursday deadline for reuniting children 5 and older who have been held by the government since their



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Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen arrives for a closed meeting with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

families were caught entering the country without authorization.

As many as 2,551 children age 5 and up were separated from their families and 1,187 children have been reunited with parents, guardians or sponsors, the government has said. The government has been releasing hundreds of families to faith-based groups, which are caring for them.

The government has said 463 migrant parents may have been deported after being separated from their children, further complicating the reunification process. Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., said Nielsen suggested to the lawmakers Wednesday that those chil-

dren were left behind in the U.S. at those parents' requests.

"We simply do not believe that's true," Menendez said.

A separate deadline that Sabraw had set for reuniting around 100 children younger than age 5 with their families passed two weeks ago. Just over half have rejoined their parents or guardians, according to the latest figures.

The separations caused a bipartisan, nationwide uproar against Trump's policy of "zero tolerance," in which the government prosecutes all migrants entering the U.S. illegally.

The government initially separated children from

their detained parents or guardians. Under pressure, Trump abandoned the family separation policy, but hundreds of children remain apart from their parents in conditions that visitors have described as horrid.

Nielsen ignored reporters' questions when she left the meeting.

"Very productive. Very frank," she said.

The lawmakers said Nielsen also told them her agency is financing the costs of detaining families with a 1 percent across-the-board cut to its programs.

A Homeland Security spokeswoman said the added costs are due to increased numbers of people

being caught entering the country, and the money is being used for additional beds and transportation expenses.

Separately, the Republican-dominated House Appropriations Committee approved \$5 billion for building parts of Trump's proposed border wall with Mexico after rejecting a Democratic effort to redirect that money to other immigration programs.

Trump has requested the \$5 billion for next year, but the Senate version of the bill financing the Homeland Security Department has just \$1.6 billion. The final amount will need to be worked out later this year.

Judge's ruling on Trump hotel could open up financial records

BY STEPHEN BRAUN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Maryland and the District of Columbia can proceed with their lawsuit accusing President Donald Trump of unconstitutionally accepting payments from foreign and state interests through his Washington hotel.

The decision clears the way for the plaintiffs to seek financial records and other materials from the presi-

dent's company.

In his ruling, U.S. District Judge Peter Messitte, based in Maryland, rejected arguments from the Justice Department that earnings from business activities, including hotel room stays, do not qualify as unconstitutional gifts. At issue is the Constitution's emoluments clause, which bans federal officials from accepting benefits from foreign or state governments without congressional approval. The plaintiffs argue Trump's hotel harms area

business because of the president's ties.

Messitte's ruling was the first time a federal judge has interpreted the emoluments clause, which had never been fully tested in an American courtroom.

In his 52-page opinion, the judge said attorneys general for Maryland and the District had "convincingly argued" that the Constitution treats emoluments "as any 'profit,' 'gain,' or 'advantage.'"

"The Court finds the President is subject to both

Emoluments Clauses of the Constitution and that the term 'emolument' in both clauses extends to any profit, gain or advantage," Messitte wrote.

The judge ordered both sides to provide a schedule of their next steps within 21 days.

A spokesman for the Justice Department, Andy Reuss, said the administration continues "to maintain that this case should be dismissed." Reuss added that the department "is reviewing the order and determin-

ing next steps to continue vigorously defending the president." They could appeal Messitte's ruling to a federal appeals court.

Declaring Messitte's ruling a "series of common sense conclusions," Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh said Wednesday that he expected both jurisdictions to press for a wide range of financial documents and related materials from the Trump Organization and Trump International Hotel.

Among the documents

likely sought by the plaintiffs, Frosh said, would be several years of the president's income taxes.

Norman Eisen, a former Obama administration ethics counsel, said the ruling represented a "major leap forward" in learning "how Trump is profiting off the presidency."

"It is another major crack in the dam that has so far been holding back accountability," said Eisen, who chairs Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington.

Driver's livestream a river of woes

Uber evaluating privacy policies in response to story

BY ERIN HEFFERNAN
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ST. LOUIS — The response to a report about a St. Louis-area Uber driver livestreaming his passengers without consent was so immediate that one woman found out while she was still his passenger.

Tish Owens, of St. Louis, was picked up in an Uber driven by Jason Gargac on Friday night, about an hour after the St. Louis Post-Dispatch first reported that he had for months been livestreaming his passengers online without their knowledge as his viewers watched and commented.

Gargac was still streaming live when Owens got into his Chevrolet Silverado as the story spread online, and she asked him to stop at a pizza place for food on her way home.

An employee at the restaurant approached her and said: "Did you get here in an Uber? Someone called to tell us you're being recorded by your driver right now without your consent?" Owens was shocked.

Her realization was among the first of many repercussions to come from the story.

About a day after it was published online, both Uber and Lyft deactivated Gargac as a driver. His livestream and more than 180 hours of footage from his rides disappeared from Twitch, the livestreaming website where he had posted his videos under the name "JustSmurf."

First names, and occasionally full names, were revealed in his videos. Homes were shown. Passengers were recorded in embarrassing situations, telling personal stories or complaining about friends, relatives and bosses. All the while an online audience



SETH WENIG/AP

watched, many of them focused on evaluating women's bodies and making crass and sexual comments.

Gargac said he had earned about \$3,500 from Twitch users through his stream.

Within days, the story was picked up by The New York Times, "NBC Nightly News," the BBC and "Good Morning America," among others, and was used to illustrate the gray areas of privacy law today.

Gargac could be open to civil litigation from passengers who sue for their privacy rights, or possibly even criminal measures. While Missouri requires only one party in a conversation to consent to a recording, Gargac also drove into Illinois where all parties must legally give their consent.

But the latest impact came Monday, when Uber confirmed it was looking to clarify its policies in response to the situation.

The ride-sharing service is used for about 15 million

trips each day in 65 countries around the world.

The company's guidelines say drivers can record for safety, but do not specifically prohibit other uses of such footage. Cases of drivers publishing videos of passengers online are evaluated on an individual basis, an Uber spokesman told the Post-Dispatch on Monday.

Actions such as disrespectful behavior or disclosing private information about passengers for personal gain are already banned under the company's guidelines. Still, examples of drivers posting videos online to shame their passengers or creating livestreams of their own can be found across the country.

Lyft, through which Gargac also gave rides streamed to his channel, has not responded to multiple requests for comment nor questions from the Post-Dispatch about its policies on drivers livestreaming or using videos of passengers for entertainment or profit.

Gargac defended what he did in an interview with the Post-Dispatch earlier this month, and said he had taken some measures to stream less of his passengers' private information. He has not responded to requests for comment since the story was published online Friday.

He did, however, react to the publication in real-time Friday night into Saturday as he continued to stream his passengers without their knowledge.

"People are offended by everything," he told his viewers.

Passengers contacted by the Post-Dispatch expressed relief that the videos were taken down and that Gargac was no longer driving for Uber and Lyft. But many said they hope the companies do better in the future.

"It's frustrating that it took this to get the companies to respond, because I reached out multiple times with no real response," said one passenger, who was initially given a \$5 credit

when she alerted Uber to the problem. "A \$5 refund was a slap in the face. Why didn't someone do something sooner?"

Another passenger said he was glad that his videos could no longer be viewed by the public.

"It was embarrassing," he said. "I feel like Gargac is getting what he deserves, but I hope Uber digs deeper on this."

Owens said it was good to know she was likely one of his last passengers.

After she was warned that she was being recorded, Owens returned to Gargac's truck. She suspected he was recording, but still didn't know she had an audience in real-time.

She asked Gargac if she was being recorded. Yes, he responded, saying it was just for security purposes.

"I thought that's not a big deal if it's for security," Owens said.

After she got home, though, Owens grew concerned.

"I started wondering,

'How did (the pizza place) know?'" she said. "I was wearing a short skirt. What did that camera see?"

She complained to Uber: "The driver was great. I just don't like being recorded without an initial acknowledgment," she said.

She was given a \$5 credit. When she pushed for more answers on their policies, the company bumped it to \$10.

Owens did some online research and found the story on STLToddy.com the next day. She realized she had just been streamed to the internet.

"I felt exposed," she said. "It's not for security purposes like he told me. It's for his selfish gain. I want to know what Uber's going to do about this."

The next night, Owens walked instead of taking an Uber when she was going out.

"Every Uber ride from now on I'm going to ask, 'Are you recording me?'" she said. "I'm going to ask absolutely every time."

Trade war cease-fire reached by U.S., EU

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they're talking about freer trade rather than trade barriers and an escalating tariff war," said Rufus Yerxa, president of the National Foreign Trade Council and a former U.S. trade official. But he said reaching a detailed trade agreement with the EU would likely prove difficult.

The tone was friendlier than it has been. During a recent European trip, Trump referred to the EU as a "foe, what they do to us in trade."

Juncker, after Trump imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, said in March that "this is basically a stupid process, the fact that we have to do this. But we have to do it. We can also do stupid."

On Wednesday, Trump and Juncker said they have agreed to work toward "zero tariffs" and "zero subsidies" on non-automotive goods.

Trump told reporters it was a "very big day for free and fair trade" and later tweeted a photo of himself and Juncker in an embrace, with Juncker kissing his cheek.

"Obviously the European Union, as represented by @JunckerEU and the United States, as represented by yours truly, love

each other!" he wrote.

The president campaigned on a vow to get tough on trading partners he accuses of taking advantage of bad trade deals to run up huge trade surpluses with the U.S.

He has slapped taxes on imported steel and aluminum, saying they pose a threat to U.S. national security. The U.S. and EU are now working to resolve their differences over steel and aluminum — but the tariffs are still in place. And they would continue to hit U.S. trading partners like Canada, Mexico and Japan even if the U.S. and the EU cut a deal.

Whatever progress was achieved Wednesday could provide some relief for U.S. automakers. The escalating trade war and tariffs on steel and aluminum had put pressure on auto company earnings. General Motors had slashed its outlook, and shares of Ford Motor Co. and auto parts companies had fallen.

"Our biggest exposure, our biggest unmitigated exposure, is really steel and aluminum when you look at all of the commodities," GM CEO Mary Barra said Wednesday.

Trump has also imposed tariffs on \$34 billion of Chinese imports — a figure he has threatened to raise to



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President Donald Trump meets with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker on Wednesday in the Oval Office to discuss trade issues.

\$500 billion — in a dispute over Beijing's aggressive drive to supplant U.S. technological dominance.

China has counter-punched with tariffs on American products, including soybeans and pork — a shot at Trump supporters in the U.S. heartland.

The EU is stepping in to ease some of U.S. farmers' pain. Juncker said the EU "can import more soybeans from the U.S., and it will be done."

Mary Lovely, a Syracuse University economist who studies trade, said, "The Chinese are not going to be buying our soybeans, so almost by musical chairs our soybeans are going to Europe." The trouble is,

China last year imported \$12.3 billion in U.S. soybeans and the EU just \$1.6 billion.

Trump's announcement stunned lawmakers who arrived at the White House ready to unload concerns over the administration's trade policies only to be quickly ushered into Rose Garden for what the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee called "quite a startling" development.

"I think everybody sort of changed what they were going to say," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

Lawmakers said they still needed to see details of the agreement with the EU as well as progress on the

other deals. But they said the breakthrough announcement was a step in the right direction.

"We have more confidence in him now than we did before," said Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas, the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

The White House announcement came as the Trump administration announced a final rule aimed at speeding up approval of applications for small-scale exports of liquefied natural gas. The Trump administration has made LNG exports a priority, arguing that they help the economy and enhance geopolitical stability in countries that purchase U.S. gas.

"Auto tariffs are looming unless the EU buys more U.S. stuff ..."

— Daniel Ikenson, director of trade studies, Cato Institute

Juncker said the two sides also agreed to work together to reform the World Trade Organization, which Trump has vehemently criticized as being unfair to the U.S.

The biggest news from the Trump-Juncker meeting is that it appears to have delayed an impending trade war over autos. Trump had threatened to tax imported cars, trucks and auto parts, potentially targeting imports that last year totaled \$335 billion.

The European Union had warned that it would retaliate with tariffs on products worth \$20 billion if Trump put duties on cars and auto parts from Europe.

But the auto trade war with Europe is on hold while the U.S. and EU engage in further trade talks. Daniel Ikenson, director of trade studies at the libertarian Cato Institute, warned that the fight could flare up again if Trump grows impatient with Europe.

"Auto tariffs are looming unless the EU buys more U.S. stuff and does other things Trump demands," he said.

Hopes rise again for a new drug to slow Alzheimer's disease

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Hopes are rising again for a drug to alter the course of Alzheimer's disease after decades of failures. An experimental therapy slowed mental decline by 30 percent in patients who got the highest dose in a mid-stage study, and it removed much of the sticky plaque gumming up their brains, the drug's makers said Wednesday.

The results have been

highly anticipated and have sent the stock of the two companies involved soaring in recent weeks.

The drug from Eisai and Biogen did not meet its main goal in a study of 856 participants, so it was considered a flop overall. But company officials said that 161 people who got the highest dose every two weeks for 18 months did significantly better than 245 people who were given a dummy treatment.

There are lots of caveats about the work, which was

led by company scientists rather than academic researchers and not reviewed by outside experts. The study also was too small to be definitive and the results need to be confirmed with more work, dementia experts said. But they welcomed any glimmer of success after multiple failures.

"We're cautiously optimistic," said Maria Carrillo, chief science officer of the Alzheimer's Association, whose international conference in Chicago featured the results.

"A 30 percent slowing of decline is something I would want my family member to have," and the drug's ability to clear the brain plaques "looks pretty amazing," she said.

About 50 million people worldwide have dementia, and Alzheimer's is the most common type. There is no cure — current medicines just ease symptoms. Some previous efforts to develop a drug to slow the disease may have been tried too late, after much damage had already occurred. The new

drug aimed sooner, in people with early Alzheimer's, and the drug works at an earlier step in formation of the sticky brain plaques.

Study participants were given one of five doses of BAN2401 or a dummy treatment via IV. After one year, the companies said the drug didn't meet statistical goals. But after 18 months, they saw a benefit in the highest dose group.

What makes it tricky, though, is that they used a new way to measure mental decline, a scale that com-

bines parts of three other widely used tests. This is the first study to use that measure, and it's unclear how much of a difference a 30 percent slowing of decline makes.

Brain scans added evidence that the drug might be effective. All participants had signs of sticky plaques that are the hallmark of Alzheimer's at the start of the study, but 81 percent of people on the highest dose saw all signs of them disappear after 18 months, an Eisai official said.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Water may be buried beneath Martian landscape, study says

NEW YORK — A lake of salty water appears to be buried in Mars, raising the possibility of finding life on the red planet, scientists reported Wednesday.

The discovery, based on observations by a European spacecraft, generated excitement from experts. Water is essential to life as we know it, and scientists have long sought to prove that the liquid is present on Mars.

"If these researchers are right, this is the first

time we've found evidence of a large water body on Mars," said Cassie Stuurman, a University of Texas geophysicist who found signs of an enormous Martian ice deposit in 2016.

The study, published in the journal *Science*, does not determine how deep the reservoir is. This means that scientists can't specify whether it's an underground pool, an aquifer-like body, or just a layer of sludge.

Pope adviser blasts pro-crucifix legislation in Italy: 'Hands off!'

ROME — An adviser to Pope Francis criticized legislation proposed by Italy's anti-migrant League party to require ports and other public institutions to display a crucifix, saying Wednesday that the religious symbol isn't "a team emblem" to be shown for political ends.

"If you remove the (religious) symbolism from the crucifix it becomes a parody," the Rev. Antonio Spadaro, editor of the Jes-

uit magazine *Civiltà Cattolica*, said during a Rome conference on the pope.

A tweet Spadaro posted with a blunt "Hands off!" went viral.

It was an apparent critique of the hard line Italy's populist government has taken on immigration. The bill would require a crucifix to be displayed in all public spaces and institutions and allows violators to be fined up to \$1,170.

Toronto police say no evidence to back ISIS claims in shooting

TORONTO — Toronto police Chief Mark Saunders said officials have found no evidence to support the Islamic State group's claim of responsibility for Sunday's mass shooting in Toronto that killed two and injured 13.

The Islamic State, also called ISIS, said one of its "soldiers" carried out the attack in response to its calls to target citizens of the U.S.-led coalition battling it. The claim appears

on one of the group's social media channels, and a security member of ISIS was quoted speaking to the group's Amaq news agency.

Saunders said all areas of the Toronto Police Service have been involved in the investigation and they have received assistance from law enforcement partners at every level. "At this stage, we have no evidence to support these claims," he said.



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Volunteers fix meals Wednesday for Laotians seeking shelter in Paksong town after part of a hydroelectric dam gave way and flooded the surrounding countryside Monday.

Rescuers search for missing as Laos dam collapse kills 24

ATTAPEU, Laos — Rescuers searched Wednesday for scores of villagers left missing when part of a newly built hydroelectric dam broke in southeastern Laos, flooding the surrounding countryside and killing at least 24 people, officials said.

Thousands of people lost their homes when the South Korean-built dam gave way Monday, flooding surrounding villages.

Hundreds took shelter in nearby towns, traveling by bus and pickup trucks and sleeping on plastic sheeting.

Bounyong Phommachak, a Red Cross official, said 24 bodies had

been recovered and 96 people were officially listed as missing. He said by phone that about 6,600 people had been displaced from their homes.

China's state news agency Xinhua reported that Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith said at a news conference that 131 people were missing and the homeless totaled 3,060. He did not give a death toll.

The discrepancies in the tolls could be due to difficult communications and heavy rains in the area which have hampered rescue efforts.

One of five auxiliary earth-filled dams at the project began visibly weak-

ening on Friday, said Korea Western Power, one of two South Korean partners in the hydroelectric project.

SK Engineering & Construction, the other Korean joint venture partner, said the top of the dam was swept away Sunday as workers were struggling to control the damage amid heavy rain. The situation worsened on Monday as water cascaded out of the reservoir, flooding seven out of 12 villages in the area, SK E&C said.

Continued heavy rain and strong winds forecast for the area could hinder rescue efforts, and risks from flooding persisted in the mountainous region.

Opposition vows not to boycott Zimbabwe vote

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe's biggest opposition party won't boycott Monday's historic election despite a biased electoral commission that is acting in the interests of President Emmerson Mnangagwa, the party's leader said Wednesday.

Nelson Chamisa, head of

the MDC opposition coalition, urged supporters to vote "overwhelmingly for change" in the first election since the November resignation of longtime leader Robert Mugabe.

Zimbabwe's election commission has not addressed the MDC party's concerns, including alleged

media manipulation and problems with the voters' roll and ballot papers.

Mnangagwa, a former deputy president who took over after Mugabe stepped down under military and ruling party pressure, has promised a fair election as he seeks to have international sanctions lifted.

Ga. lawmaker who shouted racial slur on TV to resign

ATLANTA — A Georgia lawmaker says "I will be resigning" after he ex-plored himself and yelled racial slurs on provocateur Sacha Baron Cohen's cable TV show, according to a letter the Republican legislator sent to the speaker of the state House.

Rep. Jason Spencer had vowed to serve out his term despite the fallout. Now he'll step down Tuesday, according to the letter he sent to Speaker David Ralston.

In Sunday's broadcast of Cohen's Showtime series "Who Is America?" Cohen poses as an Israeli military expert who persuades Spencer to take part in several outlandish exercises, including yelling racial slurs against blacks and dropping his pants. He later drops his underwear while shouting "USA!" and "America!" The lawmaker is told they're making a counter-terrorism video.

Broken star: President Donald Trump's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame was destroyed before dawn Wednesday, and a man was later arrested. Austin Clay, 24, was held for investigation of felony vandalism, the Los Angeles Police Department said. A pickaxe was found at the scene on Hollywood Boulevard.

Lottery ticket: California Lottery officials handed over a symbolic \$1 million check to the owners of a San Jose liquor store that sold the winning ticket — 1, 2, 4, 19, 29 and 20 — to an estimated \$543 million Mega Millions prize. The winner can take \$320 million in a lump-sum cash option or \$543 million over 29 years.

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EDITORIALS

Berrios and Kaegi: What a new assessor can and can't fix

In a rare act of rebellion, Cook County primary election voters in March fired one of the Democratic Party's most powerful politicians. They nominated a newcomer, Frederick "Fritz" Kaegi, a financial adviser from Oak Park, to appear on the November ballot in place of incumbent Assessor Joseph Berrios.

Kaegi ran a grass-roots campaign that tapped into local taxpayer resentment over rising property taxes and Berrios' insider politics. The saga of Berrios' office accepting campaign money from attorneys whose clients wanted assessment reductions attracted international interest. The Economist magazine profiled the race last fall in an article with a headline that summed up Berrios' reign: "How Cook County's Democratic machine works."

The system of assigning property values in Cook County, a key exercise in determining property tax bills, along with the property tax appeal process have long been viewed as rigged. An award-winning 2017 Tribune and ProPublica Illinois series, "The Tax Divide," exposed the system as clout-driven and regressive, hurting minority and low-income communities while protecting wealthier ones. Yet Berrios relentlessly defended it. His refusal to admit the obvious inequities cost him his job.

Hope for newcomer Kaegi is high as he prepares to take over what has been an engine of Democratic fundraising. Every assessor — but especially Berrios, who also ran the Cook County Democratic Party — has leveraged the position to rake in huge campaign donations from tax appeals lawyers and property owners. Not anymore. Kaegi says he won't take donations from those interests, which he dubs "the tax appeals industrial complex," and he would support an ordinance banning such contributions.

Once Kaegi gets past the general election as expected — he faces a Republican opponent who isn't campaigning — he will



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Fritz Kaegi celebrates his victory over Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios in the March primary. If he becomes the next assessor as expected, he'll face powerful interests resisting changes he wants to make to a system that has advantaged the better-off.

begin dismantling a system that benefits the state's most powerful interests. House Speaker Michael Madigan, Chicago Ald. Edward Burke and many other elected officials, lawyers, lobbyists and influence peddlers have earned fortunes off the broken property tax system. Madigan's and

Burke's law firms represent some of Chicago's most expensive commercial properties, seeking lower assessments.

But if taxpayers expect swift change under Kaegi, they might be disappointed. Reversing decades of established bad practice in property valuation will take time.

Motivating and training a patronage-laden and union-protected workforce in the assessor's office will take persistence. Confronting the state's elites who profit from a fixed property tax system will take courage.

Kaegi's win represented more than taxpayer backlash. It set him up for a clash with the titans. During a meeting with the Tribune Editorial Board, Kaegi said he'll have the tools to fix flaws in the system that punish low-income homeowners, without leaning on Springfield to enact changes. Through models he expects to test, and with a data-rich real estate landscape, there's no reason the assessment process can't be fair and transparent.

That's good. But remember, many factors determine what property owners owe in taxes: their school district's spending, their ZIP codes, the existence, or not, of commercial development. All of that is part of the puzzle that determines a tax bill. City dwellers got their new reassessment notices this summer, with some North Side property owners reporting increases. North suburban communities are next. Then the south suburbs.

There is no guarantee that a new assessor, running a fairer assessment system, will mean lower property tax bills. But we hope it will mean renewed trust in that system. Kaegi believes property owners, especially those familiar with the appeals process, are willing to pay their fair share, as long as they feel confident the system isn't driven by politics.

Property taxes and how they're determined should be a math problem, a formula on paper, not a money grab for politicians. Taxes guide business owners and residents in their decision-making on whether to stay in Chicago and Illinois — or whether to join the exodus of expatriates moving to other states.

It's crucial the assessment process be corruption-free and transparent. Finally, there's hope it will be both.

Trump buys off soybean farmers (we've got the transcript!)

What is it with this president and hush money?

It's all over the news that Michael Cohen, former attorney for Donald Trump, secretly recorded a September 2016 conversation with Trump that appears to involve discussion of a \$150,000 payment to silence a Playboy model.

But there's more! And it involves an *even juicier topic* than a Trump's alleged affair with a Playmate: \$12 billion in bailout money to soybean farmers as compensation for Trump's tariff war. Yes, that's true, and we've obtained the transcript (not true) of a phone conversation between the president and an unidentified Illinois farmer that explains everything (in our overheated imaginations, anyway):

The president appears to be conversing with several people, including U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue.

TRUMP: Get me a Coke, please!
ILLINOIS FARMER: Mr. President, your trade war with China is killing us. Illinois farmers export \$3 billion of soybeans a year, and those markets are going to dry up. Prices are down. We could lose \$420 million due to retaliatory Chinese tariffs.

TRUMP: Tariffs are the greatest! Either a country treats us fairly or they get punished. Be a little patient.

PERDUE: We should help the farmers.

TRUMP: So, what do we got to pay for this? \$12 billion?

FARMER: Mr. President, we don't want

to make a profit from a government hand-out. Illinois farmers can feed the world. We want open and fair trade. Please rescind the tariffs. Illinois pork farmers are also in trouble.

TRUMP: (Unintelligible) pay with cash ...

PERDUE: No, no, no, no, no. I got it.

TRUMP: ... check.

PERDUE: We can borrow money via the Commodity Credit Corporation, a Depression-era program designed to help farmers. Mr. President, this will help you fend off Democrats in November congressional races in Illinois, Iowa and other farm belt states. Maybe you can keep the House in Republican hands.

TRUMP: I'll be in Granite City, Ill., on

Thursday to showcase a steel plant that reopened and brought back 800 jobs, thanks to my tariffs.

FARMER: Sir, these tariffs are a mistake. All Americans do better when we can sell our products overseas and buy the best of what the world has to offer. You've got the economy booming thanks to tax reform and deregulation, but this trade war will hurt growth.

TRUMP: Just take the money and keep quiet.

PERDUE: (Under his breath) We've heard that one before.

Trump goes on to other matters, including trying to pay off North Korea's Kim Jong Un with excess inventory of Ivanka Trump-branded apparel.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Most of us fell asleep during the lesson on tariffs in high school. We never thought of them as a matter of life or death. So here's a very short refresher. Tariffs are designed to hurt the other guys, by making their exports more expensive. But for the same reason, they also hurt our side. They are generally irrational and mutually destructive. So when we hit back at Mr. Trump, we can end up hurting ourselves too. Jobs and businesses are destroyed.

Everyone is worried that this trade war could escalate to Car-mageddon. Car-mageddon is what happens if Mr. Trump goes nuclear: He retaliates by slapping a 25 percent tariff on all cars made in Canada, including Fords and other American makes. That would add an average of US\$5,800 to the cost of every car sold in the United States — almost US\$45-billion annually. This would almost certainly shift much of our vehicle production south. Bye bye, Canadian auto industry; hello, recession. The TD Bank says a tariff of that magnitude could cost Canada 160,000 jobs — mostly in Ontario. John White, chief executive of the Canadian Automobile Dealers Association, says the result would be a "tsunami-like economic downturn."

That's a high price to pay for not being pushed around.

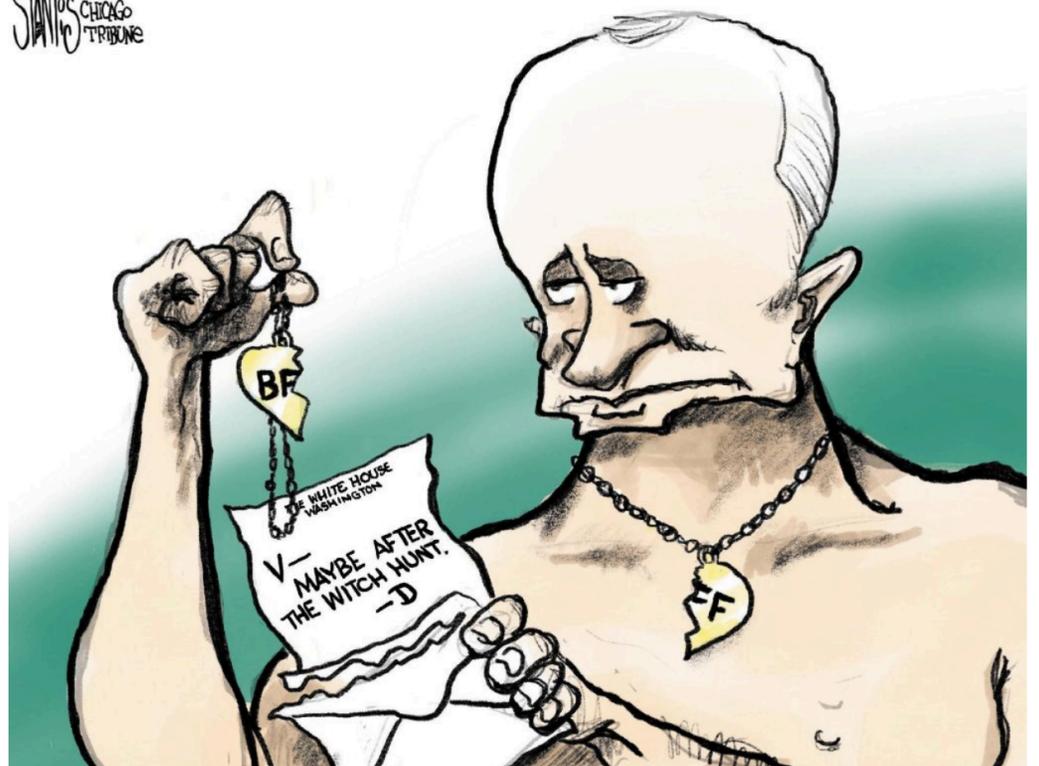
Margaret Wenthe, *The Globe and Mail*, Toronto

Corporate executives and Wall Street types come up with all sorts of reasons why it's supposedly dangerous to let the unemployment rate drop too low. They talk about how the economy might "overheat," leading to a dreaded bout of inflation. They may talk about "worker shortages" that make it hard to find the right talent. But in the end, most of this is just verbiage meant to skirt the real concern: Companies are worried that if unemployment falls far enough, they'll have to pay workers more, and that will cut into their profits. ... A CEO can go on CNBC and say that his company is coping with a "labor shortage" without seeming like a self-interested capitalist, when in reality, he's just trying to explain why a healthy economy is bad for his shareholders.

Jordan Weissmann, *Slate*

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John Kiefner checks the soybean crop this week on his farm near Manhattan, Ill. The new tariffs could diminish the soybean growers' top export market, China.

TRUMP SUPPORTERS WILL REGRET HIS TRADE WAR



STEVE CHAPMAN

Donald Trump, who assembled a winning coalition that included manufacturing workers, farmers, ranchers, capitalists resentful of Barack Obama and people who ride Harleys, is now doing his best to turn them all against him.

His insistence on levying tariffs on a wide range of products is perfectly designed to inflict pain on those who voted for him, along with everyone else.

On Tuesday, the administration unveiled a plan to provide \$12 billion in aid to farmers who are or will be hurt by the tariffs imposed by our trading partners in retaliation for Trump's. It was an admission that his trade war will be harder and more expensive than he had made it sound.

Soybean growers stand to lose their biggest export market, China. The National Milk Producers Federation says the turmoil has already caused a drop in dairy prices. Supplies of beef, pork and poultry, reports *The Wall Street Journal*, are "piling up in U.S. cold-storage warehouses, fueled by a surge in supplies and trade disputes that are eroding demand."

Harley-Davidson said its manufacturing costs would increase by \$55 million because of the administration's duties on imported steel and aluminum — which will probably force it to raise prices. It also said it would have to move some production across the Atlantic after the European Union retaliated with tariffs on

motorcycles shipped from the United States.

One company that was thrilled when Trump went after imported washing machines was Whirlpool, which figured it would gain sales on the machines it makes here. But its earnings and stock price are down because of the steel and aluminum tariffs.

"We are impacted by the tariffs, as we are an import of record of our suppliers who have to basically pay the tariffs," lamented CEO Marc Bitzer. He seemed shocked to find his business damaged by policies that he expected would only harm other American companies.

Trump's threat to put stiff duties on imported cars should cause jubilation among producers of domestic models, right? Wrong. A group representing manufacturers, dealers, suppliers and service providers, including foreign and domestic firms, has written the president pointing out that the tariffs on cars and car parts "would be a

massive tax on consumers who buy or service their vehicles — whether imported or domestically produced."

Even the United Auto Workers union, a longtime critic of free trade, has refused to endorse the tariffs. The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers fears a "domino effect" that will be detrimental to the entire economy.

The carmakers are not alone. The right-of-center Tax Foundation has just released a study concluding that the new and prospective tariffs would slash annual GDP growth by half a percentage point, amounting to \$117 billion in lost output, and cost 365,000 American jobs.

The trade war, the Tax Foundation said, could raise consumer prices — or it could cause the dollar to appreciate, which would curtail exports and hurt workers in industries that ship goods abroad. Businesses will suffer regardless, because in an interconnected world, one company's protection is another company's cost increase.

The president believes that hitting other countries with tariffs will force them to open their markets or sell less here. What he fails to recognize is that our trading partners are bound to fight back with tariffs of their own.

Political leaders don't readily capitulate to the demands of a foreign

president, particularly one as widely unpopular as Trump. They know that if they cave in this time, he will be back next week with more demands. Appeasement is an unappealing strategy in the trade realm as well as the military realm.

Barring a retreat by Trump, the trade war will continue and may escalate, leaving a lot of collateral damage in its wake. Lately, he has been able to claim credit for brisk

economic growth, low unemployment and low inflation. His trade policies, however, are likely to slow growth, destroy jobs and boost consumer prices.

Workers, farmers, businesspeople and others who thought Trump would be their champion now find

he is happy to sacrifice them in pursuit of his trade mania. The only people who will clearly gain are economists, as Trump proves everything they say about why free trade is better than protectionism. It will be a useful lesson for all of us, but not a pleasant one.

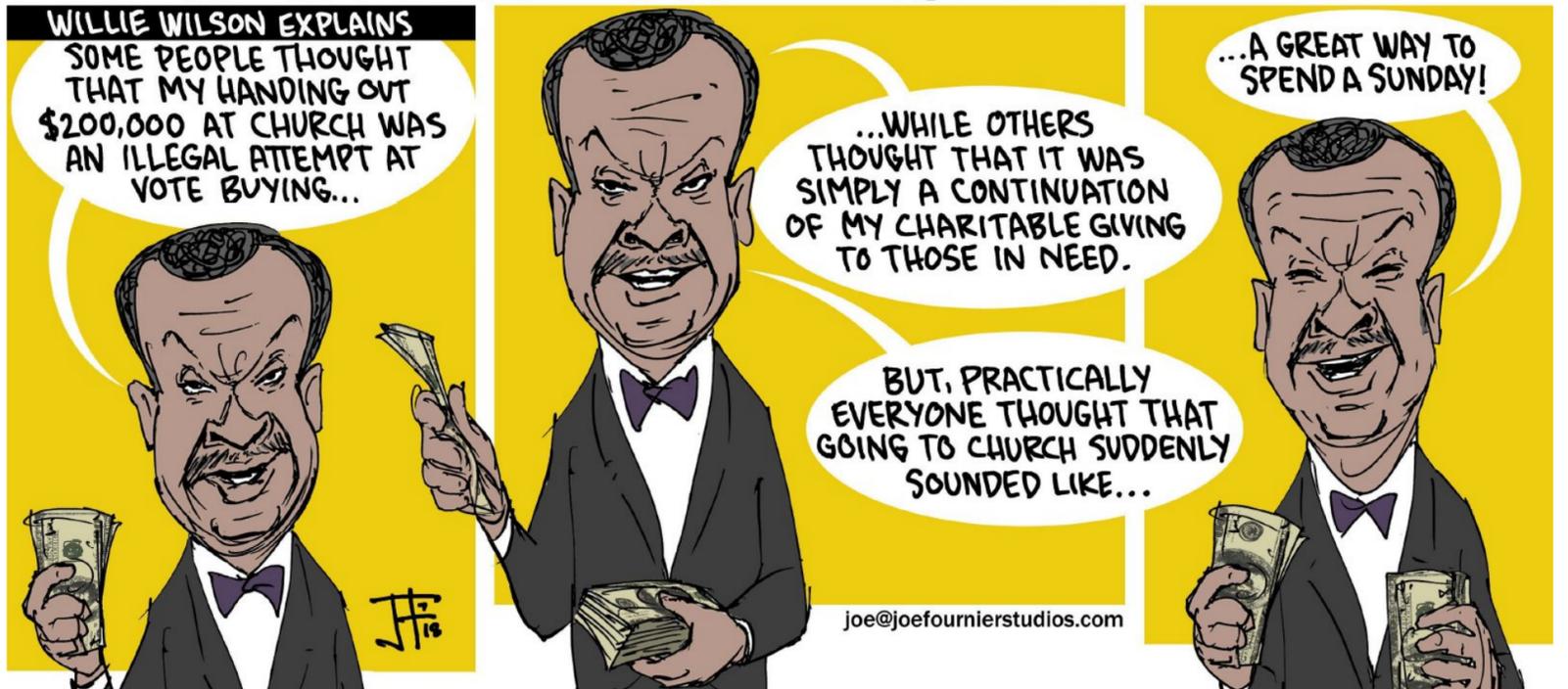
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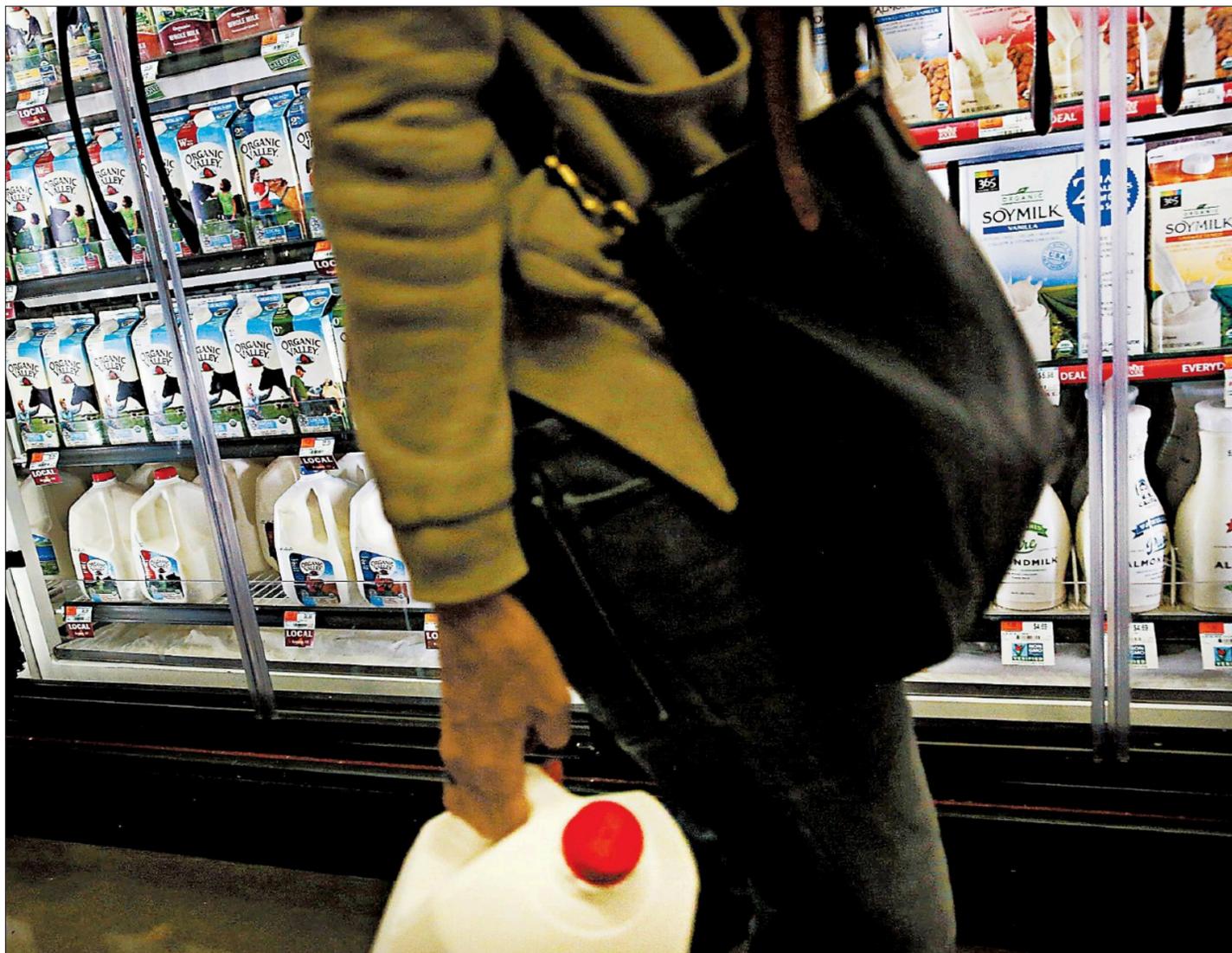
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If 'an almond doesn't lactate,' who defines 'milk'?

By MOLLY ROBERTS

Got milk? The answer isn't so simple anymore.

Big Dairy has had it up to here with these alternative beverages masquerading as milk, and now the Food and Drug Administration plans to start forcing plant-based products that co-opt the language of lactation to abandon the act. That's right: The official definition of milk involves "lactate secretion," and, as the head of the FDA said last week, "an almond doesn't lactate."

As it turns out, this isn't entirely fair to almonds. Labeling botanical liquids "milks" is more than a new-fangled marketing maneuver that must speedily be put out to pasture. Francis Bacon noticed in 1626 that "there be plants, that have a Milk in them when they are Cut," and Encyclopaedia Britannica acceded a century and a half later that "the emulsive liquors of vegetables may be called vegetable milks."

Besides, the FDA has official definitions, or "standards of identity," for plenty of products that it neglects to

enforce. What matters more, it seems, is how we shop.

"Cow-nterfeits," as the milk lobby likes to call them, aren't really fooling anyone — not almond milk or soy milk or cashew milk or oat milk or rice milk or hemp milk or pea milk or "Super Rebbel Herbs Turmeric Golden Milk Elixir." Shoppers know that the products provide the creaminess that comes with dairy while leaving out the lactose. Peanut butter is much the same. We know it is not butter. The FDA knows it. But the term became lodged in our lexicon, and "peanut paste" wouldn't have set shoppers salivating. So the agency created a carve-out.

Milk, in other words, is what man makes of it, and if Americans decide to stop associating the name so closely with cows and start associating it with its texture and uses, that's up to them. Who cares?

Well, everyone. The dairy industry cares because the cash cow it once was has stopped producing so prolifically. Prices are plunging, lactose intolerance rates are

rising along with animal rights initiatives and the "health halo" that once hovered over the beverage has lost its luster. Milk is good for you, it turns out, but it's not that good. And other options, including those pesky pretenders, are good for you too, especially when they're fortified with additional nutrients.

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The nut-milk industry cares, too, for all its claims to have no interest in "imitating" milk. That's because "nut drink" doesn't ring so delicious — and worse than that, it rings unnatural.

And Americans care. The dairy industry and its allies have spent the past century convincing them that the beverage was the best way to make sure children grow big and strong. The myths around milk and motherhood probably made that job even easier.

So when World War I

ended, and all that dairy our leaders had squeezed out of farmers to nourish soldiers overseas had no one to drink it, the government poured the excess into our schools — where it has stayed, thanks to federal subsidies for serving it. Dairy got its own group on the dietary pyramid, and federal guidelines were released recommending three

servings of dairy a day.

Thanks to all that, milk isn't associated only with motherhood anymore. It's associated with Americanness too. The dairy industry, then, is right that the nut-milkers trade on their reputation. It's just that their reputation is as pasteurized as their product.

Studies show that milk doesn't guard against fractures, and even that it may cause certain types of cancer. Loads of fruits and vegetables contain the same nutrients as a tall glass of the white stuff.

But no one was going to call bull. The dairy industry was pulling in big bucks and giving them right back to the campaigns of the politicians who helped protect it. It still does. Today, dairy farmers funnel money into a fund that, with U.S. Department of Agriculture oversight, supports campaigns like the "Got Milk?" ads that saved the product from a souring citizenry — and defined '90s childhood as closely as Nickelodeon.

We'll probably always want to buy something called "milk." But the product's identity, "standard" or not, has shifted all the same, and now the dairy industry wants to wrest back the narrative. We may think of milk as American, but there's also something American about allowing the people to determine what qualifies as "milk." Milk as we once knew it may finally have fallen off its pedestal, and if it has, there's no use crying over it.

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Hard-core Trump supporters must be kidding



JONAH GOLDBERG

I think I can say, without fear of inviting reasonable correction, that the Helsinki summit did not go swimmingly.

And yet, some 66 percent of Republicans told ABC News-Washington Post pollsters that they support President Donald Trump's objectively disastrous performance.

I don't buy it.

No doubt there are a few people who believe Trump's claims that he knocked it out of the park in Finland, and that, were it not for the "fake news" saying otherwise, everyone else would agree. But two-thirds of Republicans? No way.

I'm not borrowing a page from Trump and yelling, "Fake polls!" They're real. They just may not be measuring what we think they're measuring.

Polls often gauge partisan commitment more than concrete opinions on a specific controversy or issue. When Republicans are asked about the president's Helsinki performance, I suspect many hear, "Do you still support Trump?" or "Do you think the media is blowing this out of proportion?" And I suspect they calibrate their responses accordingly: "Go suck eggs, enemy of the people!"

In other words, people lie to pollsters. This is not news. Public Policy Polling once found that 4 percent of Americans believe lizard men are running the Earth. An additional 7 percent said they weren't sure.

I, for one, do not believe that one in 10 Americans either truly think, or cannot rule out, that our globalist overlords are lizard people.

The more subtle and complex dishonesty takes the form of what psychologist Scott Alexander terms "poll answers as attire." Motivated by what social scientists call "social desirability bias," people use polls to virtue-signal.

This surely explains at least some of the findings showing surging popularity for socialism, particularly among millennials. No doubt many are sincere, but some probably just think it sounds cool to say such things.

It's a flawed analogy, but I'm reminded of the early days of the Iraq War, when polls showed strong support for President George W. Bush and his foreign policy even as evidence mounted that the conflict was going to be much tougher and uglier than many (including yours truly) had hoped. If you went solely by the polls and what elected Republicans said on TV, you'd have had a poor understanding of what was really going through the minds of many Republicans.

Bush's approval ratings among Republicans were unnaturally held aloft by many of the same factors boosting Trump today. The overheated rhetoric from

Trump's opponents, their veering leftward on issue after issue, and the increasing partisanship of the media: These things encourage Republicans to stick with Trump and to stick out their middle finger to his critics.

Events don't just change the future; they change the past.

During the Iraq War, conservative dissenters and critics were often demonized or ostracized for their supposed treason or disloyalty. Similarly, the biggest and most common complaint I get from conservatives around the country now is not that I am wrong in my criticisms of Trump, but that I'm lending aid and comfort to the "enemy" by offering these criticisms publicly.

Many on the right either hope or fear that Trump is transforming the GOP into a nationalist-populist party. I think it's too soon to say. The first time conservatives seriously turned on Bush was not over the war, but over his attempt to put Harriet Miers on

the Supreme Court in 2005.

That is how the camel's back gets broken — not by the heavy load, but by the last straw.

Trump may succeed in MAGA-fying the GOP. But making straight-line predictions about the future based on snapshots of the present is folly in politics because events get in the way.

Indeed, events don't just change the future; they change the past. In early 2003, 63 percent of Americans supported the Iraq War. Twelve years later, a YouGov poll found that only 38 percent of Americans said they had favored the war at the time.

One can easily envision a world a dozen years hence in which very few Republicans even remember supporting the Helsinki bromance.

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The hypocrisy of the Democratic Russia hawks

BY MARC A. THIESSEN

WASHINGTON — With his interference in the 2016 election, Russian President Vladimir Putin achieved something that none of his murderous Soviet predecessors were able to accomplish: He has turned Democrats into Russia hawks.

A few months after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Ronald Reagan addressed the 1992 Republican National Convention and said: “I heard those speakers at that other convention saying, ‘We won the Cold War’ — and I couldn’t help wondering, just who exactly do they mean by ‘we?’”

He had a point. Today, Democrats may be deeply concerned about the threat Russia poses to our democracy.

But during the Cold War, when the Soviet Union posed an existential threat to our democracy, not so much. Most Democrats opposed the Reagan policies that led to the fall of the Soviet empire. They fought the Reagan defense buildup and his Strategic Defense Initiative (which Sen. Edward Kennedy dismissed as “Star Wars” and Sen. John Kerry called “a dream based on illusion”). They supported the Soviet-supported nuclear freeze movement and opposed Reagan’s deployment of intermediate-range nuclear missiles to Western Europe. They criticized Reagan’s efforts to arm freedom fighters seeking to overthrow Soviet puppet regimes and support to pro-American governments fighting communist insurgencies.

Not only did Democrats oppose Reagan’s policies, they heaped scorn on his blunt anti-Communist rhetoric. After Reagan called on the Soviets to “tear down” the Berlin Wall, Democratic House Speaker Jim Wright declared that he had “utter contempt for Reagan”

because he had “spoiled the chance for a dramatic breakthrough in relations between our two countries.”

While Reagan denounced the Soviet Union as an “Evil Empire” and promised to leave it on “the ash heap of history,” Democrats such as Kennedy criticized Reagan for his “misleading Red-scare tactics.”

There were exceptions, to be sure. The legendary Democratic Sen. Henry “Scoop” Jackson was a fierce anti-Communist. Those like him were known as “Scoop Jackson Democrats.” They were given this name for a reason: to distinguish them from most other Democrats who did not share Jackson’s hard-line approach.

Old habits of appeasement die hard, so when the Cold War ended the Democrats continued their soft line toward Russia. Democratic opposition to President George W. Bush’s withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty was more strident than that of Vladimir Putin. There was virtual silence from Democrats when President Barack Obama callously threw Poland and the Czech Republic under the bus by canceling our missile defense agreements in an effort to appease Moscow.

In 2012, when Mitt Romney called Russia our “No. 1 geopolitical foe,” Democrats mocked him mercilessly. Obama told Romney, “The 1980s, they’re now calling to ask for their foreign policy back.” And Vice President Joe Biden said Romney “acts like he thinks the Cold War is still on.” The Republican focus on Russia was considered laughable by most Democrats.

But now, a quarter-century after the fall of the Soviet Union, the Democrats have belatedly decided Russia is a threat.

For decades, while the Soviet Union sowed tyranny across the globe, sent millions to rot in the

gulag and threatened America with nuclear annihilation, Democrats were for detente and peaceful coexistence. Even as Putin continued Russia’s pattern of authoritarian aggression, undermining democracy at home and invading his neighbors, they advocated a “reset” of relations. It was only when Russia invaded John Podesta’s privacy that Democrats were finally — finally! — outraged.

But before Republicans gloat over the Democrats’ hypocrisy, they need to be careful not to mirror the Democrats’ Russia transformation by becoming Kremlin apologists. The fact that Democrats are suddenly channeling their inner Reagan is no excuse for those on the right to start channeling their inner Kennedy. Conservatives don’t have to take the Democrats’ belated Russia outrage seriously. But they do need to take Russia seriously.

As for Democrats, let’s hope their newfound antipathy for Russia is not just a convenient way to get President Donald Trump. Russia is a threat not just because it interfered in the 2016 election. Russia is a threat because it assassinates Putin’s critics with chemical weapons, shoots down civilian airliners, arms the Taliban, supports Iran, violates its treaty obligations, targets NATO allies with nuclear missiles and annexes the territory of its neighbors. That threat will still be there when Trump is gone. The question is: Will the Democrats still be Russia hawks then?

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Reforming NATO is the only way to save it

BY VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

Donald Trump recently ignited yet another firestorm by hedging when asked whether protecting the newest NATO member, tiny Montenegro, might be worth risking a war.

Of course, the keystone of NATO was always the idea that all members, strong and weak, are in theory equal. A military attack against one member, under Article 5 of the NATO charter, meant an attack on all members.

Such mutual defense is the essence of collective deterrence. An aggressor backs off when he realizes his target has lots of powerful friends willing to defend it.

But what happens when an alliance becomes so large and so diverse that not all of its members share similar traditions, values, agendas or national security threats?

NATO’s original European members considered themselves kindred neighbors under the nuclear umbrella of the United States.

With the inclusion of West Germany in 1955, NATO’s original mission was altered somewhat. It was no longer tasked just with keeping the U.S. in and the Soviet Union out, but also with raising Germany up rather than keeping it down.

NATO collective defense was designed to offer breathing space against the superior forces of the Soviet Red Army — until the United States could bring in reinforcements or threaten to use its superior nuclear forces against would-be aggressors.

The alliance worked because the United States accepted that Europe needed American help to deter enemies in order to avoid repeats of the disasters of 1914 and 1939. With the exception of Turkey, the older members of NATO were generally seen as sharing the geographical space of Western Europe.

That is no longer quite true. Many of NATO’s newer members are not integrated into Western Europe. They are now spread all over the continent, and they include former Russian allies such as Albania, Bulgaria and Montenegro. Many of the newer members are small, vulnerable and in crises would need far more help than they could provide others.

The idea of NATO has changed as well. Instead of deterring a Soviet invasion of Europe while rehabilitating Germany, NATO has become less a defensive military alliance and more a de facto cultural institution to homogenize Europe along Western lines.

For some in Europe, NATO is envisioned not so much as a collection of planes and tanks, but instead as an expanded version of the European Union.

The more diverse NATO has become, the less unified it has

become, especially with the demise of the original threat of the Soviet Union. As post-Cold War Europe grew calmer and more affluent, NATO members became less likely to believe that they would ever need to sacrifice to invest in their mutual defense.

In the aftermath of the Cold War, NATO was eager to enlist Eastern European and Balkan nations that rightly had feared Russia even after the end of the Soviet Union.

But southeastern Europe and the Balkans also were home to age-old feuds and surrogate wars between rival empires — from World War I to the Bosnian War in the early ’90s.

What are the lessons of NATO expansion?

One, vastly increasing its membership can only make NATO weaker, not stronger. In some sense, when everyone is in an alliance, no one really is. Vladimir Putin may gamble to find out whether affluent Dutch or Belgian youth will really be willing to die fighting for the territorial integrity of distant Bulgaria. If not, then Article 5 will be exposed as a farce and NATO itself will be finished.

If Albania and Montenegro are in NATO, why not Austria, Finland, Kazakhstan, Macedonia and Serbia? Will Mexico join Canada and the U.S. to round out the North American membership?

Two, the borders of the “North Atlantic Treaty Organization” are now ill-defined.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s Turkey is becoming an updated version of the old Islamic Ottoman caliphate. It is an enemy of the Kurds and Israel, both staunch U.S. allies. If Turkey gets into a “defensive” conflict with Israel, would young soldiers from Kansas want to risk death to “defend” an anti-American, authoritarian NATO theocracy from a pro-American liberal democracy?

Tough decisions, not more weary and sanctimonious rhetoric, are needed to revitalize NATO.

The alliance must insist that all members quickly meet their military obligations of spending 2 percent of their GDP on defense. If a rich country in peace reneges on its promise of military readiness, why would anyone expect it to fulfill its pledge of assistance in wartime?

NATO should insist on common values and agendas, and its members should formally identify their likely collective enemies.

The alliance must ensure that any nation in NATO belongs in NATO — and thus is worth risking what could become a nuclear war on its behalf.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Higher ground

Steve Chapman’s recent column about flood insurance highlighted an important truth: All Americans, regardless of where they live, end up paying for flood and hurricane disasters.

For too long, the National Flood Insurance Program has been financially underwater. Since fall of 2017, Congress has failed to pass legislation to reform and reauthorize a program that is deeply in debt, structurally unsound, and failing to meet the nation’s needs for addressing the growing risks of flooding and coastal storms. The House managed to pass a bill last fall, but the U.S. Senate has not even brought a bill to committee for discussion.

Chapman correctly highlighted a critical issue in his article: It is often cheaper for the government to purchase flood-prone homes of willing homeowners than pay for them to

repeatedly rebuild. Under the flood insurance program, rebuilding is the first, and often only, option provided to homeowners. While the Federal Emergency Management Agency can provide funding to help the homeowners and their families relocate somewhere safer, families often must endure years of anxious waiting before that assistance materializes. The Natural Resources Defense Council found that the most flood-prone properties covered by federal flood insurance have incurred more in damage claims than the value of their homes. Most homes were worth about \$110,000 but had already incurred \$134,000 in damage claims.

As sea levels rise and floods on inland waterways become more common, we need to do much more to help people move out of harm’s way.

If Congress, particularly the U.S. Senate, ever musters the

courage to reform the flood insurance program, lawmakers have to make it far easier for people to move to higher ground, instead of leaving them to rebuild in the same vulnerable location over and over again.

— Robert Moore, director, Water & Climate Team, Natural Resources Defense Council, Chicago

Safety concerns

As a sailor of over 40 years, I had some concerns about the recent loss overboard of Jon Santarelli in this year’s Race to Mackinac. Santarelli was described as highly safety conscious. Why was he not connected to his boat by a safety tether while moving on the side decks in those very choppy wave conditions? That line would have been connected from his life jacket to a secure line on the boat allowing him to move safely on and aft while he was clipped on.

The other concern I have is for these automatic self-inflating life vests. Some are activated by a replaceable pill that is designed to dissolve when it comes in contact with water. However,

that pill has a lifetime effectiveness of about two years and cannot be relied on to work after that. Did Santarelli double check his life vest was in good condition?

Possibly, this terrible accident could have been prevented. I hope that more attention will be paid to personal safety in future boating activities.

— Sherwin Dubren, Morton Grove

Members only

Eric Zorn’s column “Kick the free riders off the union train? Not so fast!” misconstrues why organizations that support a free-market perspective favor members-only unions. Hint: At the Competitive Enterprise Institute, it does not involve the “long-term goal of gutting public-sector unions” or that we just want workers to fend for themselves.

An individual worker has every right to designate a union as his or her representative. But exclusive representation laws force union representation on unwilling individuals, just because a majority of their col-

leagues voted for it, which violates workers’ freedom of association.

Further, government also grants exclusive representatives many special privileges. As an exclusive representative, the union controls all negotiations in the bargaining unit. By the employer agreeing to only negotiate with the exclusive representative, this gives the union a monopoly, thereby shielding it from competition. This can make union officials unresponsive to members’ needs and feedback.

On the other hand, members-only unions protect individual workers’ freedom of association. Without a monopoly, labor unions could be held accountable by members. Workers could revoke their membership if the union were not receptive and did not deliver value.

A members-only union is about giving individuals the freedom to choose how they are represented at the workplace. It is past time to stop forcing union representation on workers.

— Trey Kovacs, labor policy analyst, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington



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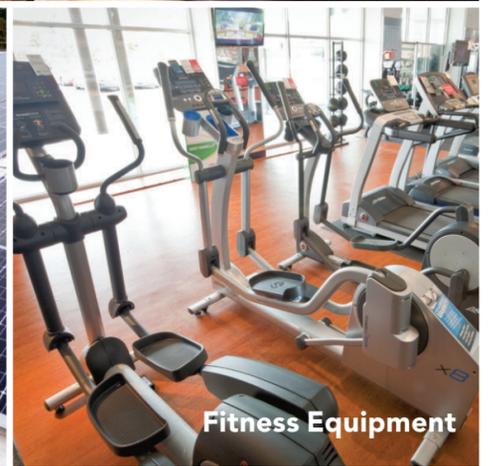
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Ruling on TV merger limits too late

Decision could kill Sinclair's deal with Tribune Media

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Bloomberg

A U.S. appeals court rejected on technical grounds a challenge to Federal Communications Commission ownership rules that could ease the path for Sinclair Broadcast Group's proposed purchase of Tribune Media — if the deal goes forward.

The Washington-based court on Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit from opponents without considering its merits, ruling the activist groups that filed it hadn't shown

they would be injured by the consolidation at the heart of their case.

While that decision preserves headroom for broadcast mergers, it may have arrived too late for Sinclair's \$3.9 billion acquisition of Tribune Media — though could help other suitors for the Chicago-based broadcaster.

"This decision won't likely breathe new life into Sinclair's Tribune deal," said Matthew Schettenhelm, an analyst for Bloomberg Intelligence. "Tribune can walk away from the deal on August 8 — and it likely will. After this decision, Sinclair still faces a risky and uncertain FCC hearing, while other potential Tribune suitors gain more flexibility to make offers."

Tribune rose 2.6 percent to \$33.70 at 10:26 a.m. in New York, having jumped as much as 5 percent upon news of Wednesday's court ruling. Sinclair was up 3 percent to \$26.83 after earlier having reached \$26.95.

Last week, the FCC said the suburban Baltimore-based buyer may have misled officials about the nature of some of its proposed divestitures and referred the matter to an administrative hearing officer, something that could delay the deal long enough to kill it.

"The court's decision clears up a secondary problem for Sinclair — can it fit under the U.S. ownership cap?" Schettenhelm said. "But it does nothing to let the company clear the stumbling block that emerged last week, the

FCC decision to call for a hearing on if Sinclair acted with full candor."

The appeals court conflict turned on how the regulator counts TV station ownership to determine the percentage of U.S. households reached.

Broadcasters may own stations that reach 39 percent of U.S. households — but how that audience is measured has been in dispute. Last year, the FCC's Republican majority reinstated a measure that treats ultra-high-frequency or UHF band stations as counting for just half of their lower-frequency counterparts, enabling broadcasters to own more stations and enjoy greater reach.

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, a Republican appointed by President

Donald Trump, reinstated the discount in April last year. Sinclair proposed its deal the following month.

Sinclair after absorbing Tribune would fit under the 39 percent limit, using the contested counting method and after some station sales. If it couldn't use the contested counting method, Sinclair would be large enough to violate the national limit, jeopardizing prospects for approval by the FCC.

Companies with less than 30 percent of the national audience, when using the partial-counting method at issue, include TEGNA, Nexstar Media Group, CBS, NBC owner Comcast and ABC owner Walt Disney, according to data

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Alderman not ready to approve Lincoln Yards plans



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Plans for the \$5 billion-plus Lincoln Yards real estate development were formally introduced to the City Council on Wednesday, but the North Side alderman whose ward includes the riverfront site wants it known he's not on board yet.

Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, sent a letter Wednesday to the chairman of the City Council's zoning committee, emphasizing the city's long-held tradition of aldermanic prerogative and stating he doesn't approve of developer Sterling Bay's current plan for the site.

It's an unusual move by both Sterling Bay and Hopkins. Typically, developers don't file their proposals with the city until they've fully reviewed the project with the alderman.

"In this case, Sterling Bay chose to file anyway," Hopkins told the Tribune. "I wanted to reiterate my objection to proceeding now with any hearings. It's nowhere near ready for any hearings."

Documents submitted to the city by Sterling Bay were broken into two planned developments, for the north and south portions of the project. Those sites make up 53 acres of what is expected to grow to a total development of 70 acres or more. Plans for additional land will be filed later.

The formal submission of the plans to the city came a week after the first public meeting on Lincoln Yards, in which the Chicago developer unveiled a vision to bring towers as tall as 800 feet, a 20,000-square-foot soccer stadium, a new Metra train station, music and entertainment venues, and an eastward extension of The 606 elevated trail. At least 400 people attended the meeting,

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Research showed people with Southern accents were 3 percent less likely to get accurate responses from a Google Home device, below, than those with Western accents. Alexa's smart speaker, above, understood Midwest accents 2 percent less than the East Coast.

Have an accent? Don't ask Alexa.

Amazon, Google smart speakers leaving certain voices behind

BY DREW HARWELL
The Washington Post

When Meghan Cruz says "Hey, Alexa," her Amazon smart speaker bursts to life, offering the kind of helpful response she now expects from her automated assistant.

With a few words in her breezy West Coast accent, the lab technician in Vancouver gets Alexa to tell her the weather in Berlin (70 degrees), the world's most poisonous animal (a geography cone snail) and the square root of 128, which it offers to the ninth decimal place.

But when Andrea Moncada, a college student and fellow Vancouver resident who was raised in Colombia, says the same in her light Spanish accent, Alexa offers only a virtual shrug. She asks it to add a few numbers, and Alexa says sorry. She tells Alexa to turn the music off; instead, the volume turns up.

"People will tell me, 'Your accent is good,' but it couldn't understand anything," she



JEFF CHIU/AP

said.

Amazon's Alexa and Google's Assistant are spearheading a voice-activated revolution, rapidly changing the way millions around the world learn new things and plan their lives.

But for people with certain accents — even the regional lilt, dialects and drawls native to various parts of the United States

— the artificially intelligent speakers can seem very different: inattentive, unresponsive, even isolating. For many across the country, the wave of the future has a bias problem, and it's leaving them behind.

The Washington Post teamed up with two research groups to study the smart speakers' accent imbalance, testing thousands of voice commands dictated by more than 100 people across nearly 20 cities. The systems, they found, showed notable disparities in how people from different parts of the U.S. are understood.

People with Southern accents, for instance, were 3 percent less likely to get accurate responses from a Google Home device than those with Western accents. And Alexa understood Midwest accents 2 percent less than those from along the East Coast.

People with nonnative accents, however, faced the biggest setbacks. In one study that compared what Alexa thought it heard versus what the test group actually said, the

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Chicago bank that lent \$16M to Manafort to stay mum during trial

Federal Savings Bank said it is cooperating with investigation

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Former Donald Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort is scheduled to go on trial next week on bank and tax fraud charges, but don't expect any public comment from a Chicago bank that lent Manafort \$16 million.

Federal Savings Bank issued a two-sentence news release Tuesday announcing that it has decided to stay silent "out of respect for the Court and in the interest of fairness to the parties." The bank also said it is cooperating with special counsel Robert Mueller's

investigation of Russian meddling in the 2016 election and related issues.

Manafort's trial is scheduled to begin Tuesday in federal court in Virginia. Five potential witnesses against Manafort were granted immunity for their testimony, including two who appear to have worked for Federal Savings Bank, Bloomberg News reported. A James Brennan and a Dennis Raico list the Chicago bank on their LinkedIn profiles as a recent employer, and court records show prosecutors intend to use emails from a J. Brennan and a D. Raico as evidence, according to Bloomberg.

Federal Savings Bank could not immediately be reached for comment on the report.

Manafort is facing scrutiny for



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House Democrats have questioned whether Federal Savings Bank loans would have landed CEO Steve Calk a job in the Trump administration.

business dealings with Russian interests. House Democrats have questioned whether Federal Sav-

ings Bank made the loans to Manafort as part of a deal that would have landed bank CEO

Steve Calk a job in the Trump administration.

Calk was named one of 13 economic advisers for the Trump campaign in August 2016. Manafort left the campaign soon after, amid concerns about his work with a pro-Russian political party in Ukraine. Calk did not receive a White House Cabinet position.

Federal Savings Bank made about \$6.5 million in loans to Manafort and his wife in January 2017 for a Brooklyn property, about a month after the bank lent a company connected to Manafort \$9.5 million. Together, the \$16 million in loans represented nearly a quarter of the small bank's loan portfolio.

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Grubhub to buy LevelUp for \$390M

Deal not yet closed for the online ordering company

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Chicago-based Grubhub is set to pay \$390 million for mobile ordering and payment company LevelUp in an effort to reach more diners, the company announced Wednesday.

The acquisition of the Boston-based company has not closed. LevelUp works with more than 200 restaurant chains, providing a platform for customers to place orders for pickup, among other tasks.

Grubhub will be able to tap into that operating system at restaurants, which will facilitate growth, CEO Matt Maloney said

Wednesday. For example, LevelUp is used for online ordering at Potbelly Sandwich Works. The acquisition will give Grubhub the ability to deliver for the Chicago-based sandwich chain.

LevelUp, which employs more than 200 people, also provides analytics to restaurants so they can learn more about their customers' ordering habits.

"Together, we will provide restaurants with everything they need to grow profitably as more and more diners opt for the convenience, transparency and control of ordering online," LevelUp founder and CEO Seth Priebatsch said in a news release.

Grubhub announced the acquisition with its second quarter earnings report. The company's revenues

were \$239.7 million in the second quarter, a 51 percent increase from the same period last year. Its daily orders were up 35 percent from the second quarter of 2017.

The company's increasing number of daily orders has played a key role in its growth.

Grubhub has been working this year to expand into towns across America that have been long overlooked by the on-demand economy. In February, Maloney set a goal of expanding to 100 new markets by the end of the year. A partnership with Yum Brands, the Louisville, Ky.-based parent of Taco Bell, KFC and Pizza Hut, announced earlier this year is expected to help achieve that goal.

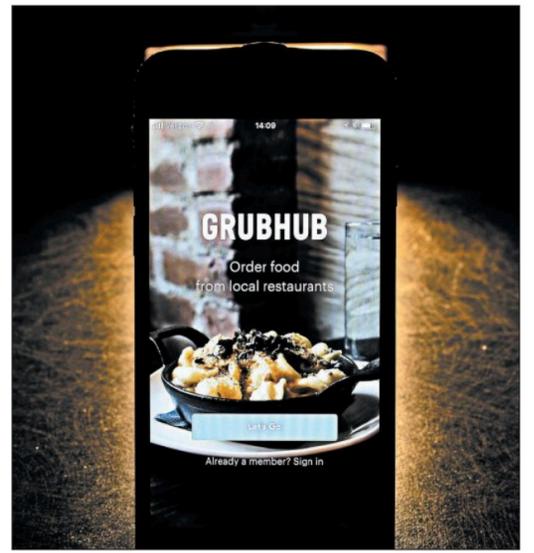
Earlier this month it announced its expansion into

dozens of new markets across 17 states, including Rockford and South Bend, Ind.

That acceleration in new and existing markets is driving growth, Maloney said.

"As you expand in new markets, but also as you go deeper in existing markets, you add more, better restaurants," Maloney said. "As diners give it a try, they're actually excited and they come back more often and add more food."

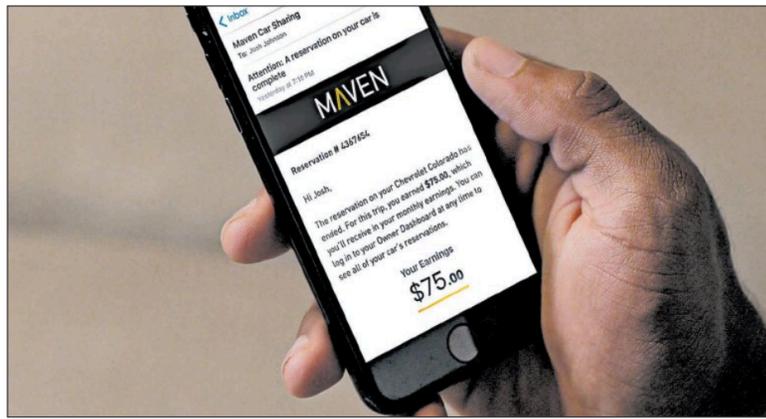
As of February, Grubhub employed 2,125 people, roughly half of whom are in Chicago. That was up from 1,518 employees a year earlier, a nearly 40 percent increase. The company has continued hiring this year, Maloney said.



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Chicago-based Grubhub is set to buy mobile ordering company LevelUp to facilitate its growth, its CEO said.

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HANDOUT

Maven has expanded its car-sharing platform to include a peer-to-peer offering.

Late-model GM owners can make money with Maven

BY ROBERT DUFFER

That new car is worth money. Maven, the ride-sharing service of General Motors, is expanding its program to allow owners of late-model GM vehicles to make money renting out their cars.

"Our members are urban millennials looking for mobility solutions and who have an appetite for car sharing," Kristen Alexander, marketing manager for Maven, said in an interview.

Beta testing of the peer-to-peer service called Peer Cars is being done in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Mich.; and Chicago, which is Maven's largest market.

The expansion of Maven from fleets owned and managed by GM into peer sharing is a potential solution for the problems facing automakers and car owners in the sharing economy: Car ownership is increasingly expensive and cars are unused for most of the day.

"It's time to put your car to work," Julia Steyn, vice president of Maven, said in a statement. "Maven's peer-to-peer offering is a smart way for owners to offset their vehicle investment."

Owners of any GM vehicle from model year 2015 or newer can register their vehicle for the service.

Renters, or drivers, register for the app for free and can rent someone's 2016 Chevrolet Camaro for a suggested rate of \$22.50 an hour or \$225 per day, for instance. A 2018 Chevrolet Cruze is \$7.25/hour or \$80/day. Owners set their availability in the app and can set their own rate instead of the one suggested by Maven.

The Airbnb of cars is a growing segment that includes Turo and GetAround. GM is the first automaker to get in on the peer-to-peer car-share business.

The difference is in the details, of course. Operating in 10 U.S. cities, GetAround is based more on short trip urban errands at an hourly or daily rate like Zipcar. Turo exists in over 5,500 cities in North America and Europe, and is more like a rental car service for more extended trips. The daily charge listed on Turo for a 2014 Corvette Stingray at Midway Airport is \$249; we couldn't find a Camaro.

Like Turo, Peer Cars offers a suggested price based on age, model, trim level and time of rental. Insurance is covered up to \$1 million by Maven, which was launched in 2016 and has expanded to 160,000 users in 17 cities. Those cities will likely get Peer

Cars in the fall after the beta period.

The emphasis in the pilot cities is on ease of use. Alexander estimates it takes owners three minutes to register their car on the existing Maven.com platform, including setting availability and rates. Then a technician comes to the owner's desired location, whether it be a home or on the street, and sets the car up for keyless use through the app.

When a driver wants the vehicle, all the owner has to do is click an agreement button on the app and wait to get paid, or at least partially paid. Forty percent of the rate goes to Maven. But owners get Wi-Fi connectivity and OnStar included in their registration. Mileage and other vehicle use info are tracked by OnStar.

There are potential logistical challenges unique to each owner, such as how to make the car available if it is in a gated lot or secure parking garage. That's why there is 24/7 customer support.

"We'll work one-on-one with owners to find the best solution," Alexander said. "We're looking to keep it where the owner doesn't have to do any work."

Except to track payments coming in on the 15th of each month.

AbbVie gets approval for endometriosis treatment

FDA OKs elagolix to treat pain associated with the common condition

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AbbVie Inc. won U.S. approval for an oral medicine that treats pain caused by the gynecological disorder endometriosis, a step toward giving the maker of the blockbuster arthritis treatment Humira another potential billion-dollar sales hit.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved elagolix to treat pain associated with endometriosis, a common condition in which the tissue that lines the uterus grows in other parts of the body. It's the first such treatment approved in more than a decade, the company said Tuesday in a statement. Marketed under the brand name Orilissa, the medicine should be available in pharmacies at the beginning of August, the drug-maker said.

Elagolix was named one of the top 10 prospective drug launches of the year by the analytical firm Evaluate in its 2018 preview, with projected annual sales of \$934 million by 2022. Humira, the world's best-selling drug, is expected to bring in \$20.3 billion in sales this year, though it faces looming competition from generic rivals known as biosimilars.

The FDA approval is the latest development in a process that began in 2010, when AbbVie acquired global rights to elagolix from Neurocrine Biosciences Inc. for \$75 million in cash, and about \$500 million in development, regulatory and commercial milestones. In anticipation of the drug's approval, AbbVie has been running an awareness



ABBVIE/AP

AbbVie said Tuesday that The Food and Drug Administration approved the drug Orilissa for endometriosis.

campaign for the condition urging women to speak up about the pain rather than minimizing the condition. There's no cure for endometriosis. Instead, treatments focus on curbing the sometimes debilitating pain associated with it. Many of those treatments, though, are often ineffective or come with side effects that prevent long-term use. In extreme cases, patients can opt for surgery.

Elagolix is what's known as a gonadotropin-releasing hormone receptor antagonist. It works by reducing the production of ovarian-stimulating hormones estrogen and progesterone, reducing pain. However, unlike other therapies with the same target, elagolix only partially blocks those hormones, resulting in fewer side effects and safer long-term use.

In September, North Chicago, Illinois-based AbbVie submitted elagolix for FDA approval on the heels of phase 3 trials that showed it was well-tolerated and reduced three types of pain associated

with endometriosis: daily menstrual pelvic pain, non-menstrual pelvic pain and painful intercourse. The agency originally granted the application priority status, shortening the review time to six months. In April, however, the FDA said it needed more time to review the results of liver function tests.

Endometriosis often goes undiagnosed, but estimates suggest it may affect more than one in 10 women between the ages of 15 and 44. Analysts on average estimate AbbVie's drug could generate \$40 million in sales by the end of the year. In 2019, that estimate climbs to \$277 million, and for 2020, analysts project sales around \$576 million. In the year following, estimates climb to as high as \$1.23 billion.

In addition, the drug is being studied as a treatment for uterine fibroids, and AbbVie released positive data from those trials earlier this year. The drug could play an important role in the company's portfolio, cushioning the blow from Humira biosimilars.

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U.S. airlines changing references to Taiwan

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE
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BEIJING — Under pressure from the Chinese government, U.S. airlines are acceding to Beijing's demand that they change the way they refer to Taiwan — an edict the Trump administration has urged U.S. carriers to resist.

American Airlines wiped Taiwan from its website, and United Airlines said it was working to meet China's requirements.

The moves come about

three months after Beijing ordered dozens of foreign airlines to refer to the island as a Chinese territory or face consequences in the world's second-largest aviation market.

"United Airlines has begun to roll out changes to its systems to address China's requirements," United spokesman Frank Benenati said.

By Wednesday morning, Chinese users could no longer see the name "Taiwan" on a map of Asia on the American Airlines web-

site, while China, Japan and the Koreans remained.

"Air travel is global business, and we abide by the rules in countries where we operate," American Airlines spokeswoman Shannon Gilson said.

President Xi Jinping demanded that the airlines stop listing the island online as its own country and instead call it "China Taiwan" or a similar title.

The State Department, however, said airlines should stand their ground. "We have told China that

the United States strongly objects to China's attempts to compel private firms to use specific words of a political nature in their publicly available content," a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Beijing said.

Disobeying China can carry a steep economic risk for airlines. Analysts say Beijing can cripple access to its fliers by crashing websites, ordering ticket brokers to shun American carriers and reducing the number of tourists allowed to travel to the U.S.



MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/AP
An airline staff member assists a passenger at Beijing Capital International Airport in Beijing.

CEO who steered, saved Fiat, Chrysler dies at 66

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MILAN — Sergio Marchionne, a charismatic and demanding CEO who engineered two long-shot corporate turnarounds to save carmakers Fiat and Chrysler from near-certain failure, died Wednesday. He was 66.

The holding company of Fiat's founders, the Agnelli family, announced Marchionne had died after complications from surgery in Zurich. That came days after a deterioration in his health led the company to hastily appoint a successor.

The news agency ANSA reported the cause of death as cardiac arrest. He suffered one while recovering from shoulder surgery late last month, landing him in intensive care, followed by a second, fatal event. Fiat Chrysler declined to comment, citing privacy issues.

The Italian-Canadian had planned to step down after first-quarter earnings next year, but the transition was accelerated after the company announced that the complications, which it did not detail, would prevent his return. He also was replaced as CEO of sportscar maker Ferrari and heavy truck and equipment maker CNH Industrial.

Marchionne turned around the dysfunctional Fiat and Chrysler, merging them into the world's seventh-largest carmaker, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, al-



JASPER JUINEN/BLOOMBERG NEWS

Sergio Marchionne turned around the automakers and merged them into the world's seventh-largest carmaker.

most by personal force of will, living on a corporate jet crossing the Atlantic to push employees to accomplish what most people thought was impossible amid a devastating global recession.

Marchionne, who was born in Italy and emigrated to Canada at 14, had revived Fiat by 2009 when he was picked by the U.S. government to save U.S.-based Chrysler from its trip through bankruptcy protection after being owned by a private equity company.

"It's highly unlikely that Chrysler would exist today had he not taken that gamble," said Autotrader.com analyst Michelle Krebs. "The company was in such bad shape, being stripped of any kind of resources by the previous owners."

Marchionne met most of his goals, even though at times he was doubted by nearly everyone in the automobile business. But he

didn't live long enough to complete his last two: personally hand over the reins of Fiat Chrysler to a hand-picked protegee and lay out plans for transforming supercar maker Ferrari.

The manager, known for his folksy, colorful turns of phrase and for his dark cashmere sweaters no matter the occasion, was the darling of the automotive analyst community. Even when expressing doubts at his audacious targets, they showed admiration for his adept deal-making.

Marchionne joined Fiat after being tapped by the Agnelli family to save the company. Fiat had for generations been a family-run enterprise and having someone at the helm from outside Italy's management circles was an enormous change.

Marchionne was divorced. He is survived by his companion, Manuela Battezzato, and two grown sons, Alessio and Tyler.

Alderman not ready to approve Lincoln Yards plans

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with dozens stuck outside, and there was no formal question-and-answer session.

"While I know that it is your custom and practice to place a hold on taking action on any planned development application until the local alderman so requests, I felt it important to expressly state that neither of these applications currently has my support," Hopkins said in his letter to Daniel Solis, the zoning committee chairman.

Hopkins' office provided the Tribune with a copy of the letter.

"While I cannot preclude a private developer from filing a planned development application, I can and will insist that these two applications undergo an extensive community vetting process," Hopkins said in the letter. "Accordingly, I have di-

rected Sterling Bay to meet with stakeholder groups in and around the subject property and I have promised my constituents that a follow up community-wide meeting will be convened.

"I will be in touch with you if and when following community input I deem these applications worthy of consideration by the Chicago Plan Commission and Committee on Zoning."

Sterling Bay said Lincoln Yards would take about a decade to build, and would bring about 23,000 jobs and 5,000 homes to the site along both sides of the Chicago River between Webster and North avenues. After the first meeting, Hopkins said he wants the developer to provide more specific details.

The development creates an opportunity to replace formerly industrial properties, such as the A. Finkl & Sons steel plant

site, with office, residential, hotel and retail space along densely populated neighborhoods such as Lincoln Park and Bucktown. But neighbors have expressed concerns about the impact of the project on traffic and area schools, as well as the height of the tallest buildings — which, at 800 feet high, would be approximately 70 stories.

"Lincoln Yards is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform formerly industrial land to a vibrant, thriving community that finally connects Bucktown and Wicker Park to Lincoln Park," Sterling Bay managing principal Andy Gloor said in a statement. "We are at the beginning of this process and look forward to working with Alderman Hopkins, community members, and stakeholder groups for their feedback and ideas."

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Kraft Heinz recalls Taco Bell dip that could lead to fatal illness

Chicago Tribune

Kraft Heinz is recalling about 7,000 cases of Taco Bell Salsa Con Queso because the products show separation that could create conditions for the bacteria that cause botulism, a potentially fatal form of food poisoning, the company announced in a news release Tuesday night.

There have been no complaints or reports of illness so far; the recall is

voluntary, according to Kraft Heinz, which is co-headquartered in Chicago and Pittsburgh. Kraft Heinz produces and distributes the product.

The separation in the affected products could allow for the growth of *Clostridium botulinum*, a form of bacteria that can cause life-threatening illness and death, the news release said. Even if the product doesn't appear to be spoiled, customers should

throw it out.

The recalled products — 15-ounce glass jars of Taco Bell Salsa Con Queso Mild Dip — have "use by" dates of December 27, 2018, and January 23, 2019.

Customers can return the product to stores for a refund, the release said.

"We deeply regret this situation and apologize to any consumers we have disappointed," the company said in the news release.

Have an accent? Don't ask Alexa.

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system showed that speech from that group showed about 30 percent more inaccuracies.

People who spoke Spanish as a first language were understood 6 percent less often than people who grew up around California or Washington, where the tech giants are based.

"These systems are going to work best for white, highly educated, upper-middle-class Americans, probably from the West Coast, because that's the group that's had access to the technology from the very beginning," said Rachael Tatman, a data scientist who has studied speech recognition and was not involved in the research.

At first, all accents are new and strange to voice-activated AI, including the accent some Americans think is no accent at all — the predominantly white, nonimmigrant, nonregional dialect of TV newscasters, which linguists call "broadcast English."

The AI is taught to comprehend different accents, though, by processing data from lots and lots of voices, learning their patterns and forming clear bonds between phrases, words and sounds.

To learn different ways of speaking, the AI needs a diverse range of voices — and experts say it's not getting them because too many of the people training, testing and working with the systems all sound the same. That means accents that are less common or prestigious end up more likely to be misunderstood, met with silence or the dreaded, "Sorry, I didn't get that."

Tatman, who works at the data-science company Kaggle but said she was not speaking on the company's behalf, said, "I worry we're getting into a position where these tools are just more useful for some people than others."

Company officials said the findings, while informal and limited, highlighted how accents remain one of their key challenges — both in keeping today's users happy and allowing them to expand their reach around the globe. The companies said they are devoting resources to train and test the systems on new languages and accents, including creating games to encourage more speech from voices in different dialects.

"The more we hear voices that follow certain speech patterns or have certain accents, the easier we find it to understand them. For Alexa, this is no different." Amazon said in a statement. "As more people speak to Alexa, and with various accents, Alexa's understanding will improve." (Amazon chief executive Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

Google said it "is recognized as a world leader" in natural language processing and other forms of voice AI. "We'll continue to improve speech recognition for the Google Assistant as we expand our data sets," the company said.

The researchers did not test other voice platforms, such as Apple's Siri or Microsoft's Cortana, which have far lower at-home adoption rates. The smart-speaker business in the United States has been dominated by an Amazon-Google duopoly: Their closest rival, Apple's \$349 HomePod, controls about 1 percent of the market.

Nearly 100 million smart speakers will have been sold around the world by the end of the year, the market-research firm Canalys said. Alexa now speaks English, German, Japanese and French; Google's Assistant speaks all those plus Italian and is on track to speak more than 30 languages by the end of the year.

Ruling on TV merger limits may be too late for Sinclair

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compiled by Bloomberg.

In its two-page decision, the three-judge panel said the FCC had noted the measure's obsolescence. "The FCC nevertheless reinstated the discount pending 'a broader review of the (national ownership) cap' itself; the agency concluded it had erred by eliminating the UHF discount before such a review."

The three-judge panel was comprised of two Barack Obama nominees, U.S. Circuit Judges Patricia Millett and Nina Pillard, and one Trump selection, Greg Katsas.

The UHF discount fight was led by the advocacy group Free Press. Chief Executive Officer Craig Aaron and spokesman Tim Karry did not immediately reply to

voicemail and email messages seeking comment on the court's decision.

Sinclair, which grew from a single TV station in Baltimore in 1971, is trying to leap into nationwide prominence with the deal for 42 Tribune stations in cities including New York. The purchase would lift Sinclair's station total above 200. It's being examined by the FCC and by antitrust regulators at the Justice Department.

Sinclair Chief Executive Officer Chris Ripley told investors May 9 that he expected the court to affirm the rule that allows counting just part of the audience. And, he noted, the FCC, with a Republican majority led by Chairman Ajit Pai, is separately considering raising the national ownership limit.

With Tribune acquired and some stations sold, Sinclair would still reach nearly 59 percent of U.S. households with television, but that figure that falls to under 38 percent when counting just half the audience for some stations, according to a Sinclair filing.

Trump Tuesday night slammed the FCC for failing to approve the deal, calling the move "sad and unfair."

"Liberal Fake News NBC and Comcast gets approved, much bigger, but not Sinclair," Trump said in a tweet Tuesday night. "Disgraceful!"

The case is Free Press v. Federal Communications Commission, 17-1129, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit (Washington).

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Savings Update

Is a CD a good place to keep emergency funds?

You've heard the advice dozens of times: Establish an ample emergency fund so you can weather life's financial surprises. But is a savings account the only smart place for these rainy day funds?

The answer is no. Sure, a high-yield savings account can be a great choice, giving you unfettered access to your money while earning a little interest. But stashing your savings in a certificate of deposit can be even smarter, since it'll earn a greater return.

True, CDs aren't as flexible as savings accounts. But their restriction on withdrawals can be helpful if it fends off your temptation to tap the funds. Plus, if you choose your CD right, accessing the funds in an emergency won't carry a huge price tag.

But won't you be hit with an early withdrawal penalty if you cash in the CD before its maturity date? Yes, but shopping around is key. Not all early withdrawal policies are created equal, and it's not hard to find a CD with a mild or moderate penalty.

Also remember that this is money you're socking away for an emergency, not to withdraw willy nilly. So because your odds of needing to access the funds are low, a reasonable early withdrawal penalty can be worth the risk.

Still, if you're wary of putting all your emergency funds into a CD, opening multiple certificates enables you to cash out just a portion of your CD funds rather than all of it. Or, put some into a savings account so you'll always have ultra-quick access to a portion of your money.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,432.87 Low: 25,113.55 Previous: 25,241.94



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+91.47 (+1.17%)	+25.67 (+.91%)	+5.00 (+.30%)
Close: 7,932.24	Close: 2,846.07	Close: 1,685.20
High: 7,933.31	High: 2,848.03	High: 1,685.42
Low: 7,838.76	Low: 2,817.73	Low: 1,675.05
Previous: 7,840.77	Previous: 2,820.40	Previous: 1,680.20

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.02 to 2.97%	+7.50 to \$1,231.40	-0.39 to 110.83/\$1	-0.0011 to .8548/\$1	+0.78 to \$69.30

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +.85	NASD +.99	S&P +1.08	DOW +5.38	NASD +6.54	S&P +5.42	DOW +17.06	NASD +23.50	S&P +14.86

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	511.50	545.25	511.25	542.75	+32.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	352.25	360	352	359.25	+7.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Aug 18	860	863	852	860.75	+2.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Aug 18	28.25	28.47	28.17	28.41	+0.17
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Aug 18	328.90	331.10	327.40	330.00	+1.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Sep 18	68.77	69.70	68.20	69.30	+0.78
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Aug 18	2.739	2.780	2.735	2.775	+0.043
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Aug 18	2.1094	2.1277	2.0920	2.1231	+0.0275

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	65.23	+0.83	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	90.70	+0.77	McDonalds Corp	N	158.89	+0.95
AbbVie Inc	N	93.12	+1.58	Equity Residential	N	64.61	+1.11	Middleby Corp	O	100.10	-0.25
Alstare Corp	N	93.75	+0.52	Exelon Corp	N	41.88	+0.23	Mondelz Intl	O	41.50	-0.06

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	30.25	-1.43
Ford Motor	10.52	-0.05
Bank of America	31.07	-0.24
Gen Electric	13.11	-0.21
Fiat Chrysler Auto	17.00	-2.28
General Motors Co	37.65	-1.83
Freemport McMoran	15.86	-2.21
Ambev S.A.	5.09	+1.10
Chesapeake Engy	4.41	-1.11
Twitter Inc	44.22	+2.05
Vale SA	14.00	+2.3
Halliburton	39.82	-0.53
CocaCola Co	46.09	+0.83
Nokia Corp	5.98	+0.08
Alibaba Group Hldg	197.98	+8.98
Corning Inc	33.21	+3.38
GGP Inc	21.35	+3.37
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	10.80	+2.3
Banco Bradesco ADS	8.41	+2.25
Itau Unibanco Hldg	12.69	+5.59
NY Cmty Bcp	10.52	-0.89
Oracle Corp	48.95	+2.8
Pfizer Inc	37.99	+2.9
Snap Inc A	13.39	+2.5

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	197.98	+8.98
Alphabet Inc C	1263.70	+15.62
Alphabet Inc A	1275.94	+17.79
Amazon.com Inc	1863.61	+34.37
Apple Inc	194.82	+1.82
Bank of America	31.07	+2.4
Berkshire Hath B	197.61	-0.85
Exxon Mobil Corp	83.59	+5.8
Facebook Inc	217.50	+2.83
Intel Corp	52.43	+2.5
JPMorgan Chase	115.18	+1.03
Johnson & Johnson	128.62	-0.74
Microsoft Corp	110.83	+3.17
Royal Dutch Shell B	73.37	-0.4
Royal Dutch Shell A	70.34	+1.3
Unitedhealth Group	254.86	+1.10
Visa Inc	142.64	+2.61
WalMart Strs	87.90	-0.06
Wells Fargo & Co	58.23	-1.2

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.37	+0.36	+21.1
American Funds AmrenBAlA m	27.84	+0.15	+10.0
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	52.08	+0.41	+10.3
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	61.02	+0.24	+3.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	65.28	+0.69	+15.7
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	56.28	+0.64	+22.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.26	+0.11	+7.0
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	41.87	+0.36	+14.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	47.09	+0.55	+15.6
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	46.19	+0.30	+16.2
DFA IntlCorEqIn	14.21	+0.10	+7.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.42	+0.01	+1.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	44.46	+0.25	-1.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	210.22	+1.13	+14.0
DoubleLine TtIRetBdl	10.41	...	+8.0
Fidelity 500IdxIn	99.52	+0.89	+17.1
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	99.52	+0.90	+17.1
Fidelity 500IdxPrm	99.52	+0.90	+17.1
Fidelity Contrafund	140.24	+1.74	+26.4
Fidelity ContrafundK	140.22	+1.74	+26.5
Fidelity LowPrStk	55.75	+0.28	+13.0
Fidelity TtIMktIdxPrm	82.02	+0.68	+17.1
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.33	...	+3.5
Metropolitan West TtIRetBdl	10.37	+0.01	-3.3
PIMCO InclnStl	12.00	+0.01	+2.4
PIMCO TtRetIn	9.96	...	-2.2
Schwab SP500Idx	44.30	+0.40	+17.1
T. Rowe Price BCGr	114.54	+1.51	+29.7
T. Rowe Price GrStk	72.80	+0.98	+25.1
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	263.03	+2.37	+17.1
Vanguard DivGrIn	27.75	+0.32	+14.2
Vanguard GrlxAdmrl	81.19	+0.96	+21.8
Vanguard HCAmrl	91.12	+1.27	+7.5
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.91	...	+5.7
Vanguard InslIdxIn	259.65	+2.34	+17.1
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	259.67	+2.34	+17.1
Vanguard InsTtSMInPls	63.45	+0.54	+17.2
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	103.18	+1.22	+19.4
Vanguard MDCpldxAdmrl	201.47	+1.70	+13.0
Vanguard PrmCpldxAdmrl	149.48	+2.06	+23.9
Vanguard STInmGrdAdmrl	10.45	...	+1.1
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	76.54	+0.37	+16.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.01	+0.15	+7.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.94	+0.10	+8.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.56	+0.21	+9.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.34	+0.14	+10.2
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.40	-0.01	-8.0
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIn	10.40	-0.01	-8.0
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.88	...	+3.1
Vanguard TtInBIdxIn	32.84	+0.01	+3.1
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	29.77	+0.24	+6.8
Vanguard TtInSIdxIn	119.04	+0.97	+6.8
Vanguard TtInSIdxInPlus	119.06	+0.97	+6.8
Vanguard TtInSIdxIn	17.80	+0.15	+6.7
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	71.36	+0.60	+17.2
Vanguard TtSMIdxIn	71.38	+0.60	+17.2
Vanguard TtSMIdxIn	71.34	+0.60	+17.0
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	73.02	+0.35	+9.0
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Euro	.8548
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Israel (Shekel)	3.6405
Japan (Yen)	110.83
Mexico (Peso)	18.7056
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So. Korea (Won)	1119.10
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.49
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INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2903.65	-1.9/-1
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MSCI-EAFE	1996.38	-2.2/-1
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OBITUARIES

RUTH ANN QUINN 1930-2018

Spent half-century as volunteer in Chicago

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Ruth Ann Quinn put her administrative and communications skills to work as a volunteer with organizations from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra to International Women Associates.

"She was one of the finest volunteers I've ever worked with in a career that spans 50 years," said Henry Fogel, former president and CEO of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. "Everybody wanted to work for her."

Quinn was president of the symphony's women's association before becoming a member and later vice chairman of the group's board of trustees.

She was also an early member of the International Women Associates, where she followed the founder as the group's president from 1987 to 1988. Quinn was also at one time on the board of the Chicago Humanities Festival and the women's board of the Ravinia Festival, family members said.

Quinn, 87, whose struggle with Alzheimer's disease over several years was complicated by a recent stroke, died July 18 in The Mather in Evanston, according to her daughter Carolyn. Quinn and her husband of 66 years, Neil, who survives her, moved there about five years ago after living in Winnetka for 30 years.

She was born Ruth Ann Baker in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where her father was working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture helping to set up rubber farms. The program was discontinued and the family returned to



FAMILY PHOTO

Ruth Ann Quinn established her own business, Pacesetter, in the 1970s.

the United States and settled in Centralia, Ill.

She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in speech therapy in 1952. She met her future husband at the university, and the two married soon after she graduated.

He had enlisted in the Marine Corps, and the couple spent some time at what is now Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina before returning to Illinois.

It was not long before Quinn became active with what was then the National Conference of Christians and Jews, now the National Conference for Community and Justice, where her family said she helped start a children's program in the 1960s.

She began her involvement with the Chicago Symphony in the 1970s and remained involved for many years. "She listened well to people and she was flexible enough to adjust a point of view to somebody else's

argument," Fogel said.

Around 1990, Quinn also began her work on the board of the Chicago Humanities Festival, where she met banker and philanthropist Harrison Steans, who found her to be "a practical person who would advance the cause but make best use of available resources," he said.

In the late 1970s, she established a business called Pacesetter to offer tours and programs for the spouses of visiting conventioners. Rising gas prices eventually brought the bus tours to an end, but Quinn shifted the business to providing on-site personnel for conventions in town in need of assistants to help with logistics, credentials and the like. She continued the business until she was in her 80s, her daughter said.

Patricia Peterson, a fellow member of the International Women Associates, said Quinn's leadership skills were evident in her time with the organization, which aims to help create connections among people of diverse international backgrounds to foster a more just and peaceful world.

"She was very dedicated to volunteerism," said her daughter, an associate judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

In addition to her husband and daughter, Quinn is survived by another daughter, Leslie Brooks; a son, Thomas; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

A private service is planned.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JULY 26 ...

In 1775 Benjamin Franklin became the first postmaster general.

In 1788 New York became the 11th state to ratify the Constitution.

In 1856 playwright George Bernard Shaw was born in Dublin.

In 1875 Carl Jung, the founder of analytic psychology, was born in Kesswil, Switzerland.

In 1894 author Aldous Huxley was born in Godalming, England.

In 1908 U.S. Attorney General Charles Bonaparte issued an order creating an investigative agency that was a forerunner of the FBI.

In 1922 actor Jason Robards was born in Chicago.

In 1928 film director Stanley Kubrick was born in New York.

In 1943 Rolling Stones lead singer Mick Jagger was born in Dartford, England.

In 1945 Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after the Labour Party scored a landslide election victory over his Conservatives. (Clement Attlee would be named prime minister.)

In 1947 President Harry

Truman signed the National Security Act, which created the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the CIA and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 1948 President Harry Truman signed two executive orders banning discrimination in the U.S. armed forces and federal employment.

In 1952 Illinois Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson II was nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

In 1953 Fidel Castro launched a revolt against Cuban leader Fulgencio Batista with an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba.

In 1956 Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal.

In 1963 more than 1,000 people were killed in an earthquake in Skopje, Yugoslavia (now Macedonia).

In 1964 Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa and six others were convicted of fraud and conspiracy in the handling of a union pension fund.

In 1971 Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy, Fla.

In 1986 the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco of Joliet was freed by the Islamic Jihad

after nearly 19 months as a hostage in Lebanon. **Also in 1986** American statesman W. Averell Harriman died in Yorktown Heights, N.Y.; he was 94.

In 1990 President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans With Disabilities Act. **Also in 1990** the House reprimanded Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., for ethics violations.

In 1995 the Senate voted 69-29 to unilaterally lift the U.N. embargo on arms shipments to Bosnia. **Also in 1995** former Michigan Gov. George Romney, father of former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, died; he was 88.

In 1996 President Bill Clinton rejected a clemency plea from Jonathan Pollard, who had spent more than 10 years in prison for spying for Israel. **Also in 1996** swimmer Amy Van Dyken became the first American woman to win four gold medals at a single Olympics as she captured the 50-meter freestyle in Atlanta.

In 2000 a federal judge in New York approved a \$1.25 billion settlement between Swiss banks and more than 500,000 plaintiffs who alleged the banks had hoarded money deposited by Holocaust victims.

In 2001 China granted parole to two U.S.-based scholars convicted of spying for Taiwan.

In 2005 America's manned space program roared back to life with the launch of Discovery, 2½ years after the Columbia disaster. **Also in 2005** Cubs pitcher Greg Maddux recorded his 3,000 career strikeout against San Francisco in the third inning of a 3-2, 11-inning victory for the Giants.

In 2013 Ariel Castro, the Cleveland bus driver who sexually abused three women he held prisoner for about a decade, pleaded guilty to more than 900 counts of criminal behavior and accepted a plea deal that spared him the death penalty.

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July 25
Powerball 02 18 41 44 64 / 26
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Pick 4 midday 1633 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto midday
12 23 25 30 45
Pick 3 evening 194 / 9
Pick 4 evening 5206 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening
05 13 17 20 41
July 27 Mega Millions: \$40M

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July 25
Megabucks 05 07 15 25 40 42
Pick 3 369
Pick 4 2967
Badger 5 03 09 11 13 30
SuperCash 09 12 17 19 31 33

INDIANA
July 25
Lotto 14 15 18 20 42 44
Daily 3 midday 182 / 1
Daily 4 midday 8363 / 1
Daily 3 evening 361 / 7
Daily 4 evening 6291 / 7
Cash 5 01 05 13 17 33

MICHIGAN
July 25
Lotto 02 14 17 23 35 43
Daily 3 midday 251
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In Memoriam



Lowell & Dorothy Ackmann

On this day July 26, 2018 we are thinking of you. Today would have been your 70th anniversary! We have thought of the two of you every day for the last 3 years as you now celebrate your anniversaries in Heaven. We frequently talk about the values and lessons we all learned from you and the great role models you were for us, our children and your friends. We are extremely thankful to have had so many great years with you and look forward to seeing you again someday. With love always, Bob & Jan, Lee & Jakki, Barb and all the Grandchildren! Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Martin SooHoo

July 26, 1949 - June 15, 2002

I remember your big hearty laugh, your bright shining eyes. Your loving embraces, your hands holding mine. Your sharp funny repartees. Your sense of humor, your silliness. Your love of cooking, food and classical music. How smart you were. How hard-working. Your sense of responsibility, empathy and fairness. Your kindness and generosity to others, your parents and mine. Giving it your all. I will always remember you and miss you.

A father, son, brother, in-law, uncle. My husband.
Love, Judy

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Bialas, Florian

Florian Bialas, age 82, of Tinley Park, formerly of Des Plaines, U.S. Navy veteran. Loving brother of Petronella (the late Mickey) Bembenek and Barbara (Dennis) Brookover. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Many years of service with Midwest Dental Products Corporation. Visitation Sunday 4-9 PM at the **Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home**, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Monday 1030 AM service at the funeral home. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com.

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Cooney, Philip A.

Beloved son of the late Martin and Maureen (nee Healy) Cooney; loving brother of Colleen (Eugene) Giudice, Brian (Deborah CPD), Michael (Cynthia), and Kevin (Kathy); devoted uncle of Patrick (Kiley), Abby, Siobhan and Maureen Cooney; Michael, Conor and Claire Cooney; and Kevin, Jack, Danny and Maeve Cooney; dear nephew to the late Patricia Healy, Kay (the late Joseph) Appelhans, Eileen (the late Lee) Behlmann, James (the late Phyllis) Healy, Donald (Dorothy) Healy, Monica Healy, Mary (the late Nick) Schliefer, and Thomas (Peggy) Cooney; great cousin and friend to many. Visitation will be held on Friday from 3-9 PM at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Funeral service Saturday, 9:15 AM at St. Mary of the Woods Church for Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation <https://www.cff.org/> For information please call (847) 685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com.

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Cusack, Margaret M.

Margaret M. Cusack, nee Coyne; Beloved wife of the late Stephen F. Cusack; Loving mother of Martin (Patti), Timothy (Janet), Maryann Cusack, Margaret R. Cusack, Mark (Barbara), Jeanmarie (Jerome) Gainer, and the late Nancy Gerylyn Cusack; Proud grandma of Maggie (fiancée Wesley Shimkus), and Stephen Cusack; Marie (Justin) Krivickas; Jessica (Timothy) Lambert, Daniel, and Matthew Cusack; Thomas Gainer, Stephen Gainer, and the late Nancy Elizabeth Gainer; Great-grandma of Ryan Krivickas, Allison Krivickas, Lillian Krivickas, and Patrick Lambert; Preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Gretta Coyne, and one sister Frances Annunziata; In lieu of flowers, donations to Mercy Mass at Mercy Home, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607-9952, or Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, FL 32256 would be appreciated; Visitation Friday, 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass 10:00 a.m. at St. John Fisher Church, 10234 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**; For funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Dribin, Jerome

Jerome Dribin, 95, beloved husband and best friend of the late Evelyn for 67 wonderful years; loving father of Michele (Joel) Shoolin, Barbara (Bradley) Warady and Laura Dribin (Fiance Carl Van Camp); cherished grandfather of Emily (Jared) McGuire, Claire (Andrew) Witko, Stacey (Gabriel) Gillett, Melanie (Bryan) Newell, Michael Warady, Kara Werner and Leah Werner; adored great grandfather of Julian and Madeline McGuire and Lucia, Avi and Emmett Gillett and Josie Newell; devoted son of the late David and Bessie Dribin; dear brother of the late Seymour (Dena) Dribin and Florence (Ronald) Lyons; caring former father-in-law of James Werner; treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Avenues To Independence (avenuestoindependence.org), National Kidney Foundation serving Kansas (kidney.org) or Honor Flight Chicago (honorflightchicago.org). For information, tributes and condolences: (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Graf (nee Setina), Genevieve

Genevieve Graf, age 97, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 in Pasadena, California with her loving family by her side.



Visitation will be held at Tezak Funeral Home in Joliet, IL on Saturday, July 28 from 11:00 until noon. Interment to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Tezak Funeral Home, 1211 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL. 815-722-0524.

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Hahn, Lila Ann

Lila Ann Hahn, nee Burrows, passed away at Rush Hospital on July 24, 2018 surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of Richard Hahn; loving mother of Kenneth Hahn, Janet (Robert) Heilingoetter, Patricia (Lawrence) Dechter; cherished grandmother of Holly, Cassie, Tyler, and Talia. Lila was born on May 10, 1934 in Chicago, IL where she lived most of her life. She will be remembered as loving and caring. There is a private service planned. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to the American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604. For info: 847-256-5700.

WEINSTEIN & PISER FUNERAL HOME

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Klockgeter, Lucille E. 'Lu'

Lucille E. "Lu" Klockgeter, age 91, a resident of Carillon Lakes in Crest Hill, IL, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2018 at her home. She was born on October 17, 1926 in Chicago, IL. Lu was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George H. Klockgeter. Visitation will be Friday, July 27, 9:00 AM until the time of funeral services at 11:00 AM at the **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, corner of Routes 30 & 59, Plainfield. Interment will be private. For information please call 815/436-9221 or visit www.overman-jones.com

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McKeone, Peter F.

Peter F. McKeone; Loving husband of the late Rita; Preceded in death by his parents, Donald F. and Margaret, nee Connolly; Survived by his devoted and loving siblings, Margaret (Michael) Anderson, Donald J., Mary Ann Curran, Patty (Mark) Johnson, Kathy (Kevin) Johnson, and Sharon (James) DeLorme; Cherished uncle of nine and dear friend to many; Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Funeral Friday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Alexander Church, 7025 W. 126th Street, Palos Heights; Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Meyers, George W.

George W. Meyers, age 100; beloved husband of the late Catherine; loving father of Scott (Susan) & Skip (Heather) Meyers; dear grandfather of Sarah, Steve (Cassie), Katie Meyers, Stacey (Aaron) Grappe, & Steven Meyers; fond great-grandfather of Hannah & Nick Grappe; uncle of many. George was a proud WWII Navy Seabee. Visitation 4 to 9pm on Friday, July 27 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral prayers, 9:00am, Saturday, July 28 from the funeral home to St. Cletus Church, LaGrange. Mass 9:30am. Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfnerals.com

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O'Laughlin Jr., James J.

Vietnam Army Veteran. Cherished husband of Frances (nee Skobis). Devoted father of Michael O'Laughlin. Loving brother of John (Brenda) O'Laughlin and Marianne (Lowell) Richardson. Memorial Visitation Saturday, July 28, 2018 11 am until time of Memorial Service 2 pm at **Maier Funeral Home**, 17101 S. 71st Ave., Tinley Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Wounded Warrior Project, 230 W. Monroe St., Suite 200 Chicago, IL 60506 would be appreciated. For info: (708) 781-9212.

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Peterson, Eric Bruce 'Rick'

Eric Bruce Peterson (Rick) died on Thursday, July 12th, at his home in Evanston, IL after recently overcoming leukemia. He was 63. On Saturday, July 28th from 9-12pm a public visitation will be held at **Scott Funeral Home** located at 1100 Greenleaf Avenue in Wilmette, IL. Rick embodied his "high-quality coaching method" of demonstrating a "respectful, caring connection and attitude" towards all his athletes, family and friends in turn assist people with "evolving positively in life." The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, consider a donation in Rick's memory to the Ted Mullin Fund and NorthShore Kellogg Cancer Center.

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Poncer, Mary Therese

Mary Therese Poncer (nee Stawowy), passed away Monday, July 23, 2018. Mary was a founding member of St. Terrence Church and was retired after many years with Malina, Inc. Beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Poncer; loving mother of Paula (Tom) DeMichael, Mark (Nancy) Poncer, Joseph (Diane) Poncer and the late Anne Victoria; dearest grandmother of Anthony (Jan), Alexander (Dana), Andrew, Benjamin, Matthew, Daniel and Anne Elizabeth; proud GG Mary of Charlie and Colton; fond sister and friend of Barbara (the late Nicholas) Barzen, Richard (the late Doris) Stawowy and Bernard Stawowy; loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 4-9 pm. Funeral 10:30 am from Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home 10727 S. Pulaski Road Chicago, IL to St. Terrence Church Alsip, IL for Mass at 11 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org or mail to P.O. Box 22478 Oklahoma City, OK 73123 would be appreciated. Please visit www.andrewmccgann.com or call 773-783-7700 for more information.

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Ratajczak, Victor R.

Victor Robert Ratajczak, 97, Beloved husband of the late Sylvia, nee Gerlich; beloved son of the late Andrew, Sr., and Anna (Plucinski) Ratajczak. Victor married Sylvia Gerlich on October 14, 1967. They lived in Oak Lawn, IL until 2004. Victor and Sylvia had no children. He was a loyal employee of Continental Can Company for 39 years. Victor is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Andrew, Jr., and his wife Sylvia. Since 2004, Victor has resided at Smith Crossing in Orland Park, IL. Victor is survived by his nephews Raymond N. (Deanna) Gerlich and Mark (Kim) Gerlich, and their children, a cousin, Celia (the late Joseph) Pieczul, and cousin Alan (Gina) Pieczul, and their children. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, July 27, 2018, 11:00am at St. Germaine Church, located at 9711 S. Kolin Avenue, Oak Lawn IL. Entombment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Germaine Parish. Info: 773-783-7700 or www.andrewmccgann.com.

Dignity

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Rezzuto, Josephine J.

Josephine J. Rezzuto, age 92. Passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family and friends. She lived her whole life in Chicago and was a long time employee of Marshall Fields. Devoted daughter of the late Frank and the late Rose; fond sister of the late Jerry, the late Nella, the late Frank and the late John; loving aunt to Steve Banwarth, Philip Banwarth, Mark Banwarth, Nella Jean Hubbard, Lisa Banwarth Kuhn, Robert Rezzuto, Jeff Rezzuto, Frank Rezzuto and Janine Rezzuto; also survived by many grandnieces and grandnephews. Funeral Mass Friday, July 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Santa Maria Addolorata Church, 528 North Ada St., Chicago, IL 60642. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the favorite charity of your choice. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or sign guestbook at www.michalikfuneralhome.com.

Michalik Funeral Home

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Rosienski, Frank J.

Frank J. Rosienski, age 90; loving father of Sheila (Patrick) Miehe, Terrence (Maryann), Kevin (Karen), Steven (Ilona), Philip, Celeste (Michael) Hansen and Annette (Rick) Helminiak; cherished grandfather of Nicholas, Michelle (Wade), Gina (Joseph), Jeffery, Stephanie, Hannah and Luke. Visitation Friday 5 PM until 9 PM at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home**, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Funeral Saturday 9:15 AM to St. John Brebeuf Church for 10 AM Mass. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Former President of Eagle Printing. Donations might be made to The American Cancer Society. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Schmid, Cyril F.

Cyril F. Schmid, age 92 of Cary formerly Arlington Heights. Beloved husband of Marie Schmid nee Johncola for 67 years. Loving father of Leonice (Bill) Nowack. Adored grandfather of Christopher (Kaelyn) and Stephen (Kassi). Loving uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Visitation Thursday from 3-8 pm at **Kolssak Funeral Home**, 189 S Milwaukee Ave (2 Blocks South of Dundee Road) Wheeling. Prayers will be held Friday at 9:15 am followed by a procession to St. Mary's Catholic Church for a 10 am mass, 10 N Buffalo Grove Rd. Interment to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Catholic Medical Mission Board at <https://cmmb.org/donate> will be greatly appreciated. For more information 847.537.6600 or www.funerals.pro

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Siegel, Sherlee

Sherlee Siegel, nee Redman, 91, beloved wife of the late Albert; loving mother of Lonny (Gayle) Siegel and Elyn (Jeffrey) Schneider; cherished grandma of Ross (Heather) Siegel, Gary (Jamie) Siegel, Stacy (Aaron) Zeid, Robby (Jen) Siegel, Scott (Shayna) Schneider, Josh (Hayle) Schneider and Matt (Kayeleigh) Schneider; adored great grandma of twelve; devoted daughter of the late Dorothy and Samuel Redman; dear sister of Roselle (the late Raymond) Hechter and Norvil (Pat) Redman; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Friday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Entombment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For info and condolences (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Stack-Boersma, Linda D.

Linda D. Stack-Boersma nee McInerney beloved wife of the late Timothy Boersma; loving mother of Kevin (Crispy) Stack, Thomas (Tori Alvarez) Stack and Anastasia (Mark Belousek) Stack; cherished grandmother of Jessi, Jordan and Marissa; devoted sister of James McInerney, Peggy (Gary) Lowes and the late Max Campbell, Sandra De Rosa and Carol Walsh; dearest friend of Roberta (Bert) Kamp; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday 1-6 P.M. with a prayer service at 4:00 P.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park IL 60487 Interment Private Funeral info (708) 532-3100

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Standa, Mildred

Mildred Standa (nee: Filip), passed away peacefully on July 18th with her family by her side. She lived 92 wonderful, full years. Mildred was predeceased by her parents, Anna and Peter, her husband of 58 years, Steve, her brother Robert, her sisters-in-law Rosalie Filip and Eleanor Bellus, and her brother-in-law Julius Bellus. She is survived by her six children, Pat (Arn) Tydell, Scott (Irene), Susan (Sam deceased) McCracken, Mark (Sheila Leahy), John (Syafria), and Paul (Lynn Carli). She had 13 grandchildren Katie, Matthew deceased, Kelly, Jill, Scott, David, Kevin, Tripp, Tess, Olivia, Bianca, Rachel, and Emily. She had 14 great-grandchildren with one on the way. She was the dear aunt of Dolly (Michael) Ernst, Diana (Ron) Bellus-Petterec, Mark (Beth) Filip, and Julie (Craig) Jackson and their families. She enjoyed many friends and also friends of her children and grandchildren. Family was everything to Millie and each of us has a special memory of her. As of this date, services are pending. Masses in her name would be appreciated as she was devotedly religious. Special thanks to Journey Care Hospice staff and Victory Centre Assisted Living Staff.

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TAYLOR, IVADELL G.

Ivade G. Taylor, nee Brunell. Beloved wife of the late Joseph L. Taylor Sr. Loving mother of Joseph L. (Joyce) Taylor Jr., Suzanne (Bruce) Taylor Jarvis, and Mary Taylor Serak. Proud grandmother of Nicholas (Wilcel), Hannah, Alexander, Emily, Rebecca, Sarah, and William. Dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, July 28th from 10 a.m. until the time of service 12 Noon at Toon Funeral Home, 4920 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL. Interment Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL. Ivy Taylor was an avid world traveler and reader and maintained an inquisitive and challenging intellect throughout her life. For further information, www.toonfuneralhome.com or 630-968-0408.

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Vainisi, Catherine "Kay"

Catherine "Kay" Vainisi (nee Olivo), loving mother of William (Janine) Vainisi, Cheryl (Paul) Jaeckel, James (Julie) Vainisi; cherished grandmother of Michael, Nicholas, Christopher, James Jr., Christina and Jack Vainisi, Marissa, Alexandra and Erica Jaeckel; dear sister of John (Patricia) Olivo and the late Richard "Buddy" Olivo; fond aunt of Janet (Tim) Bachert and John (Diane) Olivo. Funeral Saturday beginning with Visitation from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Edna Church, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, 60004 followed by Mass at 11:30 a.m. Entombment Saint Michael Cemetery, Palatine. Arrangements by **Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**. For information please call (630) 889-1700.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of School District #69, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that commencing at 9:00 a.m. (local time) on June 19, 2018, the tentative budget for said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Administrative Center of said school district at 5050 Madison Street, Skokie, Illinois, during usual and customary business hours. Said budget is also posted on said district's web site.

Public notice is further hereby given that a public hearing will be held on said tentative budget at 7:00 p.m. (local time) on the 21st day of August, 2018, at the Maier Administration Center, 5050 Madison Street, Skokie, Illinois.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2018. Board of Education of School District #69 in the County of Cook, State of Illinois.

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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
Jayceon James Jayson Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Katrice Tayford (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00097 15JA00098

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jayson Jones (Father)**, AKA **Jason Jones**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 22, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **08/15/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 26, 2018

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Lee Hurtado AKA Lee Maxximes Hurtado

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Veronica Saenz (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 13JA00367

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Carlos Alex Hurtado (Father)**, AKA **And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **May 7, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **08/15/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 26, 2018

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Patrick Bryant Nasim Washington

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Ella Nelson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00549 18JA00550

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Ella Nelson (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 13, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **08/15/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 26, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES
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TO: Ruthel Bedgood Murphy, Ruthel P. Bedgood; Ronald Bedgood; Second City Construction Co., Inc., c/o Edward A. Baker, Reg. Agent; James Henley; Vivian Henley; Hirseline Johnson; Lamar Allen; Phil Bunnis; William Fleming; Occupant, 5051 W. Gladys Ave., Chicago, IL 60644; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004255 FILED: July 16, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 14-0015145 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 5051 W. GLADYS AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 16-16-214-155-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Empathy Financial, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 17, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5714749

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TO: Ruthel Bedgood Murphy, Ruthel P. Bedgood; Ronald Bedgood; Second City Construction Co., Inc., c/o Edward A. Baker, Reg. Agent; James Henley; Vivian Henley; Hirseline Johnson; Lamar Allen; Phil Bunnis; William Fleming; Occupant, 5051 W. Gladys Ave., Chicago, IL 60644; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004255 FILED: July 16, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 14-0015145 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 5051 W. GLADYS AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 16-16-214-155-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Empathy Financial, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 17, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5714749

TO: Irma J. McNeil; John E. Cotton; Craig Barlow; Terrie Keys; Occupant, 5034 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, IL 60619; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004253 FILED: July 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 14-0015149 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 5034 W. VAN BUREN ST., UNIT D, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 16-16-214-269-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 17, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5714749

TO: Antonette Suchovsky; Brewster Castells; Occupant, 6326 S. Lamon Ave., Chicago, IL 60638; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004249 FILED: July 16, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 14-0009981 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 6326 S. LAMON AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 19-21-205-032-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Empathy Financial, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 17, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5713360

TO: Elite Invest I Se 1084; Elite Invest, LLC, series 1084, n/a/ Elite Invest, LLC; Elite Invest, LLC, series 1084, c/o Gary Mages, Reg. Agent; City of Chicago; Occupant, 6822 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60629; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004225 FILED: July 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 6, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 14-0010100 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 6822 S. ARTESIAN AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 19-24-412-015-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 17, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5713736

TO: Elite Invest I Se 1084; Elite Invest, LLC, series 1084, n/a/ Elite Invest, LLC

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TO: Andrea Johnson; Real Estate Growth Fund, LLC, c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; Marquise Johnson; Zamiya Johnson; Eddie Wright; Occupant, 820 E. 74th St., Chicago, IL 60619; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004227 FILED: July 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 6, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0007207 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 820 E. 74TH ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 20-26-115-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 16, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5714383

TO: HM Properties; Rebeca Aguilari, a/a/a Rebeca Aguilari; Law Offices of Renee Meltzer Kalman, P.C.; City of Chicago, City Clerk; Occupant, 1440 E. 71st Pl., Chicago, IL 60619; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004228 FILED: July 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 6, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0007220 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 820 E. 71ST PL., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 20-26-202-035-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 16, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5714543

TO: Kenneth Wright; Roosevelt Mishner; Zen Affiliates Home, LLC; Illinois Department of Employment Security; Occupant, 7642 S. Honore St., Chicago, IL 60620; Illinois Attorney General; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004247 FILED: July 16, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 7, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0011521 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 7642 S. HONORE ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 20-30-414-034-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Empathy Financial, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 17, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5717412

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TO: Estate of Maria Barnes; April Barnes; Anthony Barnes; Isaac Barnes; Danny Barnes; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; LUNV Funding, LLC, c/o Illinois Corporation Service Company, Reg. Agent; Verdell Broughton; Arthur Harrison; Karl Harrison; Keith Parker; Occupant, 9605 S. California Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD003681 FILED: June 14, 2018 AMENDED TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 6, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0006213 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 9605 S. CALIFORNIA AVE., EVERGREEN PARK, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 24-12-207-067-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 12, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 12, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 19, 2018, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 12, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 17, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5718166

TO: M Avery; Catherine Haskins; Corewest Banc, U.S. Bank N.A., as Trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, asset-backed pass-through certificates, series 2006-AMC1 under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of September 1, 2006, without recourse; City of Chicago, City Clerk; Personal Finance Company LLC, d/b/a Personal Finance Company, c/o Illinois Corporation Service Company, Reg. Agent; David Bell; Dajari Brewer; Otis Durham; Keith Joyce; Taurice Rember; Denice Anderson; Daniel Thompson; Darron Williams; Occupant, 1338 W. 109th St., Chicago, IL 60643; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004253 FILED: July 16, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 7, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0012265 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1338 W. 109TH ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 25-17-313-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Empathy Financial, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 17, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5717421

TO: Mary E. Sain; Roosevelt Sain; Willis Yarbrough; City of Chicago; Anne Shropshire; Elizabeth Shropshire; Occupant, 12839 S. Normal Ave., Chicago, IL 60628; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004254 FILED: July 16, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0012749 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 12839 S. NORMAL AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 25-33-116-056-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Empathy Financial, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 17, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5717439

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TO: Tanisha J. Rayson; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., c/o Genpac Registered Agent, Inc.; Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, c/o Illinois Corporation Service Company, Reg. Agent; 13282 S. Riverdale Ave., Chicago, IL 60827; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004229 FILED: July 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 7, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0008584 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 13228 S. RIVERDALE AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 25-34-113-047-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 16, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5714557

TO: Richard Cuyrich; Estate of Nick Striber; Estate of Anja Striber; Richard Dlugosiecki; Occupant, 13248 S. Burley Ave., Chicago, IL 60633; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004230 FILED: July 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 7, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0008829 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 12348 S. BURLEY AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 26-31-218-038-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 16, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/24, 25, 26/2018 5714593

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On eve of Thome's big day in Cooperstown, Konerko says: 'He was everything they said he was — and more'



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake
of the News

Jim Thome's official title with the White Sox is special assistant to the general manager, but Paul Konerko knows the perfect role in the organization for his former teammate.

"I've always said the best money the team could pay Jim is (to) have him just sit in the training room after games and talk to guys," Konerko told the Tribune. "He can make you think you're great. I'd be miserable after games and we'd go back to the training room, and by the time I walked out of the hot tub we're having a beer and talking, and I'd be like, 'I really am OK.'"

Konerko, one of the Sox's most introspective players ever, savored his four seasons from 2006 to 2009 playing alongside Thome, perhaps their most affable. Konerko will be there Sunday in Cooperstown, N.Y., seeing Thome enter the Baseball Hall of Fame in a class that includes Chipper Jones, Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Jack Morris and Alan Trammell. It says everything about Thome that each of the six teams he represented as a major-leaguer will take such pride in the pageantry.

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Paul Konerko and Jim Thome were White Sox teammates from 2006-09. Konerko says of Thome: "I probably added two or three years to my career because of Jim."

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Helmet contact rule will change game

It will take time for players, officials to adapt to NFL's latest safety initiative

By RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

BOURBONNAIS — As Bears inside linebacker Nick Kwiatkoski watched the NFL's 2018 rules changes video Saturday night, he noticed a trend in the montage of tackles that will be considered illegal under the new rule that prohibits a player from initiating contact with his helmet.

"Some of the plays don't look like anything vicious," Kwiatkoski said. "It looks like a normal play to me."

It turns out — wow — he's right. Veteran referee Walt Coleman played the video for reporters Monday, and some of these newly prohibited tackles seem entirely ordinary. So common, in fact, that the ramifications could be seismic.

This subset of tackles goes beyond the obviously illegal hits in which a player launches himself like a missile into an opponent, like Danny Trevathan's suspension-earning head shot on Devante Adams. That blow appeared in the video as an example of a hit that will result in an ejection.

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With the exhibition opener only a week away, Dan Wiederer answers the key questions surrounding the Bears. **Back Page**



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Lester's 'old school' in session

Self-described "crusty" lefty helps save fatigued bullpen, gives banged-up team a needed boost with six-plus four-hit innings. **Page 3**

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Steve Rosenbloom
Because that's what Jon Lester does. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



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As dad double-shifts, son has single focus

Cubs' Hendricks might earn millions, but father loves holding down two jobs

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN | Chicago Tribune

A golfer at Sunset Ridge Country Club approached John Hendricks and remarked excitedly, "I understand you're the dad."

"Older brother," Hendricks shot back as the two laughed.

Hendricks really did spawn Cubs starting pitcher Kyle Hendricks. But suffice it to say he's like no other father of a professional ball-player making more than \$4 million this season.

"He likes to stay busy," Kyle said in an understatement.

John's idea of a good day is to wake up at 4 a.m. and report for a job at O'Hare-Midway Limousine Service that requires him to battle traffic for about eight hours.

Three days a week he supplements that by reporting to Sunset Ridge, the club in Northfield that counts Northwestern coaches Pat Fitzgerald, Chris Collins and Joe McKeown as members.



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John and Ann Marie Hendricks cheer for son Kyle last week at Wrigley.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Soria to Cubs makes sense

Isn't it as simple as the White Sox trading closer Joakim Soria to the Cubs?

OK, maybe not simple, but it's a legitimate option. Last year's Sox-Cubs trade that sent Jose Quintana to the Cubs for, most notably, Eloy Jimenez and Dylan Cease made all things possible — things like the Sox trading a reliever to a Cubs team that desperately needs one.

Isn't this why the Sox traded for Soria? To trade him? Why, yes. That's exactly why Sox general manager Rick Hahn made that move. The Sox always planned to flip Soria at the deadline to a team with a chewed-up bullpen, which is every team, and especially the Cubs. It's not that the bullpen is bad. It's that it's overused because the starters can't go six innings.

Now, the normal response to that failure is to trade for a starter who can go six innings. Maybe I'm being too simplistic here, but that's what I would do.

But after paying more than \$150 million for starters who shouldn't be starting — Yu Darvish at least has the good sense not to, unlike Tyler Chatwood — it doesn't appear as if Theo Epstein will go that way, reportedly focusing on the bullpen.

OK. Fine. The Cubs need a reliable arm there. Problem is, they're running out of options because other teams' prospects appear more attractive than those in the once-lucrative Cubs system that produced a World Series championship and three straight National League Championship Series appearances.

Zach Britton was a reported target, but the Orioles traded the left-handed closer to the Yankees for three pitching prospects. Brad Hand was a reported target, but the Padres traded the left-handed reliever too.

Of course, the Cubs wouldn't need Britton and Hand as desperately if left-handed reliever Justin Wilson hadn't become a general disaster and Brandon Morrow hadn't become a question mark.

And they wouldn't have needed Britton and Hand as much if Kyle Hendricks hadn't joined Darvish and Chatwood as guesswork.

But that's where the Cubs are — needing an arm. And there's Soria, rolling.

In his last six outings through Tuesday night's save against the Angels, Soria has allowed just three hits while striking out 10 and walking two. Zooming out over June and July, Soria has allowed 13 hits and six



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Reliever Joakim Soria has put up impressive numbers for the White Sox this season.

walks while striking out 19 in 20 1/3 innings for an 0.93 WHIP. He has saved 12 games in 13 chances and allowed no inherited runners to score.

Soria's 40 appearances through Tuesday were as many as Brian Duensing and fewer than Steve Cishek, Pedro Strop and Wilson. His 38 2/3 innings were fewer than Cishek,

Strop and Wilson.

Sounds like a guy the Cubs could use. Sounds like a guy the Sox would trade. Theo, Rick, why don't you two kids get together again?

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Smith's beard grows on Illini

The beard is back.

Illinois coach Lovie Smith created a buzz this week when he showed up in Chicago for Big Ten media days sporting a neatly trimmed white beard. Smith debuted the beard in the winter but shaved it before spring practices.

Smith said anticipating the grind of preseason camp inspired him to put away his razor.

"You look at where we are. We're ready to go into training-camp mode," he said Tuesday. "Training-camp mode, you don't get up every morning clean-shaven."

Some local media and commenters on Twitter seemed tired of the topic. But it's more fun than talking about last season's 2-10 record again, right? Maybe it's indicative of a season makeover ahead?

Smith, who was always fresh-faced as the Bears coach and during his first two seasons at Illinois, said he plans to keep the beard for the 2018 season.

Illini players gave him props for the new look.

"I have a little beard going, but I think he has me beat," wide receiver Mike Dudek said. "He looks good."

Dudek said he did a double take when he saw his coach at media days.

"He definitely looks a lot different," Dudek said. "We didn't see the coaches; they were gone for a couple weeks. I was like: 'Whoa. Who's that?' But it's a good look on him."

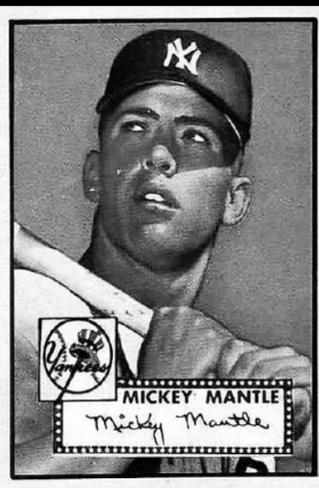
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ANGELS 11, WHITE SOX 3

Rodon's star suddenly on the rise

Left-hander's gem vs. Angels was 3rd straight quality start

By BOB KEISSER
Chicago Tribune

ANAHEIM, Calif. — White Sox catcher Omar Narvaez had to grin when asked how effective left-handed starter Carlos Rodon was Tuesday night in the 4-2 victory over the Angels.

"From the very beginning?" Narvaez said before the Sox's 11-3 loss Wednesday night. "He couldn't throw a strike in the bullpen before the game."

Rodon threw strike after strike during the game, however, as he took a no-hitter into the sixth inning. He frequently got ahead in the count and did not allow anyone to get too comfortable against a fastball that topped out at 95 mph and breaking balls that dipped at the knees.

Rodon got the first two outs of the game, walked Mike Trout and then retired 15 straight batters, many on ground balls. The string was broken when David Fletcher drew a two-out walk in the sixth.

Andrelton Simmons then broke up Rodon's no-hitter with a bouncer up the middle, but Sox third baseman Yolmer Sanchez made a nice defensive play to end the inning, popping up after taking a throw from the outfield and catching Simmons taking too wide of a turn around first.

Rodon worked a clean seventh, then gave up a leadoff double to Ian Kinsler in the eighth. Rodon got two more outs before a walk ended his night with two hits and three walks allowed in 7 1/3 innings.

"He was pitching very free and easy," manager Rick Renteria said afterward. "He went deep into the game and had a good mix of pitches. He stayed efficient as the game went on before getting a little tired."

Said Rodon: "It was fun. There were a lot of balls hit at guys and they got me into the eighth. I was in a groove early. The no-hitter was in my head, but I got a fastball out against Simmons."

Narvaez wasn't concerned after the errant warmup.

"That's the way it works sometimes," he said. "He got ahead of hitters all night. He pretty much did whatever he wanted."

Rodon has put together three straight



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White Sox pitcher Carlos Rodon has tossed three straight quality starts, allowing just 10 hits in 21 innings with a 1.71 ERA.

THE LATE SHOW

For more on Wednesday night's White Sox-Angels game, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

quality starts, allowing just 10 hits in 21 innings with a 1.71 ERA and .141 opponents average. This is the Rodon the Sox remember from his first two seasons, when he went 18-16 with an ERA below four before injuries took their toll in 2017.

He was shut down early in '17 with bursitis in his left biceps and inflammation in his left shoulder. Rodon returned and made 12 starts before the shoulder inflammation returned and he was shut down again. He had offseason shoulder surgery and missed the first two months of 2018 while rehabilitating his shoulder.

The last three starts are indicative of Rodon's overall talent, and they have come at the same time Lucas Giolito has had back-to-back solid outings and improved efforts were delivered by Reynaldo Lopez and Dylan Covey as well.

The members of that quartet are all 26 or younger and represent a large part of the hopes for the Sox in 2019 and beyond.

Pitching for sale: The Sox were very active last season at the trade deadline. This year, they aren't expected to seek out any large trades, but four veteran pitchers likely are available as teams in pennant races seek to add reinforcements.

James Shields, who started Wednesday night against the Angels, has pitched better than his 4-12 record indicates, and the 36-year-old could fill a fourth or fifth rotation spot on a contender.

Also in play could be relievers Joakim Soria, Jeanmar Gomez and Xavier Cedeno. Soria has 16 saves in 19 opportunities and hasn't allowed a run in 21 of his last 22 appearances.

Several teams are looking for bullpen help, including the Cubs and Dodgers.

Bob Keisser is a freelance reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

CUBS 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1



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Javier Baez follows through on a softly hit ball that was mishandled by the Diamondbacks in the eighth, leading to the Cubs' winning run.

A get-well present

2 Diamondbacks errors help ailing Cubs escape with a grind-it-out win

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

Javier Baez wasn't going to let the pain in his left knee stop him from reaching first base as the potential winning run.

"We have to compete with what we have," Baez said Wednesday after his hustle forced reliever T.J. McFarland to commit the first of two Diamondbacks errors in the eighth inning that helped the Cubs to a 2-1 victory.

Baez was healthy enough to pinch hit despite a bruised knee suffered Tuesday night that might prevent him from starting in Thursday's series finale.

The Cubs understand their path to the National League Central title will be challenging. Now they are facing the possibility of Kris Bryant going on the 10-day disabled list, and closer Brandon Morrow isn't ready to be activated from the DL on Saturday because of persistent discomfort.

"We want to get it done for the guys who are hurt," said Albert Almora Jr., who doubled twice and made a diving catch in center field to rob Nick Ahmed of a hit in the second. "We want to pick them up."

Manager Joe Maddon didn't rule out a second trip to the DL for Bryant because of recurring soreness in his left shoulder. His injury and Baez's bruise left the Cubs with a lineup that featured left-handed-hitting Tommy La Stella starting at third base and Kyle Schwarber in left field against lefty Robbie Ray, who limited the Cubs to four hits through seven innings.

"Our lineup was not what you would present to a left-handed pitcher like Ray, but we had no other options," Maddon said. "And we get it done in an unusual way. We'll

THE BOX SCORE

ARIZONA	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Peralta lf	4	0	1	0	1	.288
Marte 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.244
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	2	0	1	.279
Pollock cf	4	1	1	1	0	.300
Souza Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	1	.232
Ahmed ss	3	0	0	0	1	.230
Owings 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.199
Murphy c	3	0	0	0	2	.223
Ray p	2	0	0	0	2	.000
a-Descauso ph	1	0	0	0	0	.261
McFarland p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	32	1	5	1	9	
CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rizzo lf	4	0	0	0	1	.257
Almora cf	3	1	1	0	1	.320
Zobrist 2b	3	0	1	1	1	.292
Contreras c	3	0	1	0	1	.278
Russell ss	3	0	0	0	0	.269
Schwarber lf	1	0	0	0	0	.241
b-Baez ph	1	0	1	0	0	.295
l-Chatwood pr	0	1	0	0	0	.130
Strop p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Happ ph-if	2	0	0	0	0	.256
Lester p	2	0	0	0	2	.116
Edwards Jr. p	0	0	0	0	0	—
c-Heyward ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.284
La Stella 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.272
TOTALS	25	2	5	1	6	

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a-grounded out for Ray in the 8th. b-singled, advanced to 2nd for Schwarber in the 8th. c-advanced to 2nd on fielder's choice for Edwards Jr. in the 8th. l-ran for Baez in the 8th. E: Ahmed (6), McFarland (2). LOB: Arizona 4. CUBS 2. 2B: Goldschmidt (20), Almora 2 (21). HR: Pollock (13), off Lester. RBIs: Pollock (41), Zobrist (39). SB: Owings (9). Runners left in scoring position: Arizona 2 (Souza Jr., Murphy); Cubs 1 (Contreras). RISP: Arizona 0 for 3; Cubs 1 for 6. Runners moved up: Russell. GIDP: Rizzo, Russell, Happ. DP: Arizona 3 (Marte, Ahmed, Goldschmidt), (Ahmed, Marte, Goldschmidt), (Ahmed, Goldschmidt).

ARIZONA IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Ray 7 4 1 1 1 6 4.90
McFarland, L 2-2 1 1 1 0 2 0 1.78

CUBS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Lester 6 4 1 1 0 7 3.06
Edwards Jr., W 3-1 2 0 0 0 0 2 2.84
Strop, S 4-7 1 1 0 0 0 0 2.57

Lester pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. Umpires: H. Chad Fairchild; 1B, Mike Estabrook; 2B, Mark Carlson; 3B, Bruce Dreckman. Time: 2:39. A: 35,548 (41,649).

HOW THEY SCORED

CUBS FOURTH: Almora doubled. Zobrist singled, scoring Almora. Contreras singled, Zobrist to second. Russell grounded out, Contreras out at second. Zobrist to third. With Schwarber batting, Zobrist picked off. **One run. Cubs 1-0.**

DIAMONDBACKS SEVENTH: Pollock homered. Souza Jr. filed out. Ahmed struck out. Owings lined out. **One run. Tied 1-1.**

CUBS EIGHTH: Baez, pinch-hitting for Schwarber, singled, advanced to second. Chatwood pinch-running for Baez. Happ walked. Heyward, pinch-hitting for Edwards Jr., reached on fielder's choice, Chatwood scored, Happ out at second. Heyward advanced to second. Throwing error by Ahmed. La Stella walked. Rizzo grounded out, La Stella out at second. **One run. Cubs 2-1.**

take it any way we possibly can."

Baez received treatments throughout the game and felt well enough to pinch hit, although he was limping noticeably once he ran out of the batter's box, and McFarland's errant throw enabled him to jog to second.

Maddon took no chances, as he dispatched pitcher Tyler Chatwood to run for Baez. After a walk to Ian Happ, pinch hitter Jason Heyward hit a potential double-play grounder to second, but Ahmed's throwing error on the relay to first enabled Chatwood to score the winning run.

With Morrow on the DL because of right biceps inflammation and Steve Cishek unavailable after throwing 30 pitches Tuesday night, Pedro Strop was called upon to earn the save.

Strop survived a Paul Goldschmidt fly ball that Heyward lost in the sun in right field for a double as the Cubs (59-42) expanded their lead in the National League to 2½ games over the Brewers.

"As weird as it looked, even with that ninth inning with the sun ball, we were able to grind it out," Almora said.

The Cubs were in position to win because Jon Lester threw six strong innings, giving up just four hits, and Carl Edwards Jr. tossed two innings of no-hit relief.

The question remains as to how long the Cubs can sustain a lead in the division given the potentially lengthy losses of Bryant and Morrow while team executives try to solidify the roster before Tuesday's non-waiver trade deadline.

And if Baez misses some games, Maddon may have to cut into the periodic rest he has planned for 37-year-old Ben Zobrist.

"Of course we want (Bryant) back as soon as possible," Maddon said. "But I don't know that this is something you can necessarily rush right now."

Morrow hasn't pitched since July 15, the last game before the All-Star break, and has yet to pick up a baseball, although he said the pain is only "a fraction" of what it was.

"That's why I say everyone is good here," Baez said. "We've been missing KB for a while, and we've been doing well. With him in the lineup, it changes everything."

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Whatever they need, they have already

With trade pickings slim, Cubs should look inward



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

Baseball's non-waiver trade deadline long ago morphed from a few weeks of speculation in local newspapers to a full-fledged spectacle played out on TV, radio and the internet.

The evolution of the mlbtraderumors.com website, the six-hour trade-deadline countdown show on MLB Network and the proliferation of rumors on Twitter accounts of trusted media brands such as Ken Rosenthal, Jon Heyman, Bob Nightengale and others keeps fans up to date on the latest information from anonymous executives, scouts, agents and players.

It's good for the game, keeps everyone in the media busy and keeps players on their toes, wondering if they're on the trade block.

But this year's trade deadline, which arrives at 3 p.m. Tuesday, is shaping up as one of the dullest in years, especially with Manny Machado already off the market and seemingly no other superstars on the block. Orioles closer Zach Britton, the most prominent reliever, went to the Yankees on Tuesday for three prospects. Rays starter Nathan Eovaldi was dealt to the Red Sox for another prospect.

Yawn.

Are we supposed to hold our breath until we find out where Mike Moustakas lands after no one signed him in the winter, forcing him to crawl back to the Royals? Does the 2018 version of Cole Hamels excite anyone? Will James Shields and Joakim Soria be touted as some contender's version of a significant deadline pickup? With Brad Hand off the board, should teams looking for bullpen help settle for the best available Brad, be it Brach or Ziegler? Would any Orioles starter — either Dylan Bundy, Kevin Gausman or Andrew Cashner — have enough time left to get the Orioles out of his system?

Unless some unforeseen name such as Jacob deGrom, Chris Archer or Jose Abreu turns into a realistic trade piece, we're going to have to keep refreshing our favorite trade-rumor sites while knowing there's really nothing there to see. Cubs President Theo Epstein is looking for pitching help, but the pickings are slim.

Near the end of May, when Epstein was squelching the Machado rumors, he said the Cubs needed to look inward.

"We have more than enough ability to win the division, to win the World Series, and we really need to focus on our roster, get the most out of our ability and find some consistency," he said. "Everybody's talking about making trades. The first part of the season is trying to figure out who you are."

The Cubs presumably know who they are now: a team with enough ability to win the World Series but still lacking depth in the rotation and bullpen. That combination led manager Joe Maddon to employ position players as relievers this week as if that is normal.

"There's a time and place for position players to pitch," said Jon Lester, who pitched six strong innings Wednesday in the Cubs' 2-1 victory over the Diamondbacks. "You never want them going out there when (they're) on your team, but there are times throughout the year that happens."

"It seems it has happened quite a bit here lately. Hopefully that's the end of it and we can get these guys some rest."

Despite being in first place with 61 games remaining, the Cubs are in an untenable position because of the uncertain recovery time of injured starter Yu Darvish and the latest injury to closer Brandon Morrow.

The Cubs insist Darvish will return eventually, and Morrow's biceps inflammation isn't cause for alarm, but Epstein continues to search for a rental. Whether it's J.A. Happ or another veteran, it's doubtful that player will bring the same sense of anticipation to Wrigley Field as recent deadline pickups Aroldis Chapman and Jose Quintana.

Darvish is to throw off a mound in St. Louis on Friday and Maddon said the pitcher is "optimistic," but Darvish lost the benefit of the doubt weeks ago. As for Morrow, he went from being in "a lot of pain," according to pitching coach Jim Hickey, to having "a little bit of soreness left" according to Morrow himself. But with Britton gone, Epstein's options are less appetizing than the salad bar at a \$10 steakhouse.

The Cubs can't stand pat because they're the Cubs, a team with unlimited resources and a go-for-broke mantra.

But if there's no one worth acquiring who is significantly better than what they already have, maybe looking inward is still the Cubs' best move.

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Lester displays sharpness during, after victory

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

Jon Lester saved much of a fatigued bullpen Wednesday with a fine outing but kept his best "stuff" for after the Cubs' 2-1 victory over the Diamondbacks.

Lester, who makes no secret of his skepticism about the use of analytics, poked fun at the use of launch angles, especially after allowing a wind-aided, game-tying home run to A.J. Pollock leading off the seventh inning.

"Forty-two-degree (launch angle) on a home run that supposedly wasn't a home run, and it went out," Lester joked. "I already yelled at our (analytics) guys."

"Baseball has been played for 120 years, and it's always going to be the same. You rely on your defense and pitcher. And somehow we get punished for that. Strike-

outs are great. We can go back to the '90s and 'Chicks Love the Long Ball' and 'Chicks Dig the Strikeouts' and all this other stuff. But at the end of the day, it's about winning the baseball game. And if you're winning the baseball game, that's all that matters.

"I think when guys pitch well, there needs to be a justification for it. When guys don't pitch well, they always seem to look at the numbers in front of them. There's no justification for it. I've been a part of both. I'm just the crusty old-school guy that keeps running out there."

It was a good thing he ran out there Wednesday as he limited the Diamondbacks to one run on four hits with no walks and seven strikeouts before leaving after the leadoff homer in the seventh.

Lester also found humor in the recent frequent use of position players pitching.

"It's always fun to hear their reaction the

next day on how sore they are, even if it's two pitches or five pitches," Lester said. "(They find) it's different when you're standing (on the mound) and have to throw pitches."

On a more serious note, Lester was pleased that he didn't issue a walk for the first time since May 29.

"(Walks) are inexcusable," Lester said. "I'd rather the guy hit the ball over the fence than walk him on four pitches. It's a waste of time."

Injury update: Pitcher Yu Darvish (right triceps tendinitis) played catch and will throw his next bullpen session before Friday night's game in St. Louis with the possibility of a simulated game next week. ... Reliever Justin Hancock (right shoulder inflammation) continues to rehab in Arizona and is about two weeks from throwing.

BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS			
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA	
Ari	Godley (R)	11-6	4.65	12-8	2-0	17.0	2.65	
Cubs	Chatwood (R)	1:20p	4-5	4.74	10-8	1-0	16.0	6.19
NY	Matz (L)	5-4	3.65	9-10	0-3	17.2	4.58	
Pit	Kingham (R)	6:05p	5-4	4.11	5-5	3-0	18.2	2.89
Was	Strasburg (R)	6-7	3.90	6-8	0-3	13.1	8.10	
Mia	Strally (R)	6:10p	4-4	4.02	8-7	1-0	19.0	1.89
Phi	Suarez (L)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Cin	Mahle (R)	6:10p	7-8	4.32	11-9	1-2	14.2	7.36
LA	Hill (L)	3-4	4.26	5-7	2-1	18.0	3.50	
Atl	Sanchez (R)	6:35p	5-2	2.76	8-4	2-0	18.2	2.41
MI	Miley (L)	1-1	1.56	2-2	0-1	11.1	1.59	
SF	Rodriguez (R)	9:15p	5-1	2.72	7-1	2-0	19.1	1.40

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS			
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA	
Sox	Covey (R)	4-5	4.95	5-7	1-2	17.0	5.29	
LA	Tropeano (R)	3:07p	5-5	4.58	5-6	1-2	14.0	7.07
KC	Junis (R)	5-10	5.03	8-10	0-2	14.1	8.79	
NY	Gray (R)	6:05p	7-7	5.34	9-10	2-1	13.1	4.73
TB	Wood (R)	0-0	2.93	2-0	0-0	3.0	3.00	
Bal	Cobb (R)	6:05p	2-13	6.08	3-15	0-3	16.1	3.86
Min	Gibson (R)	4-7	3.57	9-11	2-1	20.1	3.54	
Bos	Johnson (L)	6:10p	1-3	3.81	4-1	0-1	14.1	2.51
Oak	Cahill (R)	1-2	2.95	5-5	0-0	14.0	5.14	
Tex	Tecon (R)	7:05p	5-8	4.85	8-10	0-3	18.2	5.30

Team rec: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2018 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

CUBS 2, Arizona 1
ANGELS 11, **White Sox** 3
TAMPA BAY 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
N.Y. METS 6, San Diego 4
PHILADELPHIA 7, L.A. Dodgers 3
CINCINNATI 7, St. Louis 5
ATLANTA 4, Pittsburgh 0
WASHINGTON 7, MILWAUKEE 3
DETROIT 8, KANSAS CITY 4
MINNESOTA 12, TORONTO 6 (11)
SEATTLE 3, San Francisco 2
INDIANAS 4, TEXAS 1
COLORADO 3, Houston 2
BOSTON at Baltimore, ppd.

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Toronto at **White Sox**, 7:10
Cubs at St. Louis, 7:15
Cleveland at Detroit, 6
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 6:05
Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05
N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 6:05
Minnesota at Boston, 6:10
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 6:10

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Almora, CHI	94	297	50	95	.326
Markakis, ATL	98	386	2	123	.319
Gennett, CIN	98	371	60	118	.318
Freeman, PIT	91	346	50	110	.318
Freeman, ATL	98	381	62	121	.318
Pharm, STL	98	317	47	100	.315
Yelich, MIL	88	342	64	106	.310
Arenado, COL	95	363	67	111	.306
Suarez, CIN	85	321	53	98	.305
Reimoldo, MIA	74	293	49	89	.304

HOME RUNS

Aguilar, MIL	25	Albies, ATL	31
Arenado, COL	25	Markakis, ATL	30
Carpenter, STL	25	TRIPLE , ATL	30
Harper, WAS	25	KMartz, ARI	9
Muncy, LA	24	Staylor, LA	8
Goldschmidt, ARI	22	CLYBER , ARI	8
Suarez, CIN	22	Smoloz, PIT	25
Albies, ATL	20	MTaylor, WAS	24
Brockton, COL	20	PITCHING	
Strom, COL	20	Scherzer, WAS	25
Betts, BOS	8	Nola, PHI	12-3
Brockton, COL	77	Godley, ARI	11-6
Albies, ATL	75	Greinke, ARI	11-5
Arenado, COL	67	Greinke, ARI	10-3
Pharm, STL	65	Chacin, MIL	9-3
Carpenter, STL	65	Newcomb, ATL	9-3
Hernandez, PHI	65	Quintana, CHI	9-6
Goldschmidt, ARI	64	deGrom, NY	1-71
RBI			
Suarez, CIN	76	Nola, PHI	2-42
Baez, CHI	74	Scherzer, WAS	2-43
Arenado, COL	73	Mikolas, STL	2-82
Aguilar, MIL	71	Foltynewicz, ATL	2-85
Strom, COL	68	Greinke, ARI	3-05
Freeman, ATL	66	Quetta, CHI	3-06
Hoskins, PHI	65	Guerra, MIL	3-13
Rizzo, CHI	64	Molina, COL	3-13
Kemp, LA	64	Freeland, COL	3-28

HITS

Markakis, ATL	123	Scherzer, WAS	159
Freeman, ATL	121	deGrom, NY	159
Gennett, CIN	118	Corbin, ARI	158
Castro, MIA	116	Greinke, ARI	137
Albies, ATL	115	Nola, PHI	136
Anderson, MIA	113	Molina, COL	131
Peraza, CIN	113	Foltynewicz, ATL	125
DOUBLES		through Wed.	

METS 6, PADRES 4

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Jankowski rf	4	0	0	0	1	.250
Asuaje lf	4	0	0	0	2	.221
Strahm p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Myers lf	3	1	0	0	2	.288
Hosmer 1b	3	1	0	0	2	.465
Margot cf	3	1	0	1	2	.522
Galvis ss	4	1	2	2	3	.465
Villanueva 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.225
Hedges c	4	1	2	1	1	.232
Richard p	1	0	0	0	1	.114
Anderson MIA	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Spanberg	1	0	0	0	0	.229
ph-2b						
TOTALS	32	4	7	3	8	

NEW YORK

Rosario ss	4	0	1	2	1	.249
Cabrera 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.273
Flores 1b	3	1	0	0	1	.264
Bautista rf	3	0	0	0	1	.264
Conforto lf	4	0	0	0	2	.226
Plawecki c	3	0	1	0	2	.236
Nimmo cf	3	1	0	0	0	.249
Reyes 3b	3	1	0	0	0	.182
Oswalt p	1	0	0	0	0	.000
a-Evans ph	1	1	1	0	1	.154
Peterson p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Gsellman p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Knechtel ph	1	0	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	29	6	5	6	5	

San Diego

San Diego	010	010	200	-4	7	0
New York	000	042	00x	-6	5	0

a-singled for Oswalt in the 5th, b-walked for Maton in the 7th, c-walked for Gsellman in the 7th, **LOB**: San Diego 5, New York 2, **HR**: Hedges (5), off Oswalt; Galvis (5), off Peterson; Bautista (8), off Rosario. **RBI**: Galvis 2 (40), Hedges (18), off Rosario 2 (26), Bautista 2 (25), Plawecki (5), Knapp (6), **SB**: Santana (2), **HR**: Muncy (24), off Arrieta; Hoskins (18), off Hernandez; Kingery (5), off Buehler; **RBI**: Muncy 2 (27), Kemp (64), **RBI**: Hoskins (65), Santana 3 (60), Williams (37), **Kingery** (25).

PHILADELPHIA

Buehler, L	4-3	4-5	5-1	5-3	3.92		
Alexander	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	3.26		
Ferguson	2-0	0-0	0-4	3-4	3.85		
Mateo	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	3.41		
PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Arrieta, W	8-6	6-5	3-2	2-6	3.45		
Morgan, H	13	13	1-0	0-1	4.82		
Dominguez, S	10-1	0-0	2-2	2-2	2.02		
Inherited runners-scored:	Alexander 2-1, Dominguez 1-0. Time: 2:58.						

RAYS 3, YANKEES 2

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Gardner cf	4	1	0	0	2	.249
Judge rf	4	0	0	1	2	.282
Gregorius ss	4	0	0	0	2	.262
Stanton lf	3	1	0	0	1	.271
Torres 2b	3	1	0	0	2	.290
Bird 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.231
Andujar 3b	4	0	2	0	0	.294
Walker dh	1	1	1	0	1	.207
5-Hicks ph-dh	1	0	0	0	1	.283
Higashioka c	3	0	0	0	1	.152
b-Romine ph	1	0	0	0	0	.262
TOTALS	33	2	7	2	10	

TAMPA BAY

Romo p-p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kiermaier cf	4	1	2	2	1	.181
Duffy 3b-ss	4	0	0	0	1	.275
Baers 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.245
Cron dh	4	1	1	1	2	.287
Wendell lf	4	0	0	0	1	.282
Rotherson 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.260
Gomez rf	3	0	0	0	0	.198
Adames ss	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Venters p	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Hechavarría ss	0	0	0	0	0	.167
TOTALS	31	3	7	3	8	

New York

New York	010	000	010	-2	7	1
Tampa Bay	000	003	00x	-3	7	1

a-struck out for Walker in the 9th, b-popped out for Higashioka in the 9th, c-Hicks ph-dh for W. Davis in the 9th, **HR**: Kiermaier (3), off Cessa; Cron (20), off Holder. **RBI**: Stanton (60), Walker (23), Kiermaier 2 (13), Cron (51), **SB**: Stanton (4), Baers (3), SF: Stanton, Walker. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 2 (Gardner, Torres); Tampa Bay 2 (Cron, Adames). **RISP:** New York 4 for 5; Tampa Bay 4 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Andujar.

NEW YORK

Cessa, L	1-2	5/5	4	2	1	3.10	
Holder	1	0	0	0	2	4.78	
Cole	1	0	0	0	2	4.78	
Betances	1	0	0	0	2	4.78	
TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Staneke	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.86
Schultz	3	1	1	1	1	4	4.22
Castillo, W	2-1	2	1	1	1	3.75	
Alvarado, H	20-1	2	1	1	1	2.57	
Romo, S	12-18	1	0	0	0	3.83	
Venters, H	5	1/2	0	0	0	3.66	
Inherited runners-scored:	Romo 2, Baers 1, Muncy 1, RBI : Stanton 2, HR : Andujar 2, RBI : Hernandez 2, Mike Winters: 3, Tim Timmons. Time: 2:46. AT: 27,372 (42,735).						

PHILLIES 7, DODGERS 3

LOS ANGELES	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pederson lf	4	2	2	0	0	.269
Asuaje lf	4	1	1	2	2	.272
Muncy 1b	5	1	1	0	2	.248
Kemp rf	5	0	1	0	0	

BASEBALL

Thome a great player, person

Haugh, from Page 1

Thome hammered 612 home runs in 22 seasons, but, like almost everybody who ever encountered the slugger, Konerko remembered most the way he handled people. Whether Thome was responding to an autograph request at a restaurant or encountering a bat boy after a bad day, Konerko marveled that he "never saw the guy miss with anybody at anytime."

"I always say playing with Jim literally was one of the highlights of my career," said Konerko, who won a World Series and made six All-Star teams with the Sox. "Thousands of guys played who didn't have the talent to get to the Hall of Fame. Then there are guys who got to the Hall but maybe how they treated people was questionable. Jim is probably the best balance. I'd put him up against anybody."

The sincerity that played in Peoria for Thome growing up also worked well at six major-league stops because it was no act. Chuck and Joyce Thome, who died in 2005, raised their five children in central Illinois to consider other people's feelings before their own and Jim epitomized such unselfishness. According to Konerko, Thome always was the guy organizing team dinners on the road and doing whatever was necessary to relate to the 24 other players on the roster with smaller names and salaries.

"Jim could hit three home runs and then after the game you would see him having a conversation to help out a middle reliever who probably was going to get sent down (to the minors) the next day, just to make the guy feel good," Konerko said.

Nobody in Chicago felt better than Konerko on Nov. 25, 2005 — the day the Sox traded center fielder Aaron Rowand to the Phillies in a package for Thome. Less than a month after celebrating a World Series title Rowand helped them win, the Sox embraced change that could have been uncomfortable in the clubhouse without Thome going out of his way to ease any awkwardness.

"I was pumped," Konerko recalled. "We had picked up Hall of Fame-caliber players before in their final years, but we got Jim when he still was a force."

"The truth is, when a guy like that comes to play for you, (he) can let you down in some regard. It's not quite what you thought, maybe as a person or how (he) worked. But Jim was everything they said he was — and more."

At the time of the deal, Konerko was in his prime at 30 — five years younger than Thome. Konerko thought he worked hard



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Paul Konerko, left, called playing with Jim Thome "one of the highlights of my career."

until the first couple of times he arrived at the ballpark at a time he once considered early. The guy whose finest moment with the Sox came in hitting the clutch home run for a 1-0 victory in the 163rd game of the 2008 season endured many more behind closed doors that made those great moments possible.

"You walk in at 1:30 or 2 in the afternoon and Jim comes walking out in a sweat having already done his stuff," Konerko said. "He would always say, 'You're going to get to a certain age when you wind up spending more time getting ready for this game than playing it.' That made a big impact on me. I probably added two or three years to my career because of Jim and the way I changed my thinking and work habits."

That Midwestern work ethic complemented a competitiveness often overlooked because of Thome's nice-guy persona. But Konerko recalled a moment in 2009 when a Mariners pitcher protecting a healthy lead riled Thome up with a 3-2 changeup that got him out.

"Jim was 38 years old and still pissed after that game," Konerko said. "He had that fire the public seldom saw. He was like, 'You have to be kidding me. You're not going to challenge me when you're up 10 runs? That never would have happened when I came up.' I loved that."

The love for Thome was as real as he was, not always the case on a major-league team filled with egos. When Thome hit his 500th homer on Sept. 17, 2007, to give the Sox a 9-7 walk-off win over the Dodgers, for example, the joy was genuine.

"It was (as if) we hit it," Konerko said. "Let's be honest, in sports every time somebody has one of those great milestones, you really think everybody is happy for the guy? It might look that way, but it's not."

"With Jim, it really was. Everybody was like, 'I hope he hits five home runs today and we can see how far they go.'"

Thome's homers usually traveled farther than most, and his character carried him all the way to Cooperstown.

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1 hard worker spawns another

Hendricks, from Page 1

There Hendricks performs glamorous tasks such as transporting bags, cleaning clubs, picking up range balls and, if there's a need, caddying.

Why does he do this?
"I can't sit at home and watch Ellen DeGeneres," he cracked.

There's a bit more to it.
John, 60, and wife Ann Marie are helping to put daughter Tori through graduate school at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. She's working on a doctorate in occupational therapy.

He doesn't want her saddled with student loans, just as he doesn't want Kyle to feel any financial obligation toward him.

"Dad will take care of himself," he tells Kyle.

For decades John ran golf clubs in California and served as a teaching professional. He even qualified for the 1991 PGA Championship at Crooked Stick, shooting 83-80.

He has played with Michael Jordan at the Merit Club in Libertyville, risking \$150 on a \$50 Nassau. "He harasses everybody and calls it 'the Jordan factor.' After he missed a putt, I called it the 'the pro factor.' I ribbed him the whole way. I gave him three (shots) a side at his home course, and he beat me out of \$50. I saw him later and said, 'You're so cheap you probably still have that \$50.'"

John is what you would call effusive. He loves to entertain and make people laugh.

"He thrives being around people," said Greg Kunkel, the caddie master at Sunset Ridge. "I had him caddie for a big insurance executive who said, 'That was the greatest experience I've ever had.'"

Kunkel met John after Hendricks moved to the area four years ago.

"He played here as a guest, we hit it off and he started coming back and hanging out with me," Kunkel said. "I told him, 'You should work for me.' He said, 'I'm in.'"

"He's always talking to people and making them happy. A lot of positive energy."

Said John: "I don't want to run the club. I've done that for 30 years. I don't want the responsibility. I'm just here to make everyone's job easier."

John grew up near White Bear Lake, Minn. ("Go, Bears!" if you remember "Fargo") and said he prefers Midwestern people to those on the West Coast. Less pretentious.

"They get a kick out of it when they find out I'm Kyle's dad," he said. "They say: 'Really? What are you doing here?'"

Kunkel gives John the day off when Kyle is pitching, but it might be better to

have John thinking about yardages rather than exit velocities.

"When he first broke in I literally could not eat or drink on days he pitched, not even a sip of water," said John, who pitched through high school. "Now if he's on a roll, I can sit there no problem. If he's struggling somewhat, I get a little anxious. He says, 'Don't worry, just be a dad.'"

When he watched his son pitch at Dartmouth, John would sit by himself, near the left-field foul pole. Now at Wrigley, John watches from the family section but despises small talk. It's the only time.

"My friends know how I am," he said. "I'm into the game. I can't even sit with my wife. I say, 'That was a horrible pitch,' and she says, 'Oh, he'll be fine.'"

Kyle said he genuinely appreciates the feedback.

"When I get out of a game or talk to him the next day, he's always giving me something to think about," Kyle said. "And sometimes I need to vent to him."

But how does he balance taking guidance from his dad and his Cubs coaches?

"On the one hand, he has been around and has seen me the longest, so there can be a lot of useful information," Kyle said. "Other times you (consider that you) do have so many guys here — this is what they do, they're at the top of their game — and me, I'm trying to be my own pitching coach ... so you take everything with a grain of salt no matter who it's coming from."

"He taught me that when I was young: Even things coming from him, some things you take and some you don't."

What Kyle always took from his dad was the need to work hard.

"When he was playing golf, same thing," Kyle said. "Up at the crack of dawn, playing 36 holes, that's what he did. That's something he instilled in me. He would say, 'He who works the hardest always gets rewarded the most.'"

John still lives by that credo.

One day in July he arrived at Sunset in his driver's uniform — dress pants and a white dress shirt. Ready to ride.

After 1 or p.m., he was available to caddie.

"I want to lose 15 pounds, that's my goal," he said. "In two months I've lost 10 pounds."

"Carrying a bag up and down the hills, bending over to look at putts ... people don't realize that walking a golf course is like going six miles. First time I caddied, I got done and went straight to the Advil bar."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL BIG TEN MEDIA DAYS

It's time to head to camp

Here are five takeaways: Quarterback dilemmas, injury reports and more



TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Big Ten media days are in the rearview. Fall camps open late next week. Here are five takeaways from the conference's annual gathering in Chicago:

Prepare the can of worms: Big Ten coaches haven't exactly embraced the idea of submitting names for a weekly player availability/injury report. But none was outwardly opposed. Even Michigan's Jim Harbaugh, who has gone to comical lengths to hide his roster, said he would be "fine with" it.

One reporter was dying for Ohio State defensive tackle Dre'Mont Jones to invoke privacy concerns, but Jones instead said: "I am not opposed to disclosing my injury. If I have an injury, you can tell whoever you want."

And that's the point. Because coaches have been free to lie or omit information about injuries, players get heat from friends and fellow students making wagers. An official injury report (a la the NFL) would theoretically get bettors off the backs of players.

There are still major questions, including these: Would a player be listed as probable/questionable/doubtful, and would the injured body part be specified?

And the biggest ones: Who is in charge of administering the list? The Big Ten? The NCAA? What's the penalty for subterfuge? Would schools have to specify if a player is suspended — and for what infraction?

Many coaches would rather dip their legs into boiling lava than deal with this. But Commissioner Jim Delany left little doubt it will happen, saying, "It's something we should have done before and certainly should do now."

Nothing bothers the Badgers: Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst didn't take the bait on a question about the relative weakness of the Big Ten West, saying, "I don't spend a lot of time trying to figure out narratives."

Another narrative is that Wisconsin is a mortal lock to win the Big Ten West. Asked if his crew feels like the team to beat, safety



ANNIE RICE/AP

Commissioner Jim Delany wants teams to supply a weekly player availability/injury report.

D'Cota Dixon replied: "I don't care. Whoever is on the schedule, get out the way. I just think of it like: Line up. Play football. Whoever's in front of me, beat 'em."

That sounds like something Chryst would say.

"Does it?" Dixon responded. "That's a good thing then."

Iowa's quarterback is quiet: And that's just fine with coach Kirk Ferentz, who said

of Nate Stanley: "He's not a loud guy, a look-at-me guy. Almost shuns that. But on the things that count, he is so solid. Mentally tough. He cares a lot about his performance — and his teammates' performance. He cares about them as people. All the (qualities) that people respond to, he possesses them."

Stanley is from small-town Wisconsin and sounds like he could be Steve Stricker's son. (The Wisconsin native has been ran-

ked the nicest guy on the PGA Tour.) Stanley also excelled in basketball and baseball before taking the advice of his father, Jay, who pointed out that schools offer many more football scholarships than they do for other sports.

At one point Tuesday, Stanley was asked a question that should have made him chuckle: Do you trash-talk on the field? "Not a whole lot," he replied.

Get used to an East and a West: As long as Delany is commissioner, the conference will not try to manipulate the obvious imbalance of power.

"We've had two experiences with divisions," Delany said. "The first one was based on competitive balance over the last 20 years. And to be honest with you, it wasn't received that well."

That was Delany's diplomatic dissing of Legends and Leaders, which the public embraced as warmly as the kale burger. Delany can also point to how the SEC East once ruled the West, going 10-4 in conference title games from 1993 to 2006.

If Nebraska returns to its Bob Devaney/Tom Osborne form and if Jeff Brohm can be the second coming of Joe Tiller at Purdue, the complaints will go away. Two big ifs.

There's intrigue at Ohio State and Michigan: With J.T. Barrett having left Columbus and Shea Patterson having moved to Ann Arbor, there's quarterback uncertainty in the land of Woody and Bo. Ohio State could very well have the best tandem in the conference in Dwayne Haskins and Tate Martell, a new version of Chris Leak and Tim Tebow, who shared time for Urban Meyer's 2006 national champions at Florida.

"Dwayne has a high ceiling and can launch the ball 100 yards off the knees," said Jones, the Ohio State lineman. "He reminds me of Cardale (Jones), but he's not as goofy. Tate is super-fast but needs to get a little stronger, like everyone else."

Michigan insiders believe Patterson, who transferred from Ole Miss, is a cinch to win the starting job over Brandon Peters, who was at the helm last season for wins over Rutgers, Minnesota and Maryland — and losses to Ohio State and South Carolina. Also potentially in the mix are red-shirt freshman Dylan McCaffrey (Christian's taller brother) and true freshman Joe Milton.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Snoop
 - 4 Burn with liquid
 - 9 Store away
 - 13 Deadly reptiles
 - 15 Comedian Kovacs
 - 16 Sheltered bay
 - 17 Store event
 - 18 Sri
 - 19 Had regrets
 - 20 Very sad
 - 22 Crematory shelf supplies
 - 23 Symptoms of Tourette's
 - 24 Tiny fellow
 - 26 Receive willingly
 - 29 Authentic
 - 34 Roles
 - 35 Copenhagen natives
 - 36 Is able to
 - 37 Primates
 - 38 Summoned with a beeper
 - 39 Elevator
 - 40 Ruby or scarlet
 - 41 Freeway divisions
 - 42 Narrow boat
 - 43 ___ fruits; mango, papaya, etc.
 - 45 Craving for food
 - 46 Fragrant neckwear
 - 47 20th-century U.S. president
 - 48 Crumbly cheese
 - 51 Above reproach
 - 56 Make money
 - 57 Two cents' worth
 - 58 Engrossed
 - 60 Yew or yucca
 - 61 Keep a fire going
 - 62 Unsightly skin mark
 - 63 Antlered animals
 - 64 Ore seeker
 - 65 Animal enclosure
- DOWN**
- 1 Educational TV network
 - 2 Highway
 - 3 Ivy League school
 - 4 Choose
 - 5 Uncouth
 - 6 Jillian & Curry
 - 7 Go for
 - 8 Benumbed
 - 9 Back of the neck
 - 10 Sightseeing trip
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 - 12 Marries
 - 14 Groups of seven
 - 21 ___ up; shreds
 - 25 ___ Vegas
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- 28 Prayer stating one's beliefs
- 29 Starbucks edible
- 30 Small bills
- 31 Petit four topping
- 32 Actor Willem
- 33 Go into
- 35 Actress Delany
- 38 War opponent's political stance
- 39 Late columnist Ann
- 41 Commit perjury
- 42 Ringlet
- 44 LAX arrivals
- 45 More torrid
- 47 Unusual stroke of luck
- 48 Celebration
- 49 British noble
- 50 Long journey
- 52 Prefix for freeze or histamine
- 53 "Once ___ a time..."
- 54 Fluid-filled pouches
- 55 Quarrel
- 59 Give it a go

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	ARI 1:20 NBCSCH AM-670	@STL 7:15 NBCSCH AM-670	@STL 3:05 NBCSCH AM-670	@STL 7:05 ESPN AM-670		@PIT 6:05 NBCSCH AM-670	@PIT 6:05 WGN-9 AM-670
	@LAA 3:07 WGN-9 AM-720	TOR 7:10 NBCSCH+ AM-720	TOR 6:10 WGN-9 AM-720	TOR 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720		KC 7:10 WGN-9 AM-720	KC 7:10 NBCSCH AM-720
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THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB	W	L	PCT	GB
1:20 p.m. Diamondbacks at Cubs				NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
3:07 p.m. White Sox at Angels				WGN-9, WGN-AM 720
6 p.m. Dodgers at Braves				MLBN
9 p.m. Brewers at Giants				MLBN

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6 p.m. Frederick at Winston-Salem	NBCSCH
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THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

7 p.m. Super 16, teams TBD	ESPN2 (more, 9 p.m.)
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CYCLING

7 a.m. Tour de France Stage 18	NBCSN
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GOLF

6 a.m. British Senior Open	Golf Channel (more, 10:30 a.m.)
8 a.m. Ladies Scottish Open	Golf Channel
2 p.m. PGA Canadian Open	Golf Channel
4 a.m. Porsche European Open	Golf Channel

HORSE RACING

3 p.m. Saratoga Live	FS2
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SOCCER: INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS CUP

6:30 a.m. Atletico Madrid vs. Arsenal	ESPNU
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

6 p.m. Japan at U.S.	FS1
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MLS

7 p.m. NYCFC at Orlando City	ESPN
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9:30 p.m. Galaxy at LAFC

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TENNIS

5 a.m. ATP Hamburg	Tennis Channel
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WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	PCT	GB	SKY 101, MERCURY 87	CHI	FG-A	FTA	PT	PHX	FG-A	FTA	PT
Atlanta	16	9	.640	—	DShields 11-16	0-0	25	Bonner	9-25	10-13	30	—	—
Washington	14	11	.560	2 1/2	Dolson 3-7	7-8	13	Griner	4-9	4-4	12	—	—
Connecticut	9	17	.346	7 1/2	Quigley 7-16	0-0	19	January	7-13	2-3	20	—	—
SKY	7	18	.280	9	Vndrsit 7-13	3-5	17	Talbot	3-11	2-2	9	—	—
New York	3	23	.115	13 1/2	Williams 3-4	0-0	6	Turner	3-9	1-1	8	—	—
Indiana	0	27	.000	17 1/2	Coates 0-0	2-2	2	Guilch	1-1	0-0	2	—	—
Illinois	19	7	.731	—	Copper 3-5	0-0	7	Little	0-0	0-0	0	—	—
Seattle	15	10	.600	3 1/2	Harper 1-3	0-0	2	Robinson	1-2	4-4	6	—	—
Minnesota	15	11	.577	4	Parker 4-6	2-3	10	Talbot	3-11	2-2	9	—	—
Los Angeles	14	11	.560	4 1/2	Talbot 3-11	2-2	9	Turner	3-9	1-1	8	—	—
Phoenix	15	11	.577	4	Talbot 3-11	2-2	9	Turner	3-9	1-1	8	—	—
Dallas	14	11	.560	4 1/2	Talbot 3-11	2-2	9	Turner	3-9	1-1	8	—	—
Las Vegas	12	13	.480	6	Talbot 3-11	2-2	9	Turner	3-9	1-1	8	—	—

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT

SKY 101, Phoenix 87

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No games.

SATURDAY'S ALL-STAR GAME

Team Parker vs. Team Delle Donne at Target Center, Minneapolis, Minn., 2:30

NFL NOTES

Jones defies NFL on anthem

Associated Press

Speaking Wednesday at his annual news conference to open training camp in California, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones doubled down on insisting that his players stand for the national anthem, saying he wouldn't support anyone who chose to stay in the locker room.

Jones became the first owner to declare publicly that his players would not be allowed to stay off the field during the anthem. He said, "Our policy is that you stand at the anthem, toe on the line."

Last week, the NFL and the players union agreed to suspend the rule approved by owners this spring that gave players the option of staying in the locker room while allowing teams to discipline players who took a knee or sat during the anthem.

Jones said "everybody knows where I stand" on the anthem issue. Last season, he was the first owner to declare that he would bench a player for protesting during the anthem.

IN BRIEF HORSE RACING

Ailing ankle forces Justify to retire

Tribune news services

Triple Crown winner Justify was retired from racing Wednesday because of fluid in his left front ankle.

Trainer Bob Baffert and Justify's owners said caution over the horse's ankle condition made it impossible to tell if he would be healthy enough to race by the fall.

The goal was for Justify to run in a major race this summer, likely the Travers Stakes at Saratoga, and be pointed toward the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic on Nov. 3 at Churchill Downs.

AUTO RACING: Pietro Fittipaldi will race this weekend in the IndyCar event at Mid-Ohio, his first competition since the rookie suffered serious leg injuries in a crash on May 4.

CYCLING: Four-time champion Chris Froome faded in the feared 17th stage of the Tour de France through the Pyrenees, solidifying Geraint Thomas' hold on the yellow jersey. Colombian climber Nairo Quintana won the race, finishing 28 seconds ahead of Irish rider Dan Martin.

NHL: The Wild agreed to terms with LW Jason Zucker on a five-year, \$27.5 million contract. ... The Canucks signed F Jake Virtanen to a two-year deal with an average annual value of \$1.25 million. ... Stars F Mattias Janmark signed a one-year, \$2.3 million contract. ... The Predators

Bills sign QB Allen: The Bills signed rookie quarterback Josh Allen to a four-year contract a day before opening training camp. He was the last of the Bills' eight draft picks to sign.

The Bills traded up five spots to select Allen with the No. 7 pick in this year's draft.

Extra points: Jets CB Rashard Robinson was suspended for the first four games of the regular season by the NFL for violating the league's substance-abuse policy. ... The Falcons signed GM Thomas Dimitroff and coach Dan Quinn to three-year contract extensions. ... Former Arkansas and Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema will serve as a consultant to Patriots coach Bill Belichick. ... The Browns signed CB Denzel Ward, the No. 4 overall pick in this year's draft. ... Jaguars All-Pro CB Jalen Ramsey will miss the start of training camp after becoming a new father. ... Vikings C Pat Elflein, who had offseason surgery on his left ankle, was placed on the physically-unable-to-perform list prior to the start of training camp.

signed D Dan Hamhuis to a two-year, \$2.5 million contract. ... Jarome Iginla, 41, will announce his retirement Monday in Calgary. He played 20 seasons. ... The Canucks and president of hockey operations Trevor Linden "amicably" agreed to part ways. Linden, a former Canucks captain, spent four years in the role after talking over from Mike Gillis in April 2014.

SOCCER: Iran winger Alireza Jahanbakhsh joined Brighton for a club fee of \$22.4 million. ... Bayern Munich agreed to sign 17-year-old Canadian F Alphonso Davies from the Vancouver Whitecaps.

SWIMMING: Katie Ledecky cruised to an 11-second victory in the 800-meter freestyle on the opening night of the U.S. national championships in Irvine, Calif. Ledecky was under her own world-record pace through the first 300 meters before dropping off and finishing in 8 minutes, 11.98 seconds. Leah Smith was second in 8:22.79.

WNBA: Rookie Diamond DeShields tied a season high with 25 points, Courtney Vandersloot had 17 points and 11 assists and the Sky beat the Mercury 101-87 in Phoenix in the final game before the All-Star break. Allie Quigley added 19 points, with five 3-pointers, for the Sky (9-17). Stefanie Dolson had 13 points for her sixth straight game in double figures. DeWanna Bonner scored 30 points for the Mercury (15-11).

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
EASTERN						
Atlanta	13	4	5	44	26	25
N.Y. City FC	12	4	4	40	24	24
N.Y. Red Bulls	13	5	2	41	40	19
Columbus	9	7	6	33	27	27
Montreal	9	12	1	28	37	32
New England	7	7	7	28	33	32
Philadelphia	7	10	3	24	26	33
FIRE	6	11	5	23	34	43
Orlando City	7	12	1	22	29	45
Toronto FC	5	11	4	19	32	39
D.C. United	3	9	5	14	27	34
WESTERN						
FC Dallas	11	3	6	39	32	23
Los Angeles FC	10	5	5	35	42	33
Kansas City	9	5	6	33	27	27
LA Galaxy	9	7	4	31	37	31
Portland	8	3	7	31	28	24
Real Salt Lake	9	9	3	30	31	39
Minnesota	9	11	1	28	33	40
Houston	7	6	6	27	37	27
Vancouver	7	9	5	26	30	42
Seattle	6	9	5	23	19	23
Colorado	4	11	5	17	24	34
San Jose	2	12	6	12	29	40

Note: 3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 3, Houston 1
N.Y. Red Bulls 1, D.C. United 0
Seattle 1, San Jose 0
Toronto FC at Orlando, 7
LA FC at LA Galaxy, 9:30

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER	W	L	T	P	TPTS	GF	GA
CLUB							
North Carolina	14	1	4	46	41	14	14
Seattle	8	4	6	30	20	15	15
Orlando	8	5	29	29	22	22	22
RED STARS	7	4	7	28	26	22	22
Utah	5	6	7	22	14	18	18
Houston	5	7	5	20	21	28	28
Washington	2	11	4	10	11	24	24
Sky Blue FC	0	13	3	3	12	32	32

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Sky Blue FC at Red Stars, 7
Sunday, Aug. 5
Portland at North Carolina, 6
Sky Blue FC at Orlando, 6:30
Utah at Houston, 7:30
Washington at Seattle, 8

NFL

EXHIBITION SCHEDULE	W	L	PCT.	GB
HALL OF FAME WEEKEND				
Thursday, Aug. 2				
Bears vs. Baltimore 7 (Canton, Ohio)				
PRESEASON WEEK 1				
Thursday, Aug. 9				
Bears at Cincinnati, 6				
Carolina at Buffalo, 6				
Tampa Bay at Miami, 6				
Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 6				
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6				
New Orleans at Jacksonville, 6				
Washington at New England, 6:30				
L.A. Rams at Baltimore, 6:30				
Tennessee at Green Bay, 7				
Houston at Kansas City, 7:30				
Dallas at San Francisco, 9				
In Indianapolis, 6:30				
Friday, Aug. 10				
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 6:30				
Detroit at Oakland, 9:30				
Sunday, Aug. 11				
Minnesota at Denver, 8				
L.A. Chargers at Arizona, 9				

TENNIS

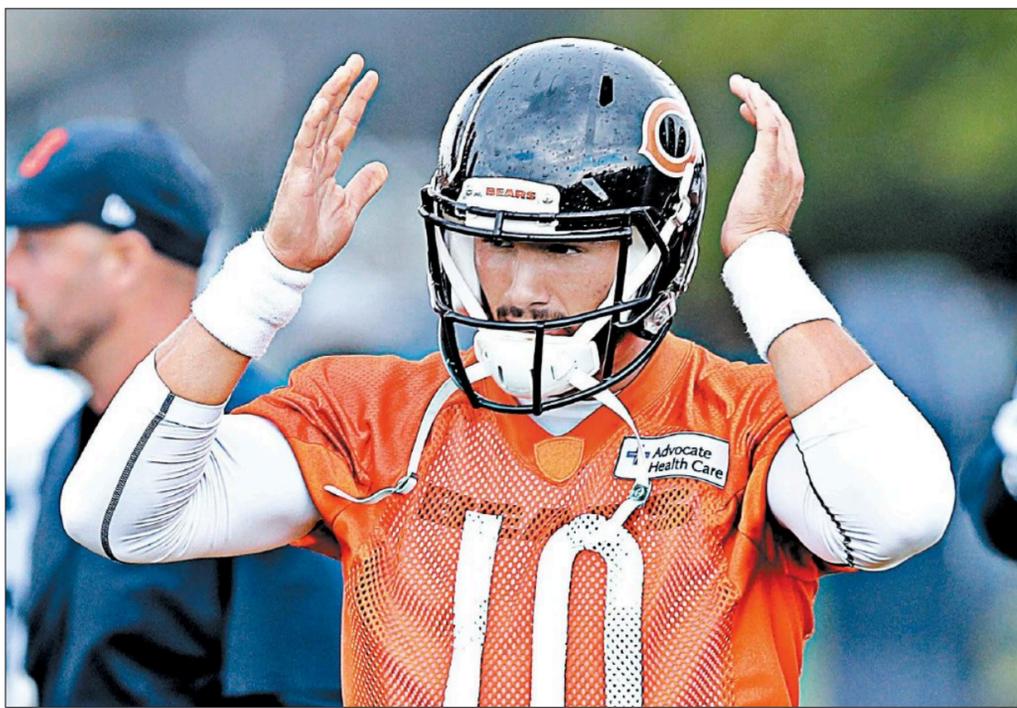
ATP WORLD TOUR	W	L	PCT.	GB
B&B ATLANTA OPEN				
Thursday, Aug. 2				
A.U.S. Open Series event: At Atlantic Station; Atlanta; hard-outdoor				
#3 Chung Hyeon d.				
Taylor Fritz, 6-4, 7-6 (5)				
#7 Mischa Zverev d.				
Mikhail Youzhny, 6-4, 6-2				
#8 Ryan Harrison d.				
Lukas Lacko, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3				
ATP WORLD TOUR				
J. SAFRA SARASIN SWISS OPEN				
At Roy Emerson Arena; Gstaad, Switzerland; clay-outdoor				
#2 Roberto Bautista Agut d.				
Jaume Munar, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2				
Matteo Berrettini d.				
#4 Andrey Rublev, 6-3, 6-3				
#5 Feliciano Lopez d.				
Orel Rieck, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4				
Taro Daniel d.				
Roberto Carballes Baena, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (4)				
ATP WORLD TOUR				
GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIPS				
At Rothenbaum Tennis Arena; Hamburg, Germany; clay-outdoor				
#2 Diego Schwartzman d.				
Daniel Masur, 6-2, 6-2				
Thiago Monteiro d.				
#8 Fernando Verdasco, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5				

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

MIDWEST LEAGUE	W	L	PCT.	GB
EASTERN				
Bowl. Green (Rays)	19	13	.594	—
South Bend (Cubs)	17	15	.531	2
Fort Wayne (Padres)	15	16	.484	3 1/2
Lake Co. (Indians)	15	16	.484	3 1/2
Dayton (Reds)	15	17	.469	4
Lansing (Blue Jays)	14	18	.438	5
W. Michigan (Tigers)	13	17	.419	5 1/2
Gr. Lakes (Dodgers)	10	22	.313	9
WESTERN				
Ced. Rapids (Twins)	23	9	.719	—
Beloit (Athletics)	19	11	.633	3
Peoria (Cardinals)	19	11	.633	3
Quad Cities (Astros)	16	15	.516	6 1/2
Kane Co. (D-backs)	15	16	.484	7 1/2
Wisconsin (Brewers)	14	17	.452	8 1/2
Burlington (Angels)	8	21	.276	13 1/2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Kane County 6, Beloit 0
Fort Wayne 12, Dayton 0
Lake County 1, West Michigan 0
South Bend 5, Lansing 4 (11)
Cedar Rapids 7, Clinton 2
Great

BEARS



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky has adapted well to the Bears' new offense, but he still has plenty to learn.

Camp questions

Top draft pick Smith's absence could stunt rookie's development

The Bears took their first break from training camp Wednesday, a day off for players to catch their breath after the first week in Bourbonnais. They return to the field Thursday morning at Olivet Nazarene University, eager to continue stacking strong practices in the lead-up to next week's exhibition opener in Canton, Ohio.

With only five practices in the books, it's hard to draw big-picture conclusions about the team's direction. But the first week has offered glimpses into some important storylines. Here are four of the bigger questions worth exploring:

1 When will Roquan Smith arrive?

TBD. Which for the Bears remains a bit disconcerting. The No. 8 pick in the draft has not signed his rookie contract — a four-year deal with a fifth-year team option. As of Wednesday afternoon, Smith and No. 3 pick Sam Darnold of the Jets were the only first-round picks who had yet to sign, and the New York Daily News reported Darnold was expected to sign in time for Friday's first practice.

General manager Ryan Pace adopted a "nothing-to-see-here" slant on the Smith saga when the Bears reported to camp.

"We all understand this happens and isn't necessarily abnormal around the league," Pace said. "Sometimes it's part of the process. We're very optimistic that he'll be here very soon."

Pace has been level-headed with his worry, understanding Smith's long-term success won't depend on whether he reports to his first training camp on July 19 or Aug. 4. Still, with camp picking up steam, each day Smith misses becomes increasingly significant. And with the sides haggling over minutiae in the deal, there has to come a point where Smith's presence at practice becomes more important than fine-print financial details — for everyone involved.

In their push to return to prominence, the Bears need to establish a nucleus of game-changers on both sides of the ball as soon as possible. Smith is a top candidate to become one of those guys.

Right now, though, he's a rookie learning a new defense and adapting to the speed and competition of the NFL.

Both sides should want Smith ready to play no later than the Aug. 9 game in Cincinnati. That means he needs to arrive at camp soon. Will he? TBD.

2 What's the most promising sign after a week of practices?

The first-unit secondary seems to be operating with collective comfort and confidence. And perhaps no player has had a better start to camp than cornerback Kyle Fuller. It's clear in watching Fuller on the practice fields and



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On the Bears

listening to him talk that he is in a really good place, physically and mentally. He seems eager to prove last year's strong season was a steppingstone to bigger things.

Fuller's competitiveness has been noticeable in every practice and he has been around the ball a lot. He's part of a returning quartet that seems in sync, with cornerback Prince Amukamara and safeties Eddie Jackson and Adrian Amos all showing flashes.

3 What's the latest on quarterback Mitch Trubisky?

Trubisky hasn't been perfect. Far from it. But that's to be expected as the second-year pro learns the nuances of this new offense while developing rapport and timing with his pass-catchers. All of that takes time.

Coaches and teammates have been impressed with the volume of information Trubisky has been able to take in and process. His hunger to learn and patience have been pluses in what will be a bumpy development road.

Coach Matt Nagy gives a thumbs-up to Trubisky's improving footwork and balance, areas Nagy didn't spend a lot of time worrying about in the spring.

"Now that we're getting in here to training camp and you've got more bodies flying around you, you really take notice," Nagy said. "His timing, which is what our offense is built on, is really good right now for a second-year guy. His anticipation is really good."

The Bears continue to push Trubisky on downfield throws, working to identify which throws he needs more work on and which he's most comfortable with. That process will continue in the weeks ahead.

4 Anything else to keep an eye on?

Nagy opened camp with promises to heighten the physicality of Bears practices. He wants to set a tone for the brand of football he wants played. And he wants his team to leave Bourbonnais with confidence in the collective toughness they've developed.

Next up: three consecutive days of padded practices with promises of live tackling and hard hitting.

For a first-year coach who needs to retain his players' trust, Nagy will have to walk a tightrope with his approach and monitor the physical and mental toll that begins to set in as the energy from the first week of camp gives way to the exhaustion of the grind.

The Bears' last camp practice won't come until Aug. 12. That's a long way off with a lot of wear and tear ahead. It's not enough for Nagy to monitor only the injury report each day. He'll have to feel out where his players are in terms of their psyche and mental stamina — especially with the tone-setting veteran leaders.

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Helmet contact rule will change game

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In addition to those, there are now illegal hits that seem to result from incidental or unavoidable contact the tackler initiates with his helmet.

The new rule reads, simply: "It is a foul if a player lowers his head to initiate and make contact with his helmet against an opponent." The contact doesn't have to be helmet-to-helmet, and it applies to offensive and defensive players just the same.

Suddenly, parts of a routine play could be illegal, drawing a 15-yard penalty. That has left coaches, players and even game officials anxious this preseason to see how the rule will be enforced.

"In the past, it has just been football for us," said Coleman, who's entering his 30th NFL season. "Now, it has gone from being a regular football play to being a foul. So, it's going to be how fast do the players adjust, and how fast do we adjust that that is a foul? It's going to be a challenge."

The rule change was the NFL's latest player safety initiative. To that end, there are few detractors. But the effect on games remains in question. The imminent adjustment period will be uncomfortable at best and chaotic at worst.

"Anything for the safety of the game, I'm for," Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio said May 30. "I do think there are situations that are going to make it very hard to be officiated, No. 1.

"No. 2, I think it's going to be very hard in certain situations for players to avoid it. The lower they have to go to tackle somebody, it's hard to go down there to tackle somebody without your head going down a little bit. It'll be interesting. We'll see how it turns out."

On Saturday night, Bears players quizzed Coleman and his crew about the rule changes, just as reporters did Monday. If the team's session was anything like the media's, there remains a significant gray area in the helmet rule.

Coleman tried to reassure players, pointing out how well they have adapted to rule changes in the past. Defenders used to be able to contact receivers further downfield than five yards. They used to be able to hit the quarterback low. They used to be able to hit defenseless players.

"It is true that players are good at adapting," Bears linebacker Sam Acho said. "As I was sitting in the meetings hearing the new rule changes, I kept on thinking to myself: Just control what you can control. I could sit there and be mad about all these changes, but you can't control it."

Kwiatkoski shared that sense of resignation. "The speed of the game, and you're coming downhill and the runner is lowering his shoulder and you're lowering your shoulder — it's just one of those things that easily could be a bang-bang play, nothing intentional or vicious," he said.

What can tacklers do, then? Simply be aware of the rule, Kwiatkoski said. During practice, make sure to keep their head up during tackling drills so that safe fundamentals carry over to the game.

"With the speed of the game, it's hard," he said. "I think it's going to take time, an adjustment. The hardest thing is going to be when (a ballcarrier) lowers his head, and just getting low, naturally your head is going to drop."

"There are going to be plays where you can't help it and you may get penalized, but that's kind of expected."

Then again, Kwiatkoski believes he and his teammates will adapt smoothly enough because Bears coaches preach head-up tackling, a message he has heard from coaches his whole life.

The process begins with the exhibition opener Aug. 2. "You notice in the preseason a lot of referees will throw tons of flags," Acho said. "Preseasons are for us, and they're also for the refs too. So ... we use the preseason to adjust."

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Bears not high on fantasy lists

Howard, Robinson have best potential



PHIL THOMPSON
Fantasy football

We've seen where some Bears are landing in early fantasy drafts, and let's just say the fantasy football world is taking a conservative approach to the team's new-look offense.

Some of that conservatism is justified. But there are areas, particularly with Mitch Trubisky, where fantasy owners may be missing an opportunity.

Here's my ranking of the Bears skill players based on each player's value within his position as well as his position's importance in a standard league format.

1. Jordan Howard, RB: Just because Howard is the top option in what's expected to be a more dynamic offense, don't expect him to remain a top-tier running back in fantasy.

Howard has been leapfrogged by a number of comers, including Todd Gurley, Alvin Kamara, Devonta Freeman and Melvin Gordon, all of whom had a lower average draft position than Howard in 2017 but not so this year.

Howard is worst at what's best about new coach Matt Nagy's play-calling — deploying running backs in the passing game — and apparently Nagy isn't married to a touch count for his lead back.

The main positives for Howard are that he ranked sixth in rushing and fifth in carries despite Dowell Loggains' vanilla offense last year and that he still figures to be a workhorse in the red zone, where the Bears should visit more often.

2. Allen Robinson, WR: Robinson seems like a high-risk, high-reward receiver coming off his ACL injury. But fears about a slow recovery after season-ending injuries are often unfounded. Jordy Nelson bounced back from a 2015 ACL tear to lead the league in touchdown catches. Julian Edelman's two best years in yardage and receptions came after shortened seasons. Keenan Allen paid off for fantasy owners last year after he tore his ACL in 2016.

With all of the new receivers on the Bears, there are concerns about Robinson's target volume, especially if he's mainly the deep-ball guy he was in 2015 with the Jaguars but now in an offense that calls for West-Coast-style short routes. Video of Robinson winning on slants helps ease worries. And former Bears defensive back Alan Ball, Robinson's former Jaguars teammate, compared Robinson's explosiveness out of breaks and ability to compete for balls to that of Dez Bryant.

Robinson is being taken in the low fourth-, high fifth-round range, which is perfect because he has potential to grade out higher.

3. Mitch Trubisky, QB: It's not often you can look at how a quarterback performed in one system (in this case, former Chief Alex Smith) and use it to predict how another quarterback (Trubisky) might perform under that same model. Trubisky shares a lot of similarities with Smith, though he is a stronger passer and runner and not as risk-averse as the super-conservative Smith.

Trubisky threw for just 2,193 yards and seven scores in three-fourths of a season, but he has been bestowed with a wealth of new pass catchers at every skill position — just don't expect him to come out slinging it downfield like Brett Favre.

Like the Chiefs, for whom Nagy was an assistant last season, the Bears have several hybrid running back-receiver types whose versatility could boost Trubisky's numbers. The Chiefs used a lot of exotic, quick-hit plays to get balls to their receivers and backs early and let them do the heavy lifting.

It's similar to the setup Jared Goff enjoyed in his breakthrough 2017 season with the Rams, another system to which the Bears makeover is being compared.

Goff and Smith each produced in the neighborhood of 4,000 yards, mid-to-high 20s in touchdowns and single-digit interceptions, all reasonable expectations for Trubisky. That kind of production would place him among second-tier quarterbacks.

4. Tarik Cohen, RB: When Cohen says he has lined up at "every position," don't dismiss it as training-camp hype or experimentation. He's the Bear who would most fit the running back/receiver hybrid the Chiefs had with Tyreek Hill and Kareem Hunt.

"He's a run threat and then he can catch the ball in space in broken formations," Nagy said in April. "We can move him around and try to get an advantage. ... He's dynamic."

Cohen was underused in Loggains' predictable offense but still ended up with the 10th-most targets as a running back.

Hunt's rookie season could foreshadow big things for Cohen. The Chiefs rusher received the fifth-most touches in the league, and Howard's receiving struggles likely will carve out a meatier role for Cohen.

Still, Howard remains the workhorse and Taylor Gabriel, another jitterbug like Cohen, will vulture some targets, so you have to temper expectations for Cohen, who should be drafted as a late-round sleeper or placed near the top of waiver-wire watch lists.

5. Trey Burton, TE: Burton arrives with football smarts and familiarity with the style of offense the Bears will employ, and he'll be featured in the "U" tight end role, which — ding, ding, ding — is another hybrid position designed to create mismatches.

Just don't go overboard projecting him as the next Travis Kelce. It took Kelce a few seasons to reach his current level of dominance, and he's at least as athletic as Burton and a bigger target in the red zone.

Also don't dismiss the possibility Adam Shaheen — "Baby Gronk" — could steal some looks in red-zone situations, especially because Burton might be slightly undersized (6-foot-3, 235) for some play calls.

6. Adam Shaheen, TE: Shaheen projects to be a more straight-line, traditional tight end who could carve out a complementary role to Burton — provided the second-year pro takes another leap in his development.

You can't teach 6-5, 270, and this game is all about being able to score. Keep an eye on him in deeper leagues.

7. Taylor Gabriel, WR: Gabriel is another player who fits the Chiefs model of electric playmakers. The former Falcon failed to be deployed in his six-score, 579-yard 2016 season but could be employed in a variety of ways in Nagy's offense. His size (5-8, 165) could be his most limiting factor.

8. Anthony Miller, WR: Miller has the makings of a feast-or-famine prospect, not because he is a rookie or has questionable skills but because he could come out on the losing end of the team's target share. He figures to defer to Gabriel in the slot, but at 5-11, 190, he's bigger than his veteran counterpart.

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Somali-Americans Feysal Yusuf, left, and Abdikani Abdi are currently playing basketball for a traveling team out of Minneapolis. They hope they can continue the sport in college.

Basketball's offering hope

Sport seen as path to brighter future for young Somalis

BY ROMAN STUBBS
Washington Post

MINNEAPOLIS — Feysal Yusuf and Abdikani Abdi don't know who might be watching them these days, but it wasn't college basketball recruiters on the first Saturday morning of July.

If anyone else was surveilling the skinny Somali-American teenagers, they would have been found inside a pale community center at the edge of Little Mogadishu, leading a torrid second-half comeback in an AAU tournament semifinal game in their Minneapolis neighborhood.

That neighborhood, Cedar-Riverside, is representative of the national debate over immigration, refugee resettlement and national security, but now the words were also emblazoned on the new black uniforms of Yusuf and Abdi, the starting backcourt on the neighborhood's first-ever traveling basketball team. That was enough to not quit after trailing by 20 points.

They were down by two on the final possession. Few people watched. A woman walked the elevated track above, sticking her phone into her hijab as a headset. Two men prayed in the corner. Abdi stepped into the sunlight sneaking through the thin windows and swung the ball to Yusuf with a few seconds remaining, but his potentially game-winning shot clanked off the rim. He bowed his head. Abdi rushed over and put his arm around his teammate.

"Good game," Abdi whispered to Yusuf, and soon they were praying together near the court.

Basketball is booming in Cedar-Riverside, where participation in youth leagues has more than doubled over the last two years, giving young Somali-Americans such as Yusuf and Abdi a valuable platform for expression even as they grapple with questions about their own identity as Muslim teens in America in 2018.

They wonder: Have their names been tarnished by the two dozen or so youths who have tried to leave Minnesota for extremist groups overseas? Does President Donald Trump's travel ban on Somalia and other Muslim-majority countries mean they're not welcome in this country? And is anyone watching them as part of a controversial government program designed to deter young people from joining terrorist groups but has instead bred fear and paranoia in their community?

Yusuf and Abdi have basketball, at least, and as faces of their own small movement in Cedar-Riverside they have been labeled as "ambassadors" by their coach.

"It gives you an identity," Yusuf said of the sport. "It gives you a name."

Cedar-Riverside is nestled between two major highways in downtown Minneapolis and along the banks of the Mississippi River, discernible by colorful paneled towers that house the country's largest Somali community — an estimated 4,000 to 6,000 people in a four-block radius. The neighborhood has long been home to immigrants: European transplants began arriving in large numbers in the 19th century. By the 1980s, Somalis began to emigrate to the neighborhood, and as the country descended into civil war in the early 1990s, thousands found safe passage in Minneapolis through a network of volunteer agencies.

The families of Abdikani Abdi, 18, and Feysal Yusuf, 17, were among them, although much later. Abdi, the second-oldest child among seven in his family, lived in a small Ethiopian town before immigrating when he was 11. Yusuf's parents met in Kenya before immigrating in the early 2000s.

The two boys were Muslims from traditional East African families in the post-9/11 era who knew little English and even less about American culture. They faced language barriers and racism in school. And they were challenged to connect with the customs of the older generation of Somali immigrants while trying to find their place as adolescents in the West.

"There was a lot of things I didn't see back home that I learned here," Abdi said. "There was a lot of new things."

One of those new things was basketball, which he quickly became infatuated with in middle school. He molded close relationships through the sport, including with Yusuf, even though Cedar-Riverside had little hoops history and few options to play at the youth level.

But their passion for basketball, formed during recess and impromptu sessions at the neighborhood's youth center, came at an opportune time.

In 2008, a longtime youth coach named Jennifer Weber had decided in her 30s to go back to graduate school. Part of her coursework was to donate service hours as a behavior specialist, and she volunteered to coach at Cedar-Riverside after noticing it didn't have any athletics. Yusuf and Abdi were among her first players.

"I fell in love with the families and the kids," she said.

Many in the community were skeptical at first. Weber, 45, was a white woman with a thick Wisconsin accent who knew nothing about Somali culture. It came at a time when Somali teenagers across Minnesota continued to make national headlines for attempting to leave their homes to fight with terrorist organizations Al-Shabaab (which means "The Youth") and the Islamic State. It also came during the introduction of the federal government's Countering Violent Extremism program, introduced in 2011 under the

Obama administration.

By September 2014, then-Attorney General Eric Holder had announced Minneapolis as one of its three pilot cities, along with Boston and Los Angeles, saying it had been chosen because of the "historic and strong relationship between the Somali Minnesotan community and local law enforcement."

The government named its root causes of radicalization in Minneapolis — "disaffected youth" and "community isolation" among them — and sought to pour money and resources into a broad array of community programs to stop it. By taking an "if you see something, say something" approach through local law enforcement and community outreach, CVE was aimed at identifying early signs of radicalization in youth.

But soon activists were pointing out that no empirical evidence or data suggested that CVE would be an effective deterrent against extremism. Community leaders feared it would only perpetuate Islamophobia and create a surveillance state in their neighborhoods.

Weber won trust as an outsider with consistency and compassion, finding middle ground with her new impressionable teenagers by laying strict ground rules for practices. At night, she started a walking club for the elder women, hoping she could connect on a deeper level with guardians of the kids she was coaching.

Weber also decided early on that CVE was not the right move for her budding program. She watched the rift unfold as community program leaders such as herself wrestled with the decision to apply for funding. Two organizations have received grants: the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (nearly \$350,000) and Heartland Democracy (nearly \$425,000), a nonprofit that targets at-risk youth and hopes to give them an outlet to prevent the adoption of extremist ideologies. A third program serving Somali youth, Ka Joog, refused a \$500,000 federal grant in February 2017 shortly after Trump announced his initial refugee and travel restrictions.

The introduction of these grants left Weber unsettled. Rumors swirled. Before tryouts for the traveling team, some of the boys — including Abdi and Yusuf — met with Weber on the court.

"Are you taking that money?" a few players asked.

"And I said, 'No, we're not taking that money,'" Weber said. "Because I knew stuff about that money too. ... There were all these protocols being put in to look for behaviors. 'Look for these things you're going to see. These things are a predictor of this.' And I didn't agree with that."

Her decision reinforced her standing among her players.

"They've probably offered her a lot ... because they know how connected she is with the kids," Yusuf said of community members trying to sway Weber to work with

CVE. "She's taken no part in it. That's why we're close with her. She puts us first."

There are new fears that CVE could be amplified under Trump. Reuters reported in 2017 that the president could revamp the program to focus solely on Islamic terrorism and not focus on other extremist groups, including white supremacists — and could potentially change the name to "Countering Islamic Extremism."

The divisive policy has been confusing at times for Abdi and Yusuf, both of whom contend that the government is using the program to spy on them. They have nothing to hide, they say, as two shy teenagers who are obsessed with basketball and dream of attending college. They're known around Cedar-Riverside simply as "hoopers," but they still sometimes wonder if anyone is watching them. It could be a cop, a teacher or even someone from their own community.

"You have to watch your back," Abdi said. "You don't know who to trust. You could use that (CVE) money to build more space in the gym."

Abdi has been spending almost all of his time in the gym recently, knowing his work this summer is critical if he's to have any chance at earning a college basketball scholarship. He's a low-level prospect, but his fire is undeniable.

When Yusuf and another player started jawing in a tournament game in early July, the painfully quiet Abdi — whom Weber calls "Renaissance Man" because of his passion for learning languages and playing piano — came to the defense of his teammate and nearly started a scuffle.

Yusuf has been the bigger project. Unlike Abdi, who has started for Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis since he was a sophomore, Yusuf only started getting varsity minutes at the school after he hit a string of baskets in the final minutes against the state runner-up last winter. It was one of the highest moments of his young life.

There are difficult moments too, such as when Abdi had to talk to his high school coach about being mistaken for someone involved in a drive-by shooting. Weber has seen skepticism shown toward them at AAU events, mostly from parents.

"Who let these terrorists in?" one said as Weber's girls team prepared to play in a tournament game a couple of years ago. At other events in Minnesota, she has noticed her boys team get side-eyed when they walked into a gym.

"You're always being suspected of doing something bad," Yusuf said. "Whatever you're there for, you're always being suspected, even if you're not doing nothing. Kind of like: 'Watch out for them.'"

Few Somalis have played high-major college basketball, and Abdi and Yusuf might not make it that far. Neither has received any interest from college coaches, al-

though they will have a chance at exposure when they travel to the Las Vegas Classic — considered one of the country's premier AAU events — in July. It will be the first time a team from Cedar-Riverside plays in a tournament of that magnitude.

"A lot of these young people, most of them, have never seen Somalia — either they were born in a refugee camp or in Minnesota, so they hardly know great stories about their background," said Abdurizak Bihi, a powerful Somali-American social activist who some consider the unofficial mayor of Cedar-Riverside.

"So that gap, with basketball ... is seeing a huge push right now. A lot of young people really want to make it. A lot of them, because of Coach Weber, have dreams now."

Bihi has long been a polarizing figure in his own community. He formerly ran a counterterrorism program after his nephew was one of the first Minneapolis teens to disappear to join Al-Shabaab in 2008 before being killed the next year.

But Bihi would rather talk basketball, about how his daughters want to play in college, about how the game is helping build his community. He hosts an English-speaking radio show for Somalis, and Weber was his guest on a program in early July.

"Is there anything these kids can't do?" Bihi asked.

"When people say that exact question or (ask) is there anything these kids fear?" Weber said. "No."

Across town, Abdi and Yusuf were playing pickup basketball at the downtown YMCA. They are hardly ever apart, but they eventually went their separate ways later that evening, with Abdi staying to get a few more shots up and Yusuf heading back to Cedar-Riverside.

Yusuf walked a couple of blocks to the train, looking out the window as it prowled through the city. He could point to any section of his neighborhood and pull out a difficult memory, like in 2016 when he and Abdi went to protest the eventually cancelled HBO show "Mogadishu, Minnesota," which was accused of being propaganda for CVE, and were pepper-sprayed by police. He could point to the community center off 15th Avenue, where last month he and Abdi went to listen to elders vent in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling upholding Trump's travel ban.

But instead Yusuf smiled as his empty train arrived in Cedar, where the sun was beginning to set on a festival held by his people in a park. Nobody noticed him as he turned the corner toward the commons of his community and disappeared behind the tallest colorful tower, finally home and out of view.

"I can't wait for Las Vegas," he said as he walked along the path, already wondering who might be there to watch him at the most important basketball tournament of his life.

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These Tigers have tales

Gibson shares stories of Hall of Fame teammates Trammell, Morris

BY ANTHONY FENECH | Detroit Free Press

Few know Alan Trammell and Jack Morris better than Kirk Gibson.

Gibson, teammates with the two for a combined 12 major-league seasons, saw both players ascend to Hall of Fame status with the Tigers.

Their friendships — borne through competition and winning, on-field success and off-field debauchery — have grown as the years have passed. With Trammell and Morris set to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame this weekend in Cooperstown, N.Y., Gibson shared, in his own words, the stories of their friendships.

In the beginning

Gibson and Trammell became best friends in the minor leagues, forging their bond with a common goal: winning. And they did it plenty during their careers, becoming the most recognizable figures of 1980s Tigers baseball. Their relationship is still strong to this day, some 40 years after they met for the first time on a summer day in 1978, when both had long hair.

"I met Tram in 1978 when I was getting ready to get drafted. We had kind of privately worked a deal with the Tigers — everybody was asking me if I'd play baseball and I said, nope, I'm coming back to play my senior year of football — so the Tigers had me go down, and this was on a Saturday morning game, I think. Saturday or Sunday. I drove down here with Eddie Smith, my quarterback (at Michigan State), to take (batting practice). I stood at Tiger Stadium and took batting practice with 'Trixie' (Dick Tracewski) throwing to me, and I just cranked them, and Tram, that was the first day I met him.

"You know Tram. He's never really been a jerk where he'd be mean to a guy. He'd want to get over there and see who the guy is — me — and then there's some people making some comments at me like, 'Throw him a curveball, or a changeup' or 'Give him a real bat.' You need an aluminum bat? I was cranking them. And then I got drafted by the Tigers, and then after that it was spring training, we all got together. I met him, Jack (Morris), Rosey (Dave Rozema), Peaches (Dan Petry)."

The nucleus of a winner

Gibson arrived in Lakeland, Fla., in the spring of 1979. He was picked up at the airport by Jim Leyland, who challenged him like he never had been challenged before. When Gibson arrived in Tiger Town, he met players who would become friends and eventually family, the nucleus of the Tigers' 1984 World Series championship team.

"You know what, I was just trying to size up spring training. I came from Waterford, and when I went to college, I thought everybody was like they were from Waterford. I was interested to meet people from different places and obviously (Trammell) was different than me. He wasn't real big or anything. He was an athletic little wiry guy, you know? So you just size him up, and it doesn't happen overnight.

"And you know, by 1980, we were hanging on the field and off the field. Our team, Sparky (Anderson) recognized, he brought us together through things like he would talk to us as a group and individually, and we used to spend a lot of time together. We were together all the time, those teams. The nucleus: Me, Tram, Jack, Marty Castillo, Peaches, Rozema, Lance (Parrish), Darrell Evans, Bergy (Dave Bergman), Tom Brookens, Larry Herndon, Chet Lemon. Oh, yeah, we were tight."

'He'll set you up and leave you hanging'

Trammell was the yin to Gibson's yang. Perhaps their differences in personality — Trammell calm; Gibson free-spirited — played into how close they became. But for as much as Trammell is known as being the poster boy of a consummate professional, there was a devious side to him as well. Those Tigers often stirred the pot, and Trammell was no different.

"Tram, the way he is now, he's got a good reputation. But there's a different side to Tram, the little (turd). There's a little different side to him where he's a good, devious friend, and he likes the pot to be stirred now and then. He'll set you up and leave you hanging. You're sitting there and all of a sudden, it's like, you yell at the umpire, but he's standing right there next to me, you say something to him, and then you turn around and he's gone. And they're like, 'Gibby, that's enough!' And I'm like, 'I didn't say anything!' And then Tram's gone.

"And I've always said this: One day, I was getting into it with someone on the other team. And I came in, and he says, 'You're just wrong. Just drop it.' I accused the guy of doing something at second base. He said, 'You're wrong, that's not the way it is.' I said, 'Screw you, Tram.' It was something on a slide. 'Screw you, Tram,' the way I kinda was, I just challenged people, try to bully them and he said, 'Hey, I like you Gib, but you're wrong. Learn to admit it.' It is what it is, you know."



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Kirk Gibson, left, was teammates with Alan Trammell with the Tigers and served on Trammell's coaching staff from 2003-05.

'Tram was a natural'

Gibson had this reaction to Trammell and Morris receiving their due in Cooperstown: "About time." For many years, Trammell's Hall of Fame resume was compared with Ozzie Smith of the Cardinals. Trammell didn't play with the flash that Smith did; he didn't do backflips when taking his position at shortstop. But his athleticism stood out in its own right.

"He's very, very athletic. Would you believe that? I mean, ridiculous. Not flashy. He wasn't as physical, big. He ran good, he had good technique. Smart. His arm wasn't great, but he was accurate going right, going left, coming in, going back. Tram just has a sense. He knows where to move. Good hands. Tram was a natural. The other thing he had was he had desire. He had great desire."

Stitched together

The Tigers were elite. Especially in 1984, when they went wire-to-wire to win the World Series. But for as hard as they played on the field, they played equally as hard off the field, many times to the chagrin of Sparky Anderson — and one time at the expense of Trammell's forehead.

"Mid-'80s, we got snowed out opening day, got on a plane, went to Kansas City, had a workout, went out in Kansas City. Me, Tram, Rosey for sure. I don't know if Jack was there or not. But I had my wine glass sitting there, OK, and Rosey goes to hit Tram in the back of the head, and he ducks right into my glass. Forty stitches. Rosey's like, 'Oh, no! My glass hit it. He looked up to me, and it was just like, 'Whomp!' He ducked really quick into my glass because of Rosey.

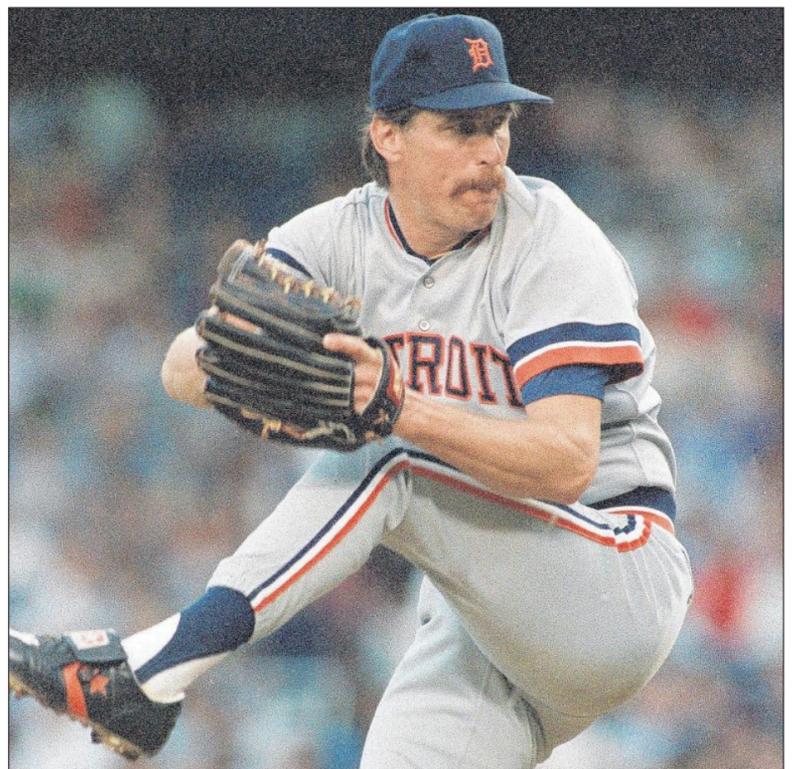
"We were already on kind of double-, triple-, quadruple-gazillion probation, OK. And he had 40 stitches, and we went to the park. Sparky, he was about ready to be done with us all. It was opening day. So sure enough, he got sewed up and it was big. He's got a huge scar. Forty stitches. I mean huge. So he came the next day and had a little beanie cap on; it was funny. We were secretly trying to figure out how we could cut the foam out of the hat so he could play. Sparky, he ripped us. He got into us, man. He said, 'I know it's you and you and you!' We took all the blame. That's how Tram was. Again, we'd come to the park together, we'd eat together, we'd go home together, get beers together, we hung out all the time."

Burning desire to win

There was perhaps no equal to Gibson in terms of competitiveness. But when he met Morris, Gibson found a person who could push him hard to be his best. The reason? Gibson didn't want to lose to anybody at anything.

"Jack was a pitcher and so it developed. Remember, Jack, he was from BYU, he was out there. Our personalities were very similar. We got along; we bonded real quick. With Jack, my initial bonding with him was just communication because we'd go out and the first thing we'd do is run a mile around Joker Marchant Stadium, around the outside. And Jack, he was so damn competitive, just like Tram, so a jog around the Marchant Stadium around the inside of the track, four laps around, was a race to me.

"So we'd hook up, and I'd run and I had a great kick, and they'd have guys try and tire me out, and then he'd come out and try and he couldn't beat me. I'd be so sore sometimes. I'd say, 'Screw it,' my calves



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Former Tigers ace Jack Morris was ultracompetitive says ex-teammate Kirk Gibson.

would be so sore, I'm just going to let those guys win. Two laps around, I just couldn't let Jack beat me. He's so damn competitive, and he'll tell you. I don't think he ever — I know he didn't beat me. Nobody ever beat me in that."

'This guy is unmerciful'

If Gibson had been a pitcher, he would have carried the same personality as Morris, which is to say intense and fiery on the mound. Morris came to the Tigers from BYU, which is owned by the Mormon church. But his competitiveness was far from conservative.

"We came from totally different places. I came from football; he came from out West. He was a pitcher; I was a position player. Jack, he'd rub it in our faces. He'd be walking out, it'd be 9 a.m. and we'd just be ready to go out. He'd be walking out, 'Oh, I'm going fishing.' 'Oh, I'm going hog hunting today.' He'd rub it in. He always rubbed (crap) in. That's who he was. He wanted to mentally punish you.

"He was an animal on the mound. I don't remember what year it was, but I'm going to say it might have been around '79 or whatever. Jack got sent down out of spring training and he was pissed. But he'd pout, and he was just like me in that umpires would miss a call on me, and I'd be like, 'I just couldn't keep my mouth shut.' That's kind of how I was. He was the same way. He just couldn't let it go. It just killed him.

"But you know, regardless of it all, Jack was there to answer the bell. Like, unbelievable. You could really feel that Jack didn't care how many runs he gave up, he just pitched to win the damn game. His desire to win was unbelievable. He'd come in after giving up six runs in the first inning, and we'd all be sitting there because he's pouting around. He'd come in and we'd be going, OK. And he'd say, 'Well, I've never lost with nine! Give me some damn runs!' He'd just break the ice. He'd be pouting on

the mound and Darrell Evans would go over there and he'd go, 'Wah!' He'd be pouting, and we'd all be yelling at him, 'Wah!' But it went both ways. This guy is unmerciful. He'd do the same thing, you know. We'd scream at him; he'd scream at us."

'Oops.' Sorry, Sparky

Like all ace pitchers, Morris hated being taken out of the game — look no further than his 175 complete games for proof. Morris often talked about "showering with the boys" after the game, a nod to wanting to be out there until the ninth inning.

"I remember one time Sparky came to take him out and Jack went to hand him the ball and dropped it. Jack went, 'Oops,' and picked up the ball. He had a meeting and Sparky said, 'Nobody shows me up. I won't show you up.' He said, 'You don't say anything to the press about me and I won't say anything about you. Nobody throws anybody under the bus.'"

Jack and Gibby: 'It's money'

The more Gibson and Morris got to know each other, the more they realized they had more in common than just being fierce competitors.

"We had similarities in that he's a big hunter. I was a hunter. He liked to fish; I'd fish. We had common things we'd do together. We didn't hunt a ton together; we prepared more with each other than we actually hunted together. But the competition and winning the World Series, it was unbelievable. To be honest with you, we didn't see Jack for a while. He'd have a place out in West Yellowstone and we drove out there. We all went out on a big snowmobile ride. We did it up in the U.P., up in Copper Harbor, we did that. Jack's the kind of friend, he's doing his thing in Minnesota where he's at, and he's in the Hall of Fame and our lives are different, but when we see each other, it's money. It's money."



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Henny Russell plays Carol Denning on "Orange Is the New Black."

Chicago native talks new role on 'OITNB'

By TRACY SWARTZ
 Chicago Tribune

Henny Russell can recall riding her bike to Keefer's Pharmacy to buy penny candy while growing up in the northwest suburbs. This sweet tooth came in handy for Russell's new role as C Block boss Carol Denning on "Orange Is the New Black."

"It turns out that the writers had written that Carol (as a young woman) likes candy ... and she was also a heavy smoker. Well, you can't smoke in prison anymore," Russell told the Tribune by phone. "I'm personally, sadly, a smoker. And I thought, well, when you quit smoking, a lot of the time you get orally fixated on something else, and I thought, well, she's stuck in the '80s, what if she still likes candy? What if she's still really hooked on candy?"

So Denning — a no-nonsense inmate who has been incarcerated since the '80s — sucks on Tootsie Pops while she manipulates the younger prisoners on Season 6, which is available to stream on Netflix starting Friday. Denning is one of the characters introduced this season as Litchfield's inmates settle into new digs after last season's riot.

Russell appears in 10 of the season's 13 episodes — her longest TV role to date. She rocks teased hair and big glasses like she did in the '80s. Otherwise, Russell and Denning could not be more different.

"I sort of feel like she never quite left the '80s," Russell said. "Most of her adult life she's been in prison because she was very young when she was incarcerated, so her world is really 'max.'"

Russell, meanwhile, grew up on the Northwest Side and in Mount Prospect and Arlington Heights. She became enamored with the theater world while performing in plays at Prospect High School. She also participated in the Goodman Theatre Young People's Drama Workshop alongside Jennifer Beals, who went on to star in "Flashdance."

Russell attended New York University, and she lives in New York now. She said she visits the Chicago area often because she still has family here. The first time she worked here was to film a guest spot last season on "Chicago Med."

She said she had never been to prison before she shot "Orange Is the New Black."

"I never, in my life, ever desired to go to prison, but boy, once you see a real prison, it's shocking and it certainly makes you never, ever, ever want to end up there. It's very bleak," Russell said.

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Erica Novotny, 11, right, and Amy Sletten, 13, try on roller derby gear at the "Chicago Rink Rats" exhibit at the Elmhurst History Museum.

The golden age of roller skating

'Chicago Rink Rats' exhibit in Elmhurst is freewheelin' nostalgia

By STEVE JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

Tom Russo didn't set out to write the book on the roller skating history of Chicago that turned into a new museum exhibit on the same nostalgia-drenched, organ music-backed topic.

He just wanted his aging mother to tell her great-grandchildren about her youth during the war years, and a great part of that youth was spent at Chicago roller rinks — as was the case for many of the young people in the city and the region, apparently.

"As I pressed her, she came up with, 'Well, we roller-skated,'" said Russo, whose book and Elmhurst History Museum exhibition are both titled "Chicago Rink Rats." "There was no internet. No TV. So they roller-skated." It was pretty much the same for

another woman of Russo's mother's generation, 94-year-old Ann Gogola of Cicero. She was at the museum on the exhibit's opening day earlier this month, reliving her own youth on wheels.

"I used to roller-skate all the time all over Chicago," said Gogola, a retired office worker from the Western Electric plant in that suburb. "In the '40s and '50s, I just skated. I learned to dance on skates and learned to skate

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Ill-fated town charges Stephen King series

Hulu drama 'Castle Rock' centers on author's horror catalog

By YVONNE VILLARREAL
 Los Angeles Times

Horror guru Stephen King, in his career spanning 45 years, has produced a robust body of work that has made him one of the most adapted storytellers in Hollywood. So it's perhaps inevitable that his universe would get a remix.

Enter "Castle Rock." The new Hulu anthology drama, from creators Sam Shaw and Dustin Thomason ("Manhattan"), is an original narrative that pulls from King's extensive catalog. Now available, the series is set in Castle Rock, the ill-fated fic-

tional Maine town that has been the backdrop in "Cujo," "Needful Things" and other King tales.

The drama introduces Henry Deaver (André Holland of "Moonlight"), a death row attorney who returns to his hometown after a mysterious young man (Bill Skarsgard) is found in a cage inside a hidden area of Shawshank State Penitentiary.

"The town is like the most cursed plot of land on the planet," Shaw said. "And Henry is a native son of Castle Rock, who has spent the intervening decades of his life trying to put as much mileage between himself and the town as he possibly can. Until he can't."

While past film adaptations of King novels and stories such as "The Shawshank Redemption" and "Dolores Claiborne"



PATRICK HARBRON/HULU

Noel Fisher in "Castle Rock," the Stephen King adaptation on Hulu.

have grappled with how faithful they should be to the author's work, the challenge for the "Castle Rock" producers was expanding the King world without overindulging in it.

"For the viewers, we wanted them to be able to engage with

the universe and understand how it fits in the shared universe that came before — at the same time, if you start having Dolores Claiborne waving while she's walking Cujo down the

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Hannity set to air first post-scandal interview with Barr

Roseanne Barr, above, is set to give her first TV interview since her ABC sitcom was canceled to Fox News host Sean Hannity.

Hannity announced that Barr would be a guest on Thursday night's edition of his Fox News program "Hannity."



Hannity

Fox News said the interview would be conducted live and that portions of the session will air on Friday's installment of "Hannity" as well. Barr is set to talk about the racist tweet that spurred ABC's decision to cancel the revival of "Roseanne," which was an overnight sensation and ranked as the most-watched program of the 2017-18 season. Barr will also discuss her views of President Donald Trump, Fox News said. Hannity, like Barr, has been a vocal champion and defender of Trump.

Barr has displayed erratic behavior since the show was axed with shocking swiftness on May 29, hours after Barr sent a tweet that slammed former Obama administration adviser Valerie Jarrett and likened her to "Planet of the Apes." Barr deleted the offensive remark and apologized, but the damage was done.

Barr stated via social media earlier this month that she would resurface soon with a TV interview. Then she changed her mind, telling her social media followers she planned to interview herself and post it on her YouTube channel. That interview also did not materialize.

— *Variety*



OMAR VEGA/INVISION

Shahidi, Pompeo honored: Yara Shahidi, above, will be honored by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network for her advocacy for girls' education. GLSEN announced Wednesday that the "Grown-ish" star will receive its Game Changer Award at its Respect Awards, presented in October. Shahidi has advocated for gender parity in science, technology and engineering fields. The group will also honor "Grey's Anatomy" star Ellen Pompeo for her advocacy for LGBTQ causes and pay equity in Hollywood.

Kennedy Center honors Cher, Reba: Cher, composer Phillip Glass, country music star Reba McEntire and jazz legend Wayne Shorter have been announced as this year's recipients of the Kennedy Center Honors. The award honors people who have influenced American culture through the arts. This year's ceremony will be Dec. 2 at Washington's Kennedy Center.

Lovato concert canceled: Live Nation says Demi Lovato's concert Thursday on the Atlantic City, N.J., beach has been canceled. Lovato's representative said Tuesday she was awake and recovering with her family after she was reportedly hospitalized for an overdose. Live Nation says in a statement that "Demi's Atlantic City appearance on July 26th has been canceled in light of (the) news."

July 26 birthdays: Actress Helen Mirren is 73. Actress Sandra Bullock is 54. Actor Jeremy Piven is 53. Actor Jason Statham is 51. Actress Kate Beckinsale is 45.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Student struggles with assumptions

Dear Amy: I'm a college student from the suburbs of San Francisco. I've been attending college in New York. My best friend from school is coming to visit this summer, and I couldn't be more excited! But I do have concerns.

In a time where people of color, especially men, are having the police called on them for everything from waiting for a friend in Starbucks to taking a nap in a common area of a dorm, I am worried about my neighbors' potential reaction to a man of color showing up in their predominantly white suburb.

I have toyed with the idea of making a post on Nextdoor.com asking people to think twice before panicking, should they see my friend walking down the street, as he belongs there as much as they do, but I know my county prides itself on being a liberal and progressive area. I don't want to upset my community by accusing them of racist behavior I have never witnessed, but I am aware of incidents taking place in similar communities.

I do not know what to do to offend as few people as possible, while still trying to make sure my friend feels safe and welcome in the place I call home. Your suggestion?

— *Toeing the Line*

Dear Toeing the Line: In recent news, "neighbors" in a community similar to yours called the police because they saw an African-American firefighter (in uniform) performing a safety inspection in the neighborhood. The firefighter's white (female) colleague said that in the

future, she would accompany him on neighborhood sprinkler checks, basically for his own safety.

You should start this process by notifying your friend that your neighbors are somewhat likely to "panic" and call the police if he is bold enough to walk through the neighborhood while also being black.

Strangely, you seem to worry more about offending your neighbors than you do about the risk to your friend if he walks through your neighborhood alone.

I have two suggestions: Challenge your neighbors out loud to actually let a black man — any black man — walk through the neighborhood unchallenged, not because he is your guest, but because he is a human being.

Also, be honest with your friend about the kind of community he would be visiting, and the physical or psychological annoyance (or worse) he could face simply by being there.

Dear Amy: Last weekend, my sister and I (who both live out of state with our young families) surprised my parents and one of my sisters with a visit to our hometown. Later, one of my father's sisters sent a private message stating how disappointed she was to have been left out. She said we should also travel to see her when we're in our home state.

Between them, my parents have eight siblings! We try to see them at large family events (Christmas) when we can see everyone at the same time, but our time is precious and this isn't how I want to use it. I feel this violates bounda-

ries, which my own parents struggle to respect.

I want to respond to her letting her know I acknowledge her feelings, but the family is too large to accommodate these types of requests. Do you agree? It is also possible her late-night message was written under the influence.

— *Guilt Trip in Wis.*

Dear Guilt Trip: You don't state the wording your aunt used, but from your reporting, here's how I interpret her message: "I miss you! I'm so sorry I didn't get to see you! I wish you had also traveled to see me."

Is this boundary-crossing? I don't think so.

You need only respond: "I'm sorry we didn't get the chance to visit! But please remember that we have eight aunts and uncles, and these visits home are stretched so thin. Looking forward to Christmas!"

Dear Amy: "Many Times Ghosted" told of a painful situation caused by a long-time friend who was unresponsive to her attempts at contact. In addition to your suggestion that the friend might be in an abusive relationship, she might also be suffering from depression. I'm glad you suggested that "Ghosted" keep the friendship door open.

— *Grateful*

Dear Grateful: Yes, people with depression do tend to pull away from relationships. Thank you.

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To share cooking with the masses

Chicago couple add 'Great Food Truck Race' to their plate

By TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Victoria Elena Nones and Ian Sherwin have a lot on their plate. She founded an organization devoted to empowering fellow comedienne and launched an online comedy community. He teaches art classes and has worked with the Field Museum. Together they run an art gallery and a dog daycare in Lakeview.

Now they're on "The Great Food Truck Race"



MATT HARBICHT/VERBATIM PHOTO AGE

Victoria Elena Nones (from left), Marla Nones and Ian Sherwin compete in an orange juice challenge on "The Great Food Truck Race," premiering Thursday on the Food Network.

with Nones' mother, Marla. Seven teams of aspiring food truck entrepreneurs show off their cooking skills and business acumen while they travel around

the Southwestern United States battling for the \$50,000 prize. Season 9, which is hosted by chef Tyler Florence, is scheduled to premiere at 8 p.m. Thurs-

day on the Food Network. Sherwin, 42, said he has long wanted to "share my cooking with the masses." He came up with Buns N' Thighs, their team name, while attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago years ago. Their specialty is sliders with homemade sauces.

"Basically, everything I've ever wanted happened during the show. So it's, for me, an absolute dream come true," said Sherwin, who hails from Massachusetts and lives in Lakeview with Nones, a 32-year-old Utah native. Nones said if they won the show, they would start another business with the prize money. They're considering investing in a catering truck that would operate in Chicago or a food truck business outside of the city because of Chicago's strict mobile food vendor regulations.

"We were able to enjoy the experience of being on the show, and I think it definitely gave us some insight into the fact that this is something we want to pursue. It's something that Ian is really passionate about," Nones said.

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FOX

Contestants Emily Hallock, left, and Farhan Momin team up on Wednesday's episode of "MasterChef."

Chicago-area residents work together to nail 'MasterChef' challenge

By TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Warning: Spoilers ahead

Chicago-area residents Emily Hallock and Farhan Momin collaborated well on Wednesday's "MasterChef" episode, but South Loop contestant Julia Danno stole the show as her teammate gushed about her being a great cook.

The 15 competitors paired up with each other (one contestant was allowed to work with "MasterChef" judge Joe Bastianich) to create a restaurant-quality dish featuring whole chicken, carrots, onion, bacon and cornmeal.

Hallock, who lives in the Andersonville neighborhood, and Momin, who lives in Downers Grove, focused on putting their spin on Southern food. Danno partnered with Las Vegas college student S.J. Yun. There didn't appear to be any drama between these teammates.

"We just collaborated on different ideas, and we work well together so it seems like it's going to work," Danno said.

Danno and Yun served roasted chicken breast with carrot-pickle salad

and polenta cake.

"Wow, I mean delicious. Seasoning on point. Chicken cooked beautifully, and the crispy skin just gives it that extra texture. Sauce immaculate, and the whole thing is just restaurant quality. Well done, both of you," judge Gordon Ramsay said.

Hallock and Momin served Indian-style chicken and waffles. "The chicken's actually seasoned well. It's really crispy and this waffle is really good, but there's a tone of sweetness that pervades everything. But it's a great collaboration," Bastianich said.

Danno's team had the best dish, while Hallock and Momin were among the contestants who advanced to the next round without having to cook in the elimination challenge, which was to create a cheese souffle. Texas drummer Ryan Cortez was sent home for his sub-par souffle.

Fourteen home cooks remain on Season 9 of "MasterChef" which airs at 7 p.m. Wednesdays on Fox. The winner is slated to receive \$250,000.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Hero's Wife' ★★★

A raw, nightmarish look in war's wake

A couple wrestles with a veteran's PTSD and violent night terrors

By **KERRY REID**
Chicago Tribune

The costs of warfare on the home front come into sharp — and at times almost unbearable — focus in “The Hero's Wife,” Aline Lathrop's taut two-character piece at Berwyn's 16th Street Theater. And though Lathrop's one-act doesn't fully flesh out all the dimensions of the couple onstage — nor all of the larger circumstances that led to their mutual waking nightmare — it succeeds at showing the pernicious effects of post-traumatic stress disorder with graphic details.

Cameron (Aaron Christensen) is a retired Navy SEAL in his 40s, home from Iraq and back in the arms of his young yoga-instructor wife, Karyssa (Alex Fisher). The two had a whirlwind courtship before he left, and the sense that they never fully knew each other before his latest tour of duty provides one of the underpinnings for their fragile world. For her part, the childless Karyssa feels isolated from the other military wives who have kids. She seeks solace in her work, while Cam finds it hard to even leave the house.

Their physical attraction is undeniable. But it's what happens in the middle of the night that increasingly defines their world. Cam, as his wife calls him, has night terrors that place him back in combat and cause him to lash out at Karyssa in increasingly violent ways. He won't talk about what happened to him overseas — including a period of time when he was missing in action.

Co-directed by 16th Street artistic director Ann



ANTHONY AICARDI PHOTO

Alex Fisher is Karyssa, wife to retired Navy SEAL Cameron, played by Aaron Christensen, in “The Hero's Wife,” showing at 16th Street Theater in Berwyn.

When: Through Aug. 18

Where: 16th Street Theater, 6420 16th St., Berwyn

Running time: 1 hour, 20 minutes

Tickets: \$22 at 708-795-6704 and www.16thstreettheater.org

Filmer and Miguel Nunez, “The Hero's Wife” unfolds with inexorable ferocity, leavened with small interludes of domestic bliss. (A moment where Christensen's Cam demonstrates the yoga move “downward facing platypus” is especially charming.) Joanna

Iwanicka's set design — a series of curved platforms covered with beige carpet that double as furniture — suggests a neutral world where the commonplace can turn nightmarish in seconds.

Karyssa's reluctance to directly confront Cam about what he's capable of doing to her in his sleep feels initially like a dramatic drawback — until we realize that he absolutely believes that any man who would hurt a woman deserves to die. Fisher does a great job of showing us a woman who is trying to come up with the best way she can to help her hus-

band and herself under circumstances she barely understands.

Lathrop pulls punches on letting us know exactly what Cam did overseas, while providing us with just enough disturbing hints to force us to question how much sympathy we can summon up for him in the present.

But I suspect that's very much by design here. As a nation, we have required men and women in our armed forces to be part of military operations in countries where the lines between civilian and enemy have been blurred and obliterated. So how can we

expect those same soldiers to return home to us unscathed and capable of making distinctions about what constitutes an actual threat? (Whether Cam has underlying mental health issues that contribute to his combat PTSD isn't addressed here, though it's certainly a possibility.)

Christensen and Fisher deliver performances that are physically demanding and emotionally raw, while also finding the painful moments where Cam and Karyssa refuse to face obvious truths. It's easy, standing on the outside of this relationship, to ask “Why didn't they do X, Y, Z?” But

then we are once again forced to ask ourselves if we really understand what it's like to be outside the frame of their narrowly circumscribed world.

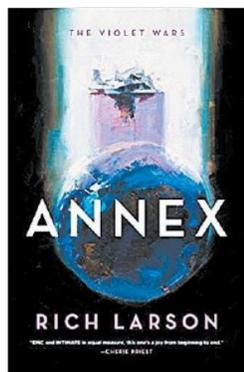
Lathrop's play doesn't give us all the answers, and the ending might be frustratingly ambiguous for some. But it's a lacerating and relevant portrait of how hard it can be for two people to find their way home to each other in the wake of the living nightmare of war.

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Science fiction roundup

By **GARY K. WOLFE**
Chicago Tribune



“Annex” by Rich Larson, Orbit, 368 pages, \$15.99

This first novel from Rich Larson borrows some features from the alien invasion tale, some from teen dystopias, some from zombie movies and even some from “Peter Pan.”

Larson manages to weave all this into an energetic, nonstop adventure that's thoroughly his own, mostly because of an appealing cast of young protagonists, led by the street-smart Violet. As a trans teenager, Violet had to learn survival strategies long before the aliens arrive.

And when they do arrive, it's in spectacular and ruthless fashion. A gigantic spacecraft blots out the entire sky above the city, and in short order the adults get fitted out with neck clamps that turn them into virtual zombies, while kids are trapped in warehouses and implanted with parasites whose purpose only becomes apparent later. Violet runs with a group of free kids under the charismatic leadership of a boy named Wyatt.

The kids begin to organize a resistance, aided by some newly discovered almost magical powers and, eventually, by a wonderfully weird alien called Gloob, but they also face treachery among themselves. While “Annex” is a solid adventure by itself, it's also the beginning of a trilogy, and most readers will be eager to see where volume two leads.



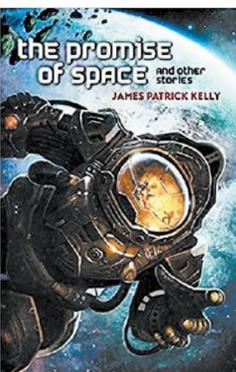
“All I Ever Dreamed” by Michael Blumlein, Valancourt, 506 pages, \$34.99

This collection by Michael Blumlein, which includes all his short fiction since 1993, begins with a strange mystery set against the backdrop of the California wildfires: The narrator discovers that the bones of his recently deceased father survive all efforts at cremation, leaving him with the puzzle of who or what his father really was.

If there's a recurring theme here, it could be summed up as: “Be careful what you wish for.”

One character literally digs up the girl of his dreams, only to find his life complicated as she becomes a supermodel, while another finds himself radically changed by his elaborate scheme to wreak vengeance on the doctor he blames for his child's death.

A brilliant but disgraced architect tries to overcome loneliness with a made-to-order woman of his dreams, only to learn she'll need a made-to-order companion herself as he remains buried in his work. A woman undergoes gene therapy in order to safely become pregnant, but with an ironic reversal worthy of O. Henry. Blumlein's sophisticated, clinical understanding of biological themes is always balanced by his deep compassion toward his troubled characters.



“The Promise of Space and Other Stories” by James Patrick Kelly, Prime, 384 pages, \$15.95

James Patrick Kelly has been an outstanding short fiction writer for more than four decades as well as a distinguished anthologist and teacher, so it's no surprise that his new collection demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of how science fiction and fantasy work.

For example, the idea of uploading your whole personality into a computer matrix as a hedge against death isn't new, but should it become a legal right (as in “Declaration”) or face religious opposition (as in “One Sister, Two Sisters, Three”)? Could it even lead to most humans disappearing, leaving the world to intelligent chimps (“The Chimp of the Popes”)?

Kelly also has a clear grasp of other genres but uses them in unexpected ways.

“The Rose Witch” takes on the tone and form of a fairy tale, complete with a life-changing moral choice the heroine faces.

In nearly every story, Kelly offers a master class on how short fiction works.

Gary K. Wolfe is the editor of “American Science Fiction,” a Library of America anthology collecting nine classic works from the 1950s.

BOOK REVIEW

An altered reality check part of ‘Rest and Relaxation’

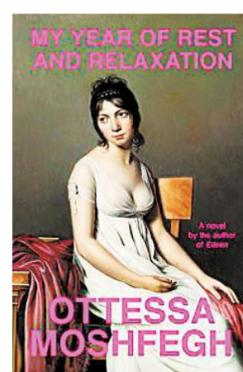
By **FRANK TEMPONE**
Chicago Tribune

In a 2015 essay for The Masters Review, Ottessa Moshfegh wrote, “Any paradigm that exists in our collective consciousness is just that — a model of interpretation, or a structure within to project a reality. Any significant paradigm shift will incite anxiety: ‘If I gave up this reality for another one, would I even exist?’” The narrator of Moshfegh's eagerly anticipated new book tests this theory in the context of the year leading up to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the instigator of arguably the biggest paradigm shift in the last century.

The book's unnamed narrator loses both of her largely absentee parents in a span of six weeks during her junior year at Columbia: her father to cancer, her mother to suicide. Left with unsettled resentment and a loathsome job at an art gallery, she resolves to “hibernate” for a year with the hope of waking up to a different world, a different person. “I was growing less and less attached to life,” she says. “If I kept going, I thought, I'd disappear completely, then reappear in some new form. This was my hope. This was the dream.”

Her abusive ex-boyfriend, Trevor, only exacerbates her condition when he tells her, “Think of your beauty as an Achilles' heel.” Her manic best friend, Reva, keeps steady tabs on the narrator's beauty in between her own bulimic incidents and bouts with her own mother's mortality.

The narrator presents as rich, blond, tall and beautiful, and she dares you to categorize her, to psychoanalyze her, tell her how the money she inherited



“My Year of Rest and Relaxation”

By Ottessa Moshfegh, Penguin, 304 pages, \$26

from her dead parents has corrupted her, how her beauty gifted her advantages robbed from the rest of us. She dares you to hate her more than she hates herself.

Dr. Tuttle, the clueless therapist she sees monthly, has no idea about her hibernation plan but is all too willing to serve up a massive cocktail of prescribed medication: Xanax, Ambien, lithium and about 10 others before Infermitol, the drug to end all drugs, a fictional narcotic created by Moshfegh to do exactly what it sounds like it does: completely destabilize reality.

Infermitol induces blackouts sometimes for three days at a time, and the book's narrator lives an alternate reality by sleepwalking through life. She rearranges furniture, shops online, sends lewd text messages, orders Chinese food and goes to nightclubs. And if while conscious she hates anything that walks with two legs, while unconscious there's evidence she's developing into the human being she could have been if her

parents loved her while they were alive.

Through these blackouts Moshfegh, author of “Eileen” and “Homesick for Another World,” brilliantly creates a foil for her narrator. The remarkable thing is that they're the same person. And this is part of her point, really. We're not all one-dimensional characters to be categorized and judged. We're complex and contradictory, and if people don't move past their prejudices and open themselves up to human possibility, we're doomed to walk the streets exhausted, bored and overmedicated.

In the end, the one who might be able to see her through the year is Ping Xi, the “star artist” who meets the narrator while she's working at the art gallery. Near the end of the narrator's year of rest and relaxation, Ping Xi makes her the subject of his greatest masterpiece. Before she submits to another Infermitol blackout he tells her, “The creative incentive for me is that you'll be constantly ... naive.”

The book ends with 9/11, the paradigm shift that revealed our collective naivete. It's Moshfegh's admonition that control is an illusion. We can't be the authors of our happiness any more than we can choose our parents or choose how we are loved. There's nothing we can do to prevent the next cataclysmic disaster: the wildfire, the earthquake, the next school shooting or the next man to be president. Through “My Year of Rest and Relaxation,” Moshfegh contends the only real control any of us has when catastrophe hits is whether we choose to jump to our deaths.

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Celebrating roller skating's glory days

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backwards. And couples! And the short skirts!"

Her litany of venues visited matches some of those in the map of Chicago-area roller rinks in the museum exhibit, which is subtitled "The Golden Age of Roller Skating."

"I first started at the Madison (Gardens) rink," she said. "Then we'd go to Rainbo and New Planet, too. Airway and The Hub. We never stayed home. We always went roller skating."

The exhibit, which Russo wrote and the museum's Dan Bartlett curated, details the mostly 20th-century history of roller skating, which "emerged as the number one participatory sport in America in 1950," says the wall text.

"Skaters whirled around the rink," Russo wrote, "while couples whizzed along, with boys leading by skating backwards in a fog of cigarette smoke and rink surface rosin."

There were some 5,000 rinks and 18 million skaters in this "Golden Age," the show asserts. To get there, the sport had to overcome a less-than-wholesome image spawned during its first burst of popularity, beginning in the 1880s.

At first people saw the good. Roller skating "furnishes indoor, lively, graceful exercise, both muscular and nervous excitement, and leaves no excuse for dancing," said a clergyman quoted in an 1885 manual on the sport.

But "by the early 1900s, the public viewed skating as an amusement for roughnecks," the exhibit says. "Nice people did not roller skate."

"From the 1900s to the mid-1930s, you had a lot of roughnecks that went into rinks, plowed through people, knocked them over," said Russo. "Even my grandmother did not want my mother to go to the rinks in, like, 1940 and '41 because she knew of the reputation."

But rink operators formed an association in 1937 that turned things around by emphasizing the sport's healthful aspects and professionalizing the industry. "Jenny on the job has her fun after work," says a wartime poster reproduced in the show, the message and the female figure on skates pitched at the growing number of female workers.

Rinks sprouted up all over; the city ones tended to do better than suburban ones, Russo said, because they were served by public transportation.

And because this is a story steeped in Chicago nostalgia, you just knew the Riverview Amusement Park had to make an appearance. There was, it seems, a Riverview Roller Rink at the park, and one thing we know about it, thanks to Cicero's Gogola, is that it had a stricter dress code than the others. She recalled getting turned away from Riverview for wearing too short a skirt.

There were speed skating competitions, and dance skating, too. And professionals toured the country in a kind of wheeled version of Ice Capades.

But there was also change on the horizon. As the 1960s hit, so did rock 'n' roll. The new generation was more excited about rock than the music of roller skating, which tended toward organ music played live. "Paul Swiderski at the Elm (rink) pipe organ," says a vintage sign on display.

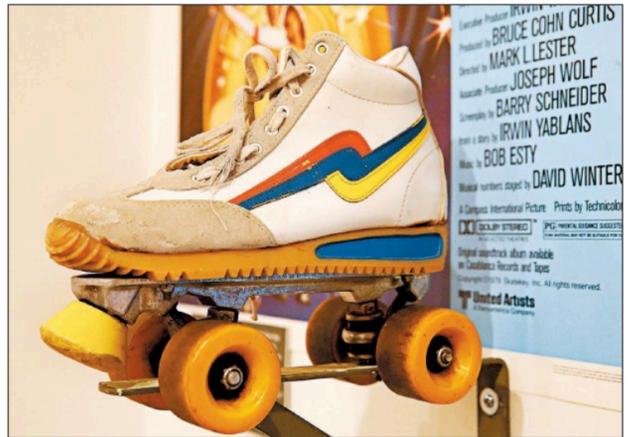


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Vintage roller skates, outfits and gear from The Elm skating rink are on display at the Elmhurst exhibit, running through Nov. 4.



Relics from Chicago rinks like the Rainbo and the Hub tell a story of the mostly 20th-century history of roller skating.



'Chicago Rink Rats: The Golden Age of Roller Skating'

When: Through Nov. 4

Where: Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave.

Tickets: Free; 630-833-1457 and www.elmhursthhistory.org

"Rock 'n' roll is not the music of choice for skaters to this day," Russo said.

Then there's the real estate factor. Roller rinks are big places, and as property values rose so did the taxes, which made it hard for operators to keep prices affordable, he said. "That property becomes more valuable as a shopping center."

And a third factor, he said his research taught him, was that the industry didn't deal so well with an integrating society. The Elmhurst show tells the story of Chicago's Savoy Ballroom, where African-American "skaters skated to live jazz." An entrancing video displays "JB Skating," a style patterned after the moves of

"Roller skating furnishes indoor, lively, graceful exercise, both muscular and nervous excitement, and leaves no excuse for dancing."

— A clergyman's remarks from an 1885 manual on the sport

James Brown, still being practiced at The Rink on 87th Street in the city.

Like The Rink, a handful of venues remain. And there was the show will help you remember (whether you want to or not), that burst of a roller skating resurgence during the disco era. (Elmhurst visitors will see a poster for the film "Roller Boogie," starring Linda Blair.)

But the sport is largely marginalized and its venues often just hanging on.

Case in point. When the 46-year-old Orbit Skate Center in Palatine closed in March, it was bad news for northwest suburban skaters. But it did help the exhibit.

To put "Rink Rats" together, said the museum's Bartlett, "honestly I was just worried about getting objects. We just started asking anyone who would listen if they had roller skating artifacts."

"Our 'lucky break' came when the Orbit Skating Center closed,"

he said, noting that owner Sandra Levin had boxes of memorabilia and golden-era skating gear she was able to lend. "We like to think this exhibit is sort of the last hurrah for the Orbit."

Or the last local hurrah: Some of the Orbit material will go on to the National Museum of Roller Skating in Lincoln, Neb., after the Elmhurst show ends, Bartlett said.

But before we got sidetracked by the story of roller skating, we were talking about how Russo came to write "Rink Rats," which leads to how he became involved in the exhibit.

Russo, now 70 and living in Myrtle Beach, S.C., wasn't a writer. He was a government emergency management guy. But for his family's subsequent generations, he started writing a letter about Chicago roller skating on his mother's behalf, and before he knew it, he said, he had the outlines for a handful of chapters.

As part of his research for the book — his subtitle is "The Roller Capital in Its Heyday" (History Press, 2017) — he needed a photo of the old Elm Rink that the Elmhurst History Museum just happened to have.

So the museum got on his mailing list. And the Elmhurst museum, which has made a habit, in recent years, of doing exhibitions on cultural topics of regional interest, thought Chicago's golden age of skating had potential.

Soon he was meeting with museum officials. "All five of them had a copy of the book with marks in them to ask this, that and the other," said Russo. "To me as a first-time author, this was pretty exciting."

"In late December, they said, 'Let's do this.'" In July, the exhibit opened.

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Developing King's domain without overindulging in it

Castle, from Page 1

street, it starts to get weird," Thomason said.

The long-suffering housekeeper and murderous St. Bernard from King's oeuvre may not make a cheeky cameo, but fans of the prolific author will recognize the character of Alan Pangborn, a former sheriff of Castle Rock played by Scott Glenn. Then there's the more indirect infusion of King veterans in the series: In addition to Skarsgard, who will reprise his role as Pennywise in the upcoming "It: Chapter 2," Sissy Spacek, who made her breakthrough in 1976 as the title character in the big screen adaptation of King's "Carrie," also stars in the series.

They're joined by other alums from King productions: Melanie Lynskey ("Rose Red"), Terry O'Quinn ("Silver Bullet"), Ann Cusack ("Mr. Mercedes") and Frances Conroy ("The Mist").

King, who gave his approval for the show's concept, is credited as an executive producer. Shaw and Thomason said the author reviewed scripts — describing the hand-offs as "white-knuckle moments" — but otherwise left

them to their own devices.

"We were gratified he gave us the keys to the city and let us tell the story of the town that he obviously cares a lot about," Thomason said. "There weren't a set of hard and fast rules at all. He gave us license to tell the story."

The psychological horror drama, which also counts genre veteran J.J. Abrams as an executive producer, serves as Hulu's second King-inspired project. (The event series "11.22.63," based on King's 2011 novel, was released on the platform in 2016.)

"We saw this as a unique opportunity to have a series that's home to Stephen King's legendary stories and characters," said Craig Erwich, senior vice president of originals at Hulu.

Thomason and Shaw said they took a cue from FX's "Fargo" in crafting an original narrative that captured the tone of a known property — or, in "Castle Rock's" case, properties — while being distinct from it. (Former Los Angeles Times film editor Marc Bernardin is a writer on "Castle Rock.")

"It became a really fun approach to the material because it



PATRICK HARBON/HULU

Sissy Spacek, left, plays Ruth Deaver and André Holland is Henry Deaver in "Castle Rock."

involved a lot of introspection and discussion about what makes a Stephen King story a Stephen King story," Thomason said.

One question, the duo said, that drove the narrative revolved around the idea of what makes people stay in a town that's been inflicted with serial killers, devils

and rabid dogs.

"In thinking about that question in the real world, we came to the realization that the answer is: everyone," Shaw said. "People stay because it's home. We were fascinated with the idea of what it is to live through that experience. And that's why the Castle Rock

that we picked for this show was not the embrocked fence Castle Rock of yore, but rather, what does a small town in modern day America look like now?"

If they achieved their mission, it looks pretty Kingsian.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Charles Esten

"Nashville" (8 p.m., CMT): Time to cue up that slow, sad song on the jukebox, because this country soap opera gets ready to call it a day in a series finale called "Beyond the Sunset." Fittingly, several of the most beloved characters come to a crossroads and/or ponder a new beginning, with long-suffering Deacon (Charles Esten) getting a chance to fulfill a lifelong dream. Elsewhere, Juliette (Hayden Panettiere) makes a crucial decision, and Brad.

"The Gong Show" (7 p.m., ABC): Alyson Hannigan remains best-known for acting on "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "How I Met Your Mother," but she's had a taste of game shows — loosely speaking — in recent years as the host of "Penn & Teller: Fool Us." She's on the other side of a contest in this new episode, joining Will Arnett (an executive producer of this reboot) and actor-comedian Lil Rel Howery (who will have a Fox sitcom this fall) in judging offbeat acts.

"Trial & Error" (8 p.m., NBC): The new episode "The Murder Clock" sees Josh (Nicholas D'Agosto) and his associates try to establish a timeline in their defense of Lavinia (Kristin Chenoweth), reliant upon their finding the possible weapon that killed her husband. Matters get complicated as they learn more about her, and also about two other potential suspects. Jayma Mays and Sherri Shepherd also star. Another episode follows.

"Match Game" (8 p.m., ABC): The reboot's third season comes to a close with this episode, as host Alec Baldwin welcomes back several panelists who have played the game before — including his former "30 Rock" colleagues Jane Krakowski and Jack McBrayer — along with a couple of newcomers: "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" co-star and rapper Ice T and actress Christina Ricci.

"Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (9 p.m., NBC): A surgeon (guest star Janel Moloney, "The West Wing") who removed a deceased girl's organs for transplant after the teen's tragic, accidental fall — without securing her parents' permission first — becomes a target of both Benson and Stone (Mariska Hargitay, Philip Winchester) in "Dare."

"Snowfall" (9 p.m., 10:05 p.m., FX): Franklin (Damson Idris) finds a new cocaine connection in the form of his captor, Reed Thompson, who's really Teddy (Carter Hudson), in the new episode "The Day." Meanwhile, Lucia and Gustavo (Emily Rios, Sergio Peris-Mencheta) debate the question of whether to allow Pedro (Filipe Valle Costa) back into the business.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Ed Helms; actor Miles Brown; The Breeders perform.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Leslie Jones; actress Vanessa Kirby; Greta Van Fleet performs.*

"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): Actor Sam Heughan; The Interrupters perform.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 26

		MOVIES							
	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS	2	The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Brother (N) ©	S.W.A.T.: "Seizure." ©	News (N) *		
	NBC	5	Ellen's Game of Games ©	Trial & Error (N) ©	Trial & Error (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Dare." ©	NBC 5 News (N) *		
	ABC	7	The Gong Show (N) ©	Match Game (Season Finale) (N) ©	Take Two: "The Devil You Know." (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	Just the Ticket (R,'99) **	Andy Garcia. ©			Man About Town (R,'06) ** ©		
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Secret Life of Dogs: "Working Like a Dog."			10 Modern Marvels That Changed America ©	Experience *	
	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	Love Don't Cost a Thing ('03) ** *			
FOX	32	El rico y Lázaro (N) ©		The Four: Battle for Stardom: "Comeback Week." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©		
Ion	38	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods: "Love Lost."		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood *		
TeleM	44	*(6) Exatlón (N) ©	Sin Senos Sí (N)		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)		
CW	50	Burden of Truth: "Pilot."	Black Lightning ©		Law Order: CI		Law CI *		
UniMas	60	*(6) Maggie ('15) **	La jefa del campeón		Velvet		Velvet *		
WJYS	62	History	Skywatch	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
Univ	66	El rico y Lázaro (N)	La bella y las bestias (N)					Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	Live PD *	
	AMC	*(6) GoodFellas (R,'90) ****	Robert De Niro.			(9:05) Casino (R,'95) *** ©			
	ANIM	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed:	"Poached Shrimpers." (N)			Northwest Law (N)		Lone Star *	
	BBCA	The X-Files: "Lazarus."	The X-Files ©			The X-Files: "E.B.E." ©		X-Files *	
	BET	*(6:28) Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13,'06) *				The Grand Hustle (N)		Grand *	
	BIGTEN	Football	Michigan State			BIG Kickoff Luncheon 2018 ©		Big Ten *	
	BRAVO	Southern Charm ©	Southern Charm: "Reunion Part 2." (N)			Shahs		Watch (N)	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics	
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©			Jay Leno's Garage (N)		Jay Leno's *	
	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 Detroit (N)		Daily (N) *	
	DISC	Sharkcam Strikes (N)	Sharkwrecked (N) ©			Tiger Shark Invasion (N)		Shark Dark	
	DISN	Andi Mack	Raven	Big City	Stuck	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice:	Andi Mack	
	E!	Miss Congeniality (PG-13,'00) **	Sandra Bullock. ©			Miss Congeniality 2 *			
	ESPN	MLS Soccer: New York City FC at Orlando City SC. (N) (Live)				MLS Soccer (N) *			
	ESPN2	* Basketball (N)		Basketball: TBT Tournament, Super 16: Teams TBA. (N)		SportCtr (N)			
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
	FOOD	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race (N)			Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby	
	FREE	Cloak & Dagger (N)	Marvel's Cloak & Dagger			Marvel's Cloak & Dagger		700 Club *	
	FX	*(6) Ghostbusters (PG-13,'16) **	Melissa McCarthy.			Snowfall: "The Day." (N)		Snowfall *	
	HALL	Christmas in Evergreen (NR,'17)	Ashley Williams. ©			A Gift to Remember (NR,'17) ©			
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N) Hunt Intl		Texas Turn.	
	HIST	Mountain Men ©	Mountain Men (N)			(9:03) Alone (N) ©		Mnt. Men *	
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC	'70s Show	'70s Show	Twister (PG-13,'96) ***	Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. ©				
	LIFE	Addicted (R,'14) * Sharon Leal, Boris Kodjoe. ©				(9:03) Jumping the Broom ('11) ** *			
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
	MTV	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild/Out (N)	
NBCSCH	* Minor League Baseball: Keys at Dash (N)				White Sox	Inside Look	The Loop (N)		
NICK	Double (N)	SpongeBob	Ice Age 2: The Meltdown (PG,'06) ** ©				Friends *		
Ovation	Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (PG-13,'01) **	Jon Voight	Rachel	Rachel	Rachel	Rachel	Eat Pray *		
OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on ID: "Rescued."		20/20 *		
OCY	NCIS ©		NCIS: "UnSEALed." ©		NCIS: "Dead Man Talking."		NCIS © *		
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Woman (N) Lip Sync (N)		Lip Sync (N)		
SYFY	* Prince of Persia: Sands	Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13,'05) **	Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie. ©						
TBS	Seinfeld ©	Seinfeld ©	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last O.G.	Joker's Wild	Conan © *		
TCM	The Thomas Crown Affair (R,'68) *** ©				The Getaway (PG,'72) *** ©				
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: Sean & Dottie." (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		My 600-Lb *		
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Greg Howlett Live		Life Today	Like You	Humanit *		
TNT	American Sniper (R,'14) ***	Bradley Cooper. ©			(9:45) Safe House ** *				
TOON	Dragon Ball	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy		
TRAV	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries-Museum (N)			The Unexplained Files		Mysteries *		
TVL	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	King		
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Queen of the South (N)			(9:01) Shooter (N)		Law-SVU *		
VH1	The Temptations © *								
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)	Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Hip Hop *				
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		
PREMIUM	HBO	Barbershop (PG-13,'02) **	Ice Cube.	(8:45) Ballers ©		Ballers ©		Insecure ©	
	HBO2	VICE ©	Table 19 (PG-13,'17) **	Anna Kendrick.		Rocket Science (R,'07) *** *			
	MAX	The Fate of the Furious (PG-13,'17) **	Vin Diesel. ©			The Pelican Brief ****			
	SHO	Marshall (PG-13,'17) ***	Chadwick Boseman.			America		Shameless *	
	STARZ	*(6:43) The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring ***				(9:44) Road House ***			
STZNC	*(6:05) Rat Race ('01) **		Live and Let Die (PG,'73) ***	Roger Moore.			Thelma *		

Meghan McCain a fearless presence aboard 'The View'

BY DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

Meghan McCain's first instinct when approached to join "The View" was to say no — until her father, Sen. John McCain, persuaded her to look past her trepidation to see the opportunity.

In less than a year, she's become a reason to watch ABC's daytime talk show. McCain brings a feisty spirit to the conservative commentator role where predecessors frequently seemed overmatched and overlooked. She often reflects the views of President Donald Trump's supporters at a table and city where they are deeply unpopular, despite ample personal reasons to despise him.

The past few weeks alone, McCain stared down the fury of Whoopi Goldberg to explain her opposition to abortion and labeled

Robert De Niro "gross" for his Tony Awards denunciation of Trump. She feuded with a conservative guest who called Trump supporters cultlike while likening the president to "a pathetic puppy who was completely neutered" for his appearance alongside Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"She is smart, considered and utterly fearless," said Brian Teta, executive producer of "The View."

The show has spit out previous conservatives. McCain, 33, heard the stories.

"This is no shade at women who have been here before, but I knew going in that I couldn't be intimidated by the others and their strong opinions," she said. "These are all smart, strong women. I had to stay true to my convictions and my politics and not let the physical audience in front of me, which is normally very liberal, or



LOU ROCCO/ABC

Meghan McCain is the conservative voice on the show.

the audience on social media impact my politics. Because a lot of things I say are unpopular."

Her abortion discussion with Goldberg stepped on the third rail of U.S. politics. "I don't believe that murder should be legal in the

individually, Behar said, "There aren't that many years in my life to take him issue by issue."

Backstage, McCain said she's developed a kinship with Behar since they're the show's most polarizing hosts.

McCain said she believed that people at "The View" thought she was more moderate than she was, perhaps because she advocates for LGBT rights. She describes herself as a hard-core conservative. Others on the right who once considered her "squishy" now cheer her on, primarily because of the setting.

McCain and her family are no fans of Trump personally, given swipes at her father that began with a denigration of his POW status in the Vietnam War. She said her toughest day on the show followed reports of an ex-Trump aide, Kelly Sadler, dismissing Sen. McCain's opposition to

a presidential appointment because he's "dying anyway" of brain cancer.

Yet McCain feels that it's her job to make sure the voices of people who supported Trump are heard.

Two of McCain's most memorable moments of the past year had nothing to do with political fights. Her takedown of "Fire & Fury" author Michael Wolff was well-researched and appeared to take him by surprise, given his initial dismissive attitude toward her. McCain couldn't hold back tears when former Vice President Joe Biden talked about his son's death from the same brain cancer that McCain's father has. Biden held her hand to comfort her.

McCain said her father watches her every day on "The View." She's glad she took his advice.

"My dad always says that a fight not joined is a fight not enjoyed, and I feel that way," she said.

Why fans are enthralled by 'Dr. Pimple Popper,' TV's grossest show

BY LINDSEY BEVER
The Washington Post

Believe it or not, there's an entire subculture of people really passionate about popping pimples.

Sandra Lee, a dermatologist in Southern California, calls them "popaholics" and their sickening — yet, somewhat intriguing — obsession with watching others do the dirty deed "popaholicism." And she's giving them exactly what they want — "pops," oozing blackheads, whiteheads and cysts of all sizes, shapes and colors.

Lee, a cosmetic and surgical dermatologist in Upland better known as "Dr. Pimple Popper," has gained widespread attention on social media, where she has posted countless videos showing her removing poppable things from

her patients' bodies. Now she has her own show on TLC by the same name — providing a deeper dive into her patients' lives and the up-close and personal procedures she performs on them.

Since its premiere, which drew some 2.4 million viewers, TLC's "Dr. Pimple Popper" has aired two episodes, showing several patients learning about their conditions and having various growths removed from their bodies.

"I think it's going to capture the interest of more than just 'popaholics'; it will convert people into 'popaholicism' because I think it shows a more well-rounded picture of what goes on," Lee said about the show.

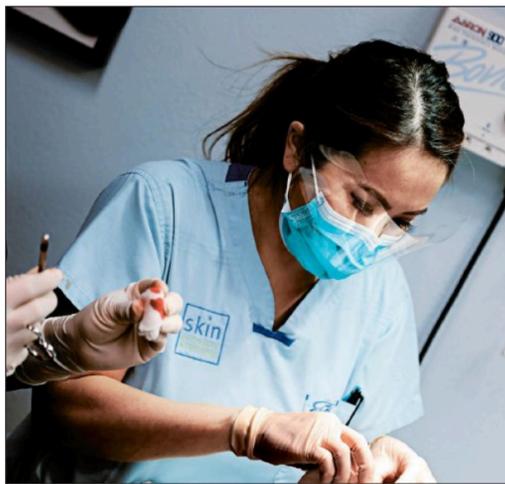
"It's so interesting to me that this is all sort of starting on the grotesque, or

something that is shocking or gross to so many people, but it ends up being a happy story," she said about the show.

But why would people watch that?

Heather Berlin, a neuroscientist at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, said that "evolutionarily speaking, it's normal behavior to want to remove bumps from your skin" because those bumps could be parasites or other things, so she said it makes sense that human beings evolved in a way that such behavior can be pleasurable to them.

For some people, Berlin said, popping pimples or watching others do it stimulates the nucleus accumbens, the reward center in the brain that receives dopamine and gives people "a little hit of pleasure."



DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS

Dermatologist Sandra Lee treats medical issues like giant, painful cysts on the new TLC show "Dr. Pimple Popper."

Lee said she realized that there was a market for pimple-popping videos several years ago when she created an Instagram page as "a little window into my world as a dermatologist." She said her page had not attracted any significant

attention until she posted a video of a blackhead extraction. People went nuts. "I thought that was so strange," she said, "so I did it again, and the same thing happened."

Lee has gained a massive audience on social media —

4 million on YouTube, 2 million on Facebook, 91,000 on Twitter and 39,000 on Instagram.

But the decision to show it all on TV was not so easy.

Howard Lee, president and general manager of TLC, said that though the dermatologist had become an online phenomenon, network executives questioned how her world would be seen on television.

"We absolutely had concerns. We didn't know whether what Dr. Lee does for a living would turn off viewers," he said.

Now that the show has aired, the president said, "Dr. Lee has been embraced by her audience."

Lee said she is still surprised by how she became Dr. Pimple Popper — a brand that has led to a skin-care line, a television show and, soon, a game.

"This is bonkers — just bonkers," she said. But, she said, it's also "special." "I feel honored and humbled by it," she said.

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (July 26): Domestic dreams come to life this year. Surprising professional circumstances offer new doors. Summer spirituality, meditation and reflection allow you to provide support for a partner and build your confidence, self-image and morale.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Make career decisions with long-term impact. Review statements and account activity for errors, with Mercury retrograde for the next three weeks. Secure what you've gained.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Travel and study for the next few days. Keep confidences and secrets. Investigate a fascinating possibility. Organize, sort and file papers.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Do your financial homework. Make payments and deposit new income. Back up hard drives, files and archives, with Leo Mercury retrograde for three weeks.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Team practice makes perfect, with Mercury retrograde. Collaboration makes a difference today and tomorrow. Listen to a partner's view for a wider perspective.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Focus on physical work, fitness and health today and tomorrow. Keep equipment repaired. Allow extra time for shipping and transportation.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Relax and have fun for a few days. Share your heart. Revise and review, with Mercury retrograde over three weeks. Choose words carefully.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Home circumstances have your attention. Repair electronic and mechanical equipment, with Mercury retrograde. Allow extra time for shipping.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Make time to clear communication breakdowns as soon as they happen. Otherwise, they can fester and grow. Mercury retrograde favors review and revision over launching.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Track income and outflow. Delays, misunderstandings or mistakes obligate you to review, clarify and revise over three weeks, with Mercury retrograde.

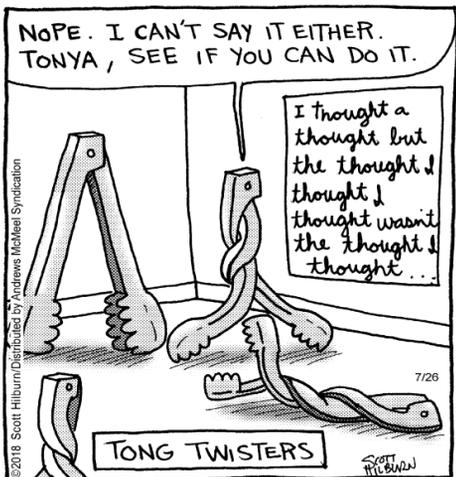
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Consider personal ambitions, dreams and desires. Review budgets and make plans, with Mercury retrograde. Imagine a road map.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Rest and recuperate. Find some peace and quiet to sort and organize. Make plans and remain flexible. Mercury retrograde may present delays or communication tangles.

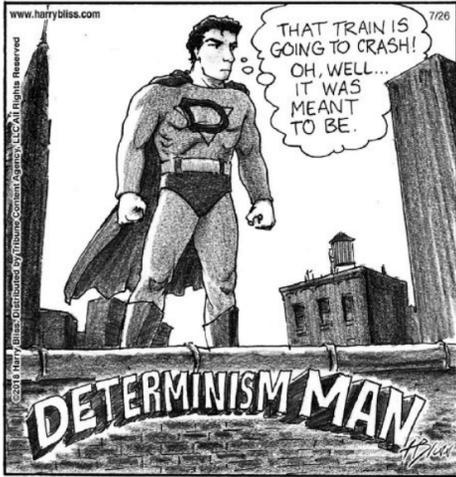
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Collaborate with friends to get the job done. Teamwork goes far. Extra patience with traffic or breakdowns serves you, with Mercury retrograde.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, West deals

North			
♠	KQ93	♥	AKQ32
♦	6	♣	Q43
West			
♠	AJ6	♥	J4
♦	J875	♣	AK92
South			
♠	8754	♥	87
♦	AKQ	♣	10765
East			
♠	102	♥	10965
♦	109432	♣	J8

West tried to muddy the waters by opening a 15-17 one no trump with only 14 points — a tactic seen more and more often these days. North-South had a delicate auction to their best game contract, though no game is particularly sound. South did well to choose a contract of three no trump, as even three spades can be defeated. Two high clubs and a club ruff, followed by a diamond shift, will see the defense come to five tricks provided West ducks his ace of spades when South leads that suit.

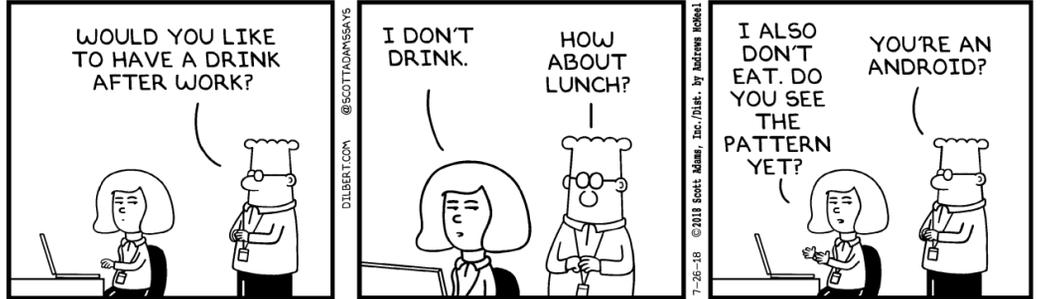
South won the opening diamond lead with his ace and led a low spade to dummy's king as West ducked his ace. A low club off the board was next. It is easy to see, looking at all four hands, that the defense would have defeated the contract had East risen with his jack of clubs. That play is not easy to make at the table, so let's give South credit for his deceptive play.

South's 10 lost to West's king, and West erred by continuing with another diamond. This allowed South another entry to lead a second spade. West ducked his ace again, but South won with dummy's queen and exited with the nine of spades. Whatever West did now, South had an entry with the eight of spades to cash his high diamond and he finished with nine tricks.

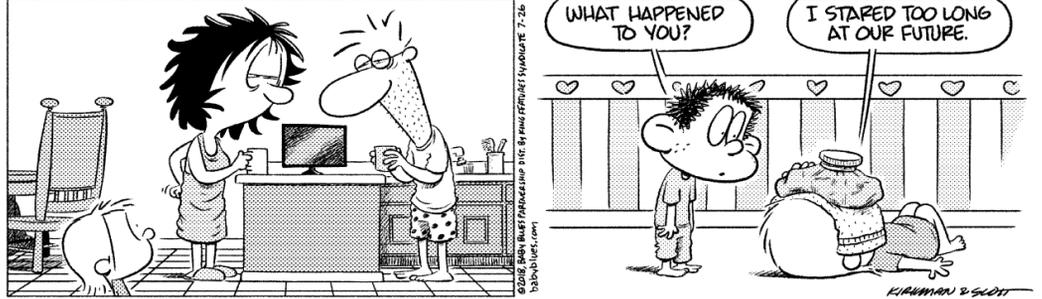
A better defense for West would be to shift to hearts instead of leading a second diamond. The play gets complicated after that, but it appears that South can get home with careful play.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



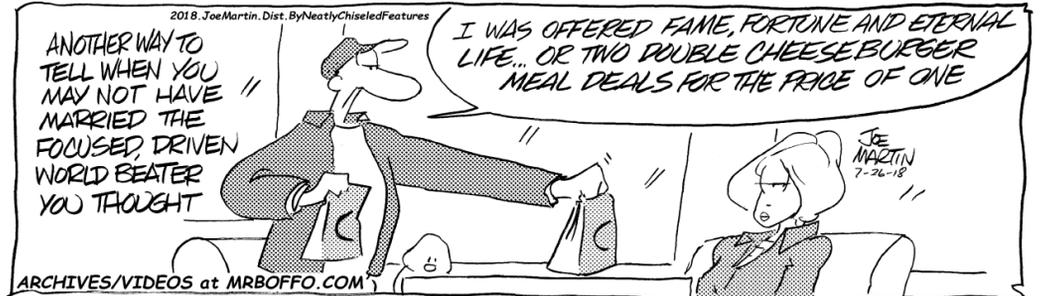
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Zits



Mr. Boffo



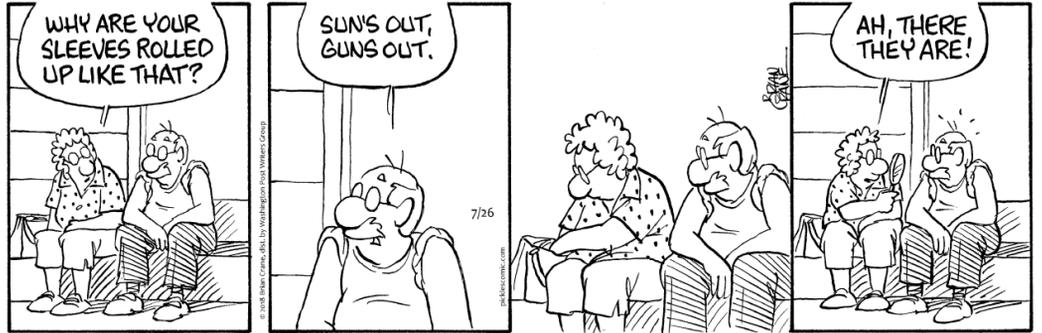
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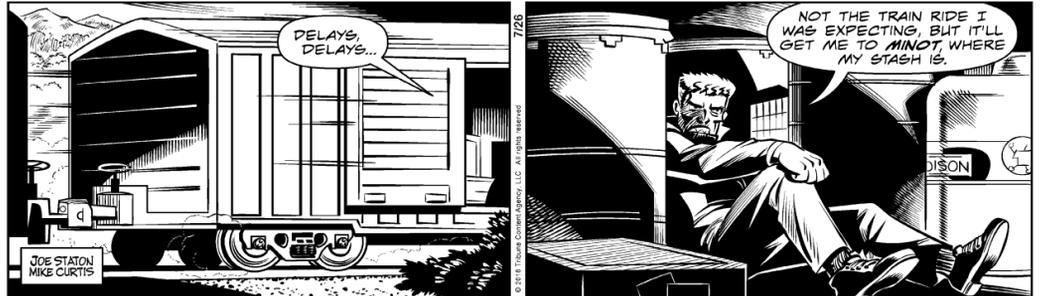
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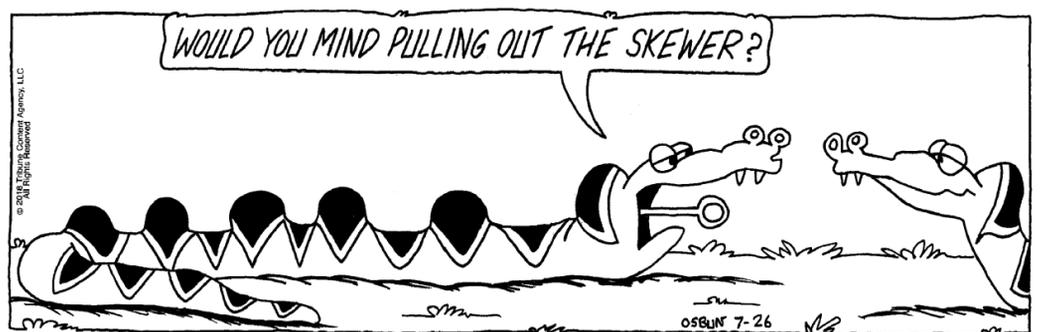
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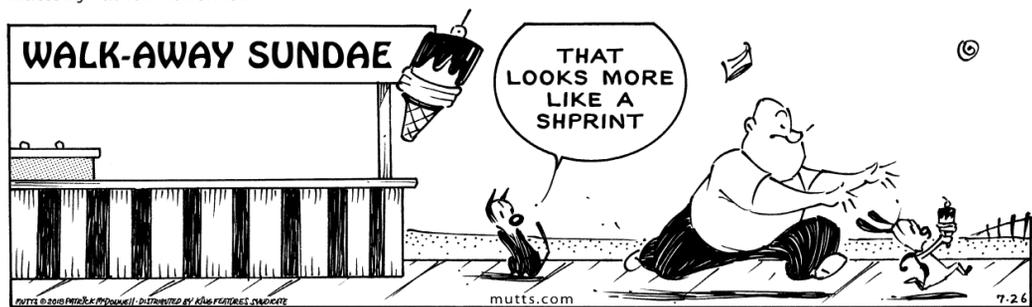
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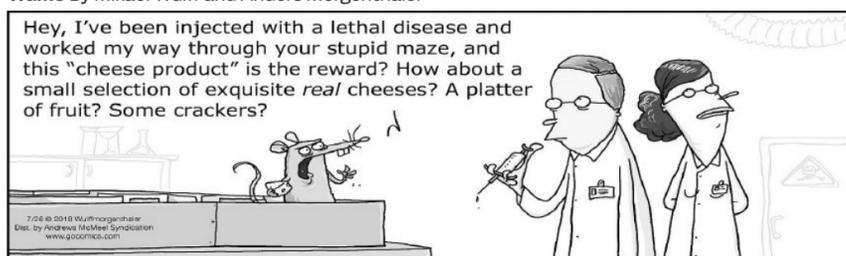
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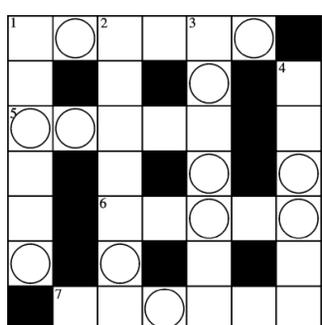
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Trivia Bits

In which 2015 biopic was O'Shea Jackson Sr. — better known as Ice Cube — portrayed by his son O'Shea Jackson Jr.?
 A) "All About the Benjamins"
 B) "Anaconda"
 C) "Barbershop"
 D) "Straight Outta Compton"
 Wednesday's answer: Alex Rodriguez hit his 25th grand slam — a Major League Baseball career record — on Aug. 18, 2015.
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Jumble Crossword



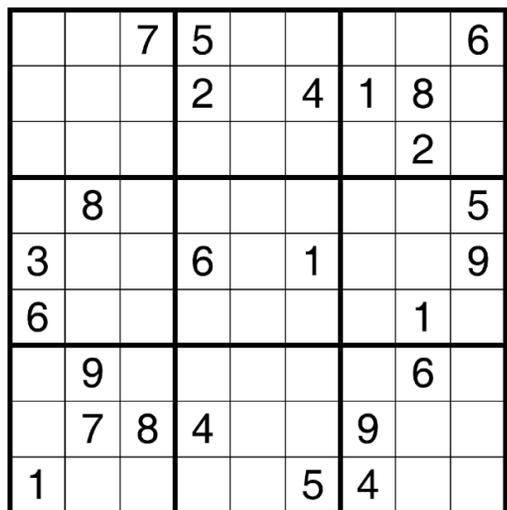
- CLUE ACROSS**
- Bring up, propose
 - Peak
 - Get the hang of it
 - Oration
- CLUE DOWN**
- Soothe
 - Coincide with
 - ___ cheese
 - Wince
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: 1. CARBHO, 2. STECR, 3. AENLR, 4. CPSEHE
 DOWN: 1. MLECBA, 2. VRPAOEL, 3. OCATGET, 4. CLIFHN

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 of circles]
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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6	7	1	2	8	4	5	3	9
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4	6	8	7	5	2	9	1	3
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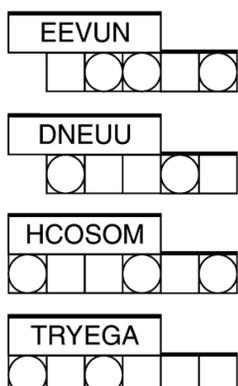
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday'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



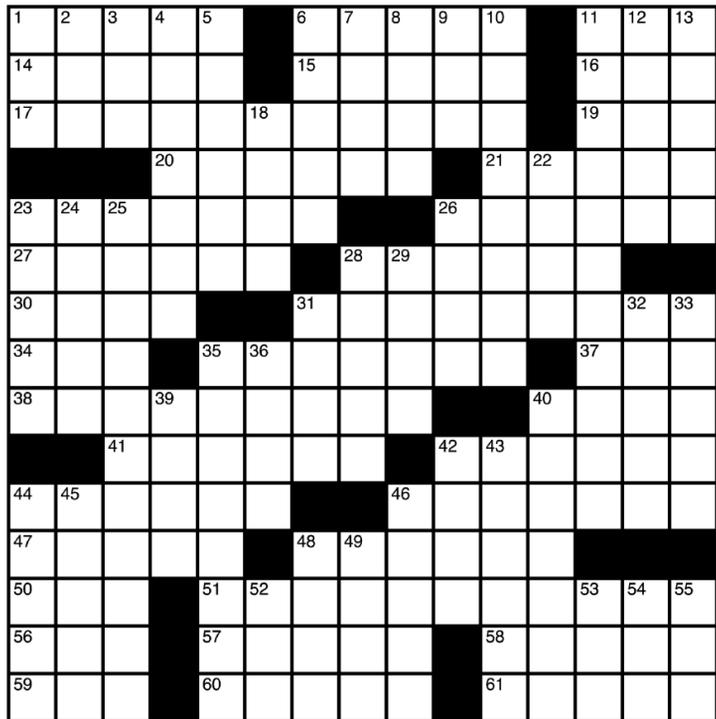
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: PLANT HABIT WILLOW RATIFY
 Answer: The marathon's finish wasn't even close. The winner — RAN AWAY WITH IT

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Crossword

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Across

- Org. that awards the Spingarn Medal
- Bochco series
- Peter, Paul and Mary: Abbr.
- Counterpart of "a"
- Bacteria in undercooked meat
- Not just "a"
- Led
- Bonanza contents
- Many a Bon Appétit subscriber
- Tablet download
- Flips, in a way
- Ball beauties
- Hardened
- Decline to recline?
- Bursts
- Barbecue favorite
- Suffix with glob
- Held closely (to)
- "O wad some Pow'r the giftie ___ us": Burns
- Reduces, as spending

- Manage (for oneself)
- Melonlike tropical fruit
- Slapstick trio member
- Loosey-___ bomber
- Fishing lure
- Less experienced
- Plump
- Mike and ___: fruity candy
- Cooked fruit dessert ... and a cryptic hint to the start of 17-, 31- and 38-Across
- Part of mpg
- Quilt filler
- Latin stars
- "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
- Tea go-with
- Bikini blast

- Cloud
- Make confetti of
- Name on a 1945 bomber
- Dominant states
- Spartan
- Expels
- Mountain lake
- Larry McMurtry's "The Last Picture ___"
- ___-watch
- Feast where the Haggadah is read
- Bad-mouths
- "Saving Private Ryan" event
- Let up
- Most affectionate
- 5'7" Webb, shortest to win the NBA Slam Dunk Contest
- ___ Alley
- Beef
- Like Cognac casks
- About 1.3 cubic yards
- Give a makeover
- "A Prayer for ___ Meany": John Irving novel
- Personal quirk
- Downed a sub?
- Syst. of cars on tracks
- Convened

Down

- Hip-hop artist who narrates Netflix's "The Get Down"
- Hurdle for Hannibal
- Act like
- Plant-eating scarab beetles
- Sentence shortener
- City on the Aire
- Antioxidant berry in smoothies
- Valuable deposit
- Tap output
- Innocent-looking
- Informer
- Pang
- Goes after
- You might hear music on it

Wednesday's solution



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THURSDAY, JULY 26 NORMAL HIGH: 84° NORMAL LOW: 64° RECORD HIGH: 99° (1955) RECORD LOW: 53° (1991)

Cooler northwest flow behind next cold front

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 82 LOW 59

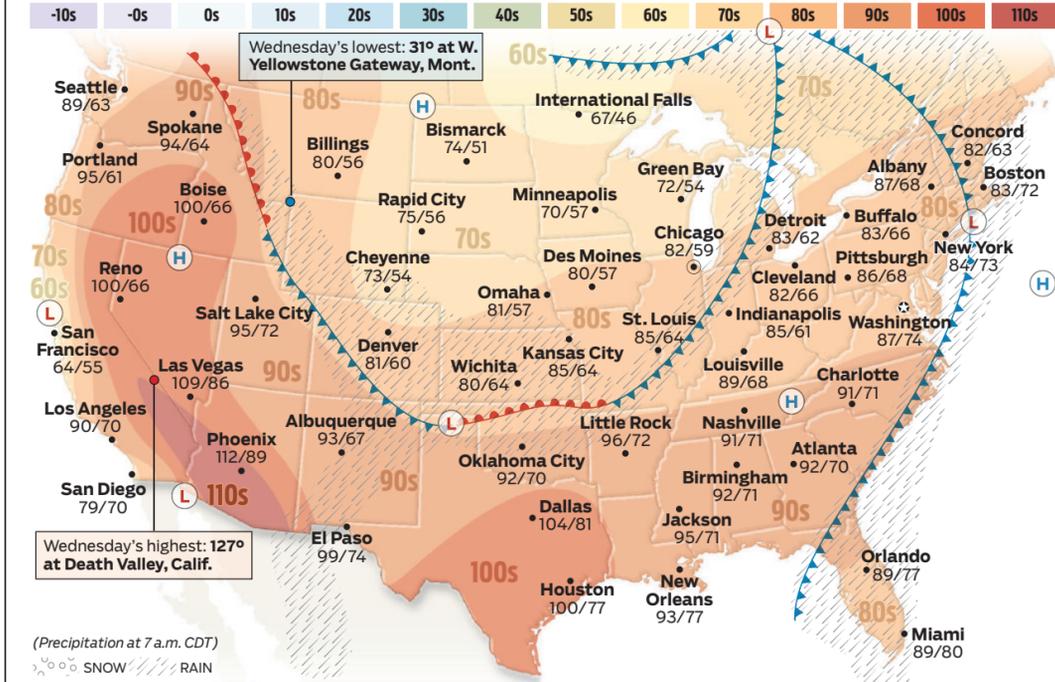
■ A cold front moves off to the south and east, followed by the leading edge of cooler Canadian-source high pressure.

■ A band of overnight showers/thunderstorms and clouds associated with the fast-departing cold front may hit south and east of Chicago during the early forenoon with skies becoming partly sunny area-wide.

■ Afternoon highs will reach into the upper 70s and lower 80s.

■ Fair and cool overnight. Northwest winds.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A cold front will be approaching Chicago from the northwest overnight, moving south and east of Chicago early Thursday morning. A band of cloudiness along with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will precede and accompany the frontal boundary. Northwest winds will usher in cooler air during the day as Canadian-source high pressure advances into our area.

Mostly fair skies will dominate into Saturday — the next chance of rain will occur Saturday night and Sunday as low pressure advances out of the plains passing over our area. This system should move out east Monday. Topsoil here is actually somewhat dry as we've had only a little over an inch of rain since the start of July. This has been Chicago's 12th-driest July on record as of Wednesday and the driest since 1979.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

HIGH 79 LOW 61

Mostly sunny and mild. A secondary push of cool air could kick off an isolated thunderstorm or two in the afternoon. Highs in the middle to upper 70s. Mostly clear skies overnight. Northwesterly winds.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

HIGH 79 LOW 61

Increasing cloudiness and mild. Highs in the upper 70s — an easterly lake breeze will keep readings in the low 70s at the beaches. Clouds thicken overnight with a good chance of showers toward morning.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

HIGH 76 LOW 62

Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Afternoon highs in the low to middle 70s — coolest readings at the lakefront. Showers and thunderstorms likely overnight. Easterly winds.

MONDAY, JULY 30

HIGH 81 LOW 63

Some cloudiness, showers early. Sky conditions improving during the forenoon. Becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. Highs in the low 80s. Partly cloudy overnight. Winds shift to the northwest.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

HIGH 84 LOW 65

Partly cloudy with seasonable temperatures — highs 80 to 85 and cooler at the lakefront. Mostly clear skies overnight. Light westerly winds.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

HIGH 86 LOW 67

Abundant sunshine with scattered clouds. Afternoon highs in the middle 80s — again a lake breeze will keep readings in the 70s at the lakefront. Clear skies overnight. Light winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I saw a photograph of downtown Chicago taken at State and Lake streets on Feb. 1, 1957, showing darkness that was blamed on severe air pollution. Can you tell me about that day and its weather?

— Jeff Kozinski, Mokena, Ill.

Dear Jeff,
Feb. 1, 1957, was cloudy and gloomy with a high temperature of 33 degrees, low of 28, precipitation 0.01 inch and 0.1 inch of snow. The downtown area was shrouded in dense air pollution consisting of smog (smoke and fog) during the morning hours. A Chicago Tribune photograph taken by Hardy Wieting at 10:15 a.m. at State and Lake streets showed an exceedingly dismal day that was literally as dark as night. The picture is available by searching "February 1, 1957, Chicago" on the web. Dark days such as that are long gone because of current air pollution regulations.

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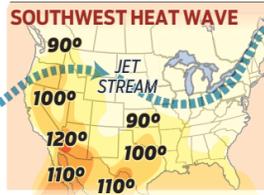


Drier, more comfortable air on the way for Chicago

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH TEMPS
O'Hare Midway Lakefront
90° 89° 80°

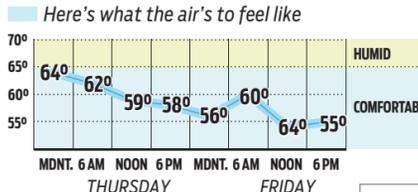
CHICAGO AREA'S HOTTEST WEDNESDAY TEMPS:

Harwood	93°
Lemont	92°
Hickory Hills	92°
Glenview	91°
Elmhurst	91°
Wheeling	90°
Morrison	90°



DEW POINTS DROP TO COMFORTABLE LEVELS

Chicago's predicted dew point temperatures
Here's what the air's to feel like



Record-breaking daytime highs stressful enough...

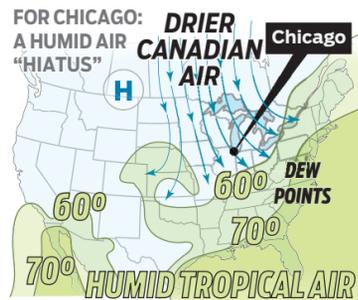
Death Valley	127°	Las Vegas	115°
Needles, Calif.	122°	Tucson	110°
Thermal, Calif.	119°	Campo, Calif.	108°
Phoenix	116°	Kingman, Ariz.	108°

Check out these nighttime "lows"

Palm Springs	91°	Needles, Calif.	97°
Phoenix	93°	Death Valley	102°
Las Vegas	89°		

JULY 2018 PRECIPITATION

12th-driest July of the past 148
Total July 2018 precipitation
1.04" **1.84" BELOW NORMAL**
Chicago's driest July in 4 decades—since 1979



CHICAGO DIGEST

THURSDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	86	58	Midway	89	68
Gary	84	66	O'Hare	90	67
Kankakee	85	62	Romeoville	87	65
Lakefront	79	71	Valparaiso	86	71
Lansing	84	63	Waukegan	87	64

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Tuesday	0.00"	0.14"
Month to date	1.04"	2.89"
Year to date	27.52"	19.42"

THURSDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 a.m.	2 hours, 36 minutes	
1 p.m.*	20 minutes	
4 p.m.	50 minutes	

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	NW 10-20 kts. NW 6-16 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet 1-2 feet
Wed. shore/crib water temps	74°/71°

WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	0
Grass	0
Mold	High
Ragweed	0
Weed	Moderate

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday reading Unhealthy
Thursday forecast Good
Critical pollutant Particulates

SUNRISE/SET TIMES

Sun	5:39 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
Moon	7:37 p.m.	4:31 a.m.



THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:31 a.m.	8:50 p.m.
Venus	9:29 a.m.	10:11 p.m.
Mars	8:42 p.m.	5:31 a.m.
Jupiter	2:11 p.m.	12:29 a.m.
Saturn	6:13 p.m.	3:27 a.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	9:00 p.m.	12.5° W
Mars	1:15 a.m.	22.5° S
Jupiter	9:00 p.m.	28.5° SSW
Saturn	10:45 a.m.	25.5° S

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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HOMES



Create your own oasis

Stock tanks and clawfoot tubs among the unusual items used to make backyard spas **PAGE 4**



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TIP of the DAY

Install a chimney cap: A chimney cap's grated sides and sturdy hood prevent critters, rain and debris from entering.

Installing the cap is easy; safely working on a roof is the challenge. Inspect the chimney flue and measure its inside dimensions, so you know what size cap to buy. Installation is as simple as inserting the flue tabs of the cap into the chimney and using a screwdriver to fasten four screws around the outside of the chimney cap base.

Chimney caps are sold at home centers and lumberyards in a range of sizes in black metal or stainless steel.

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Tips for tackling the grossest parts of your home

BY LAUREN WHITE
HomeAdvisor

Many of us spend our weekends chasing dirt and grime in our homes — vacuuming, mopping, scrubbing and washing. And no matter what we do, we're suspicious that we didn't and will never get it all. The truth is: We're right. Here's a look at some of the grossest parts of your home and what you can do to address them.

Floor

Are you a fan of the five-second rule? Turns out it's pretty gross. Floors are some of the most bacteria-ridden parts of the home, and carpets are the absolute worst. The only thing that can get those deeply rooted germs up is an annual steam cleaning or a complete replacement.

Solutions:

- Clean your carpets once a year.
- Replace carpet that has surpassed a quality life span (10 to 15 years).
- Go shoeless in the home when possible.
- Clean other flooring with material-appropriate disinfectant solutions.

Countertops

Our countertops see a lot of action and, as much as we try to keep up, they are teeming with bacteria morning, noon and night. We must use disinfectants to truly kill the germs.

Solutions:

- Disinfect countertops regularly.
- Replace old, porous surfaces



DREAMSTIME

The constant mix of moisture and food in the kitchen sink makes it prone to bacteria like *E. coli* and salmonella.

with a bacteria-resistant material like quartz or stainless steel.

Showers and tubs

Moisture is a playground for bacteria, and you've probably spent a good amount of time battling mold growth in your shower or bathtub. As much you're cleaning that space now, you may want to double it.

Solutions:

- Clean regularly with a disinfecting solution.
- Consider mold remediation services if things have gone too far.
- Replace your old tub or shower for a fresh start.

Kitchen sinks

The kitchen sink is an incredibly moist and bacteria-prone area. Tiny bits of food mixed with

droplets of water are an open invitation to *E. coli* and salmonella.

Solutions:

- Clean the sink with soap and water and dry it at the end of every day.
- Pour hot water and bleach down the drain twice a month.
- Use a chlorinated product and long-handled scrubbing tool to deep-clean the disposal.

Washing machine

It's easy to assume that washing machines self-clean with every cycle. However, with every wash, your clothes are actually depositing germs in the washer. In fact, mold levels become elevated in damp and wet conditions. And according to the experts, they multiply when they hit a damp surface and disperse even

more mold spores into the air.

Solution: At least once a month, run an empty wash at the hottest temperature with a cup of either bleach or vinegar.

Refrigerators

The fridge can get pretty thick with bacteria — especially on the bottom shelves. Think of the constant rotation of food, where it came from and how often you wash your hands before you reach for the milk. Also consider the age of this and other appliances and whether you're due to upgrade.

Solutions:

- Disinfect your fridge twice a month.
- Don't keep food past its expiration date.
- Never fill the fridge to capacity — it prevents air circulation.
- Store food appropriately, with raw meat on the bottom, eggs in the middle and sodas on the top.

Gross items to disinfect or replace regularly

- Toothbrush holders
- Handles and knobs
- Mops
- Cutting boards
- Above cabinets
- Sponges
- Light switches
- Around stove
- Drapes
- Stove knobs
- Microwave
- Dishrags
- Bedsheets
- Cellphones
- Pet bowls

FINDS

Get thee to a grill

This stainless steel grill pan works for any meal

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

Grill masters and neophytes alike, this one's for you. The new Cave Tools stainless steel grill pan may be simple, but its function is great. Cave Tools researched other grill mats and found many are made with Teflon, which when heated to high tempera-

tures can release a toxic gas. Obviously that's not a good thing to breathe — or cook food on.

This stainless steel pan, which measures 5.3-by-13-by-1 inches, will work for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Whip up eggs, pancakes, grilled onions and peppers or any piece of meat.

One side of the flat surface is slotted to allow

smoke flavors to come up through the pan and give excess grease a place to fall to the grill.

The grill pan comes with 25 professional barbecue recipes, a free app and a lifetime guarantee on the pan or any other product the company sells.

www.cavetools.com/products/bbq-grill-pan, \$17.99



One side of the Cave Tools stainless steel grill pan is slotted to allow smoke to rise through the pan and give excess grease a place to fall to the grill.

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Diving into DIY

Some homeowners crafting their own pools with unexpected tools

By **MARIE ELIZABETH OLIVER** | The Washington Post

In a secluded corner of Joshua Tree, Calif., a live-stock tank painted white, surrounded with cactuses and crowned with black string lights, serves as an outdoor tub for ultrahip Airbnb “The Shack Attack,” owned by Kathrin and Brian Smirke.

The tub (pictured on the cover), which the Smirkes dreamed up as a respite from the desert elements, quickly took on new life as an Instagram photo booth of sorts, where guests are all too eager to pose for a mid-soak snap.

Last year, New York magazine’s the Strategist dubbed stock tanks “the Mason jars of backyard pools.” But unlike Mason jars, this resurging throw-back shows no sign of losing steam.

“People in the country have been using stock tanks and clawfoot tubs as pools for years,” says Taysha Murtaugh, lifestyle editor for CountryLiving.com, an early chronicler of the DIY pool trend. “Many of our readers have told us they remember spending their summers in these ‘hillbilly hot tubs,’ as they’re affectionately called, back in the ‘50s and ‘60s.”

Murtaugh saw the trend take off last spring after Country Living picked up a stock tank pool tutorial from retail chain Tractor Supply Co. at about the same time that pools hacked together out of wooden pallets, shipping containers and pickup truck beds starting gaining traction on Pinterest and Instagram.

Scroll through enough

photos of these filter-enhanced water features during the dog days of summer, and all of a sudden taking a hose to just about any large vessel seems enticing. But is rigging up your own outdoor oasis really a good idea?

“For a lot of people, when it comes to outdoor living, they want something unique and different that ties into their personality,” says Kurt Kraisinger, founder of Lorax Design Group in Overland Park, Kan., and member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. “Whether a DIY or custom project, each should be approached with caution.”

Although DIY shipping-container and pallet pools aren’t exactly practical, Kraisinger says that, executed correctly, stock tank pools achieve a certain design aesthetic for a fraction of the cost of an in-ground pool. But once you start adding custom features such as pumps, filters and lighting, look to a professional to ensure everything is up to code, says Kraisinger, who after 25 years in the business has seen his fair share of DIY disasters. “It ends up costing three times as much as if they would have asked a professional from the start,” he warns.

Nashville bloggers Casey Freeman and Savannah McNeill of the blog Hey Wanderer fell for the look of stock tank pools after seeing them on Instagram and Pinterest, but it took a few rounds of trial and error and plenty of elbow grease to achieve their



HEY WANDERER/THE WASHINGTON POST

This custom bench seat was a “game changer” for Nashville-based bloggers Casey Freeman and Savannah McNeill. It took a few rounds of trial and error to achieve this stock tank setup, with an aboveground pump and filtration system.



WE ARE IN OUR ELEMENT

Kathrin and Brian Smirke created this stock tank soaking tub outside their California Airbnb. It has become a favorite Instagram backdrop for their guests.

perfect backyard setup. One of their biggest concerns from the get-go was keeping pesky mosquitoes at bay.

“The first season, we hired a landscaper, and he set it up as a pond,” Freeman says. “It had a waterfall pump that kept water circulating but didn’t filter it.”

McNeill decided to take matters into her own hands, assembling an aboveground pool pump

and filtration system she purchased at a hardware store and documenting her step-by-step process in a YouTube tutorial. The bloggers say it’s their most popular video to date, and the corresponding post has generated significant commission from affiliate links.

Not bad for a project they estimate cost about \$500 — they purchased the stock tank from a local co-op for \$350 and spent about \$100 on the pump.

McNeill, who has since built a custom bench seat around the perimeter of the pool — which they call a “game changer” — says the project definitely requires someone with a DIY mentality.

Ultimately, Freeman and McNeill say, the 8-foot-diameter pool has been worth the sweat equity and never fails to impress houseguests. “People lose their mind when they see it,” Freeman says.

The usefulness of stock tank pools extends beyond happy hour; they are sturdier and more aesthetically pleasing alternatives to plastic kiddie pools.

Darci Haney of MD Haney & Co., an Oregon-based home design and remodeling company she runs with her husband, says she, too, found a picture of a stock tank pool online when looking for an affordable pool option for her two young daughters and quickly became a convert.

Now in their second summer with their 8-foot-diameter stock tank pool, Haney says it’s big enough for her children, ages 5 and 7, to float in inner tubes and strong enough for them to hold onto the sides and kick their feet.

Her husband, an experienced contractor, had no trouble setting up the pool, leveling it out with sand, and surrounding it with river rock so the girls wouldn’t track in grass.

“I think it’s resonating with different people aesthetically because it’s a fun look that goes with different styles of homes and backyards,” Haney says. “It can go with farmhouse style, ranch style, urban modern.”

For those who love the look of a stock tank pool but don’t trust themselves near a pump-filtration system, Kraisinger says the best option might just be something that’s designed to operate as, ahem, a pool.

He recalls a project he designed on a ranch in Kansas about seven years ago, where a client requested a pool overlooking his property that resembled a watering tank for his cattle.

Kraisinger chose to incorporate a circular, aboveground pool surrounded with natural wooden planks. The sturdy metal stock tank? He reserved that for the cows.

Marie Elizabeth Oliver is a freelancer.



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With a mind to the future, you can use current home projects to lay the groundwork for upgrades you'll complete later on.

HOME REMEDIES

How to prioritize big projects

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
Angie's List

Huge home remodeling projects don't need to be taken on all at once. Whether it's not in the budget, you're not able to physically do it or you just can't deal with that much upheaval at the same time, it's often wise to spread it out. Sometimes you can split big projects up into bite-sized chunks, and sometimes single done-in-one projects can lay the groundwork for future work, also known as "phasing."

First things first

Think about practicality above all. The first things you need to focus on will be the ones that affect your ability to use the space effectively and safely. Yard leveling may be at the top of a landscaping plan; leaky roofs need to be repaired before you move ahead with a great new slate roof.

Give consideration to work that can pay for itself over time. Some projects offer immediate return on investment; you should make those early priorities in a series of jobs. If you can only handle part of a

room remodeling job, for instance, energy-efficient windows are an excellent choice to start with. Anything that reduces energy or water consumption will yield an immediate savings starting with your next bill.

After that, consider your current situation. Are you fixing up a starter home? Is your current home a bit out of date and do you want to get rid of that shag carpeting? Crown molding, painting or wallpaper, appliances and fixtures all make an immediate impact on a home's look and feel without necessarily breaking the bank.

Think ahead to the future

If you have big plans for an area, consider how what you're working on right now will affect what's coming up. Sometimes creating a strong foundation for future work is a literal statement. If you have big landscaping dreams, for instance, perhaps building a patio or establishing basic mulch beds this year will yield options for next year.

Think about life changes to come. If you're

starting a family, you might plan on an open-design kitchen to act as a hub for comings and goings, and install additional storage such as a mudroom for all those boots and coats in your future.

Conversely, if your kids are in high school, keep in mind the kind of empty-nest renovations you might start planning in a few years. You might be able to set up those hobby rooms or devote a garage to a motorcycle work space.

Sometimes smaller, low-cost improvements can make a difference quickly. New fixtures, painting, wallpapering and minor landscape improvements don't cost much but immediately improve your quality of life and give you something to enjoy while you work on the big picture. Plants and irrigation are great starting points for a landscaping project.

Don't underestimate the value of expert opinion. Whether you're planning a room addition, landscaping or a new roof, professionals in the field can provide guidance and advice. And sometimes, they can even present options you hadn't even thought of.

Viburnum leaf beetle likely to blame for holes in leaves

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

The leaves of my arrowwood viburnums look as if they have been shredded. I had always believed this viburnum was trouble-free and easy to grow. What is this problem, and what should I do?

— Jamie Jacobs, Wilmette

It sounds as if your viburnums are being attacked by the viburnum leaf beetle, a relatively new insect pest for the Chicago region. The first sighting in Illinois occurred in Cook County in 2009. This was followed by increasingly frequent reports across the county in 2012 and 2013, when it was also found in DuPage County; now, in 2018, reports are common. The Botanic Garden monitors its viburnum collection for this pest each year and treats for it as needed.

The viburnum leaf beetle is a heavy feeder that can completely defoliate viburnums. Both larvae and adults feed on the leaves and remove leaf tissue between the midrib and larger veins. The leaves will then have a skeletal appearance, which, I think, you are describing as shredded.

Monitor any other viburnums in your garden for this insect. Its feeding is limited to viburnum species, so you do not have to treat other plants.

The viburnum leaf beetle has a preference for viburnums with smooth leaves (little hair or pubescence). Arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*) and American cranberry bush viburnum (*Viburnum trilobum*) are commonly planted viburnums that are preferred hosts and will likely be killed over a course of two to three years if no control treatments are made.

Other widely planted



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The viburnum leaf beetle was found in the U.S. in Maine in 1994 and has been spreading since. Both larvae and adults feed on viburnum leaves and remove leaf tissue.

viburnums such as burkwood viburnum (*Viburnum burkwoodii*), blackhaw viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*) and fragrant snowball viburnum (*Viburnum carlcephalum*) have varying degrees of susceptibility to damage but generally are not destroyed.

Korean spice viburnum (*Viburnum carlesii*), Judd viburnum (*Viburnum juddii*) and doublefile viburnum (*Viburnum plicatum*) tend to be resistant to feeding, show little or no feeding damage and can withstand infestations. There generally will be more damage on any plants grown in the shade.

Viburnum leaf beetles overwinter as eggs on twigs of the host plant. In May, larvae hatch from the overwintered eggs and begin feeding on the host plants. The larvae are greenish-yellow and develop dark spots as they age. They are usually found feeding in groups on the leaves.

The larvae drop to the ground and pupate between early and mid-June and remain in the ground for about 10 days before emerging as adults in mid-to late July. The adult beetle is small, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch long and is a golden brown color with sheen when in sunlight. Adults will remain active until the

first frost.

In late summer and fall, females will begin laying eggs. They chew holes in the bark of twigs to deposit eggs and then cover them with excrement and fragments of chewed bark. A female can lay up to 500 eggs.

The most effective means of controlling the viburnum leaf beetle is pruning and destroying infested twigs after egg laying has ceased in the fall (in October up until April).

You can spray an insecticide, such as spinosad, acephate, carbaryl or malathion, when larvae first appear in early May and get very good results. Acephate will have a degree of residual activity — it will move into the leaves. A second application on feeding adults in middle to late summer may be helpful if damage is excessive, but a strategy of just treating adults will not provide effective control. You should only spray your viburnums if you find this insect.

Provide supplemental water to the affected viburnums during any dry periods for the rest of this year to help reduce stress on the plants.

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Making sense of different drywall types

Some are designed to resist moisture in bathrooms, kitchens

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I've talked to several contractors about what drywall should be used in what areas of my house, and their advice is not in agreement. One contractor talks about green board. Another one mentions MMR board. The third contractor hasn't heard of either of those two. Help! Can you shed any light on what drywall should be used in my bathrooms, kitchens and other areas where water might get on the walls or ceilings?

A: Based on the email I receive from readers, I'm certain that there's a downward trend in the skill and knowledge in the residential contracting field.

Some of it can be traced to the vast amount of inaccurate information I see out on the internet. There are hundreds of hobby bloggers who publish this and that on their websites even though they've never worked a day in a paying customer's home. If you wander onto YouTube, you'll be flooded with videos showing the wrong way to do things. It becomes your job to try to sort out the wheat from the chaff.

When it comes to drywall, fortunately, the answer is easy. One of the top manufacturers of drywall

in the USA, USG, has published for decades the bible of drywall and plaster. It's titled "The Gypsum Construction Handbook."

If you open this incredible text, you'll discover a collection of facts, methods and step-by-step instructions that tell you exactly what each drywall product is designed for, how to install it and where not to use it.

The green board drywall the one contractor mentioned is just like regular drywall, except that the multilayered facing paper on the front and back has been treated to resist moisture. The gypsum core of the board also contains chemicals to resist moisture. Note that I have not said the green board is waterproof. It's *not* waterproof.

It's not recommended for use in areas that are subject to constant moisture. The handbook gives examples of these areas, but I maintain, based on my experience, that your tub and shower area is subject to constant moisture. I would not use green board in a tub or shower area that gets covered with tile.

The MMR board is the new name for green board. It's an acronym that stands for mold, mildew and moisture-resistant. If you don't want the tile to fall off the walls in your tub, shower and kitchen backsplash

areas, use a waterproof substrate like cement board or some other product that's guaranteed to be waterproof.

I have several helpful videos showing the differences among drywalls. Just go to go.askthebuilder.com/greenboard.

Q: We had a disaster in my new kitchen. I was washing dishes, and the sink dropped into the cabinet below. It's an undermount sink with a gorgeous granite top that overlaps the edges of the sink. How could this happen? What do you think went wrong? Can it be fixed with ease? What a mess!

A: Distraught homeowners contact me regularly with the exact same problem. Their sinks were installed by unskilled workers who thought caulk would hold the kitchen sink to the underside of the stone tops. Oh, how I wish we could rid the workforce of these dunderheads.

Professionals install undermount kitchen sinks using several different methods. My favorite happens to be small machine-thread studs that have a flat head with tiny holes in them. These are permanently affixed to the underside of the countertop with high-strength epoxy. It's important to realize the



TIM CARTER/TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

Green board drywall might be the best option in this room where water is not routinely splashed on the walls.

underside of the top must be clean and free of all dust for the epoxy to work well. That could have been why your sink fell.

Some installers choose to use a nonepoxy method. A special harness that laps over the sides of the sink base cabinet cradles the

sink. Special hardware that's part of the harness draws the sink up tight against the bottom of the stone top. These systems are usually best installed before the countertop is set on the cabinets.

A professional can come to your home and repair

the sink. It's going to take two days as it's a good idea for the epoxy to cure for at least 24 hours before you finish reinstalling the sink.

I have great videos showing the epoxy studs and harness system. Go to go.askthebuilder.com/undermountsink.

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The most and least affordable metro areas for homebuyers

BY HOLDEN LEWIS
NerdWallet

Your ability to own a home is affected by where you live. Even people with modest incomes can afford homes in Decatur, Ill., the metropolitan area with the nation's most affordable houses. At the other end of the affordability spectrum is the San Jose, Calif., metro area, where high incomes are outmatched by stratospheric home prices.

A home is most affordable when it doesn't cost much more than a year's pay. Decatur is an afford-

able market because the median house costs about one and a half times the median annual income. ("Median" is the midpoint, where half of the values or incomes are lower and half higher.) In comparison, there's San Jose, where a typical household earns a six-figure income but a median single-family house costs about 12 times what a typical household earns.

Every quarter, NerdWallet calculates home affordability for 172 metropolitan areas by comparing the median annual household income and the monthly

principal-and-interest payment for a median-priced single-family home. After accounting for a 20 percent down payment, the house payments were calculated at an interest rate of 4.45 percent, the average rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in the first quarter; payments don't include insurance, property taxes or homeowner association dues.

The comparisons revealed the five most- and least-affordable markets for buying a home in January through March, or the first quarter of 2018.

MOST AFFORDABLE METRO AREAS

1. Decatur, Ill.

Median home price: \$73,000
Median household income: \$46,198
Principal and interest payment: \$294 (equals 7.6 percent of median monthly income)

In March, single-family homes for sale in Decatur had been on the market for a median of 119.5 days, according to Realtor.com. The national median for all home sales was 63 days.

2. Cumberland, Md.-West Virginia

Median home price: \$86,200
Median household income: \$45,808
Principal and interest payment: \$347 (9.1 percent of monthly income)

Listed homes in Cumberland had been on the market a median of 136.75 days in March.

3. Elmira, N.Y.

Median home price: \$100,800
Median household income: \$51,269
Principal and interest payment: \$406 (9.5 percent of monthly income)

Homes here had been on the market for a median of 97.5 days in March, just over a month longer than the national median.

4. Binghamton, N.Y.

Median home price: \$103,000
Median household income: \$51,360
Principal and interest payment: \$415 (9.7 percent of monthly income)

Homes for sale in Binghamton had been listed a median of 108.5 days in March.

5. Peoria, Ill.

Median home price: \$114,800
Median household income: \$57,090
Principal and interest payment: \$463 (9.7 percent of monthly income)

Peoria homes listed a median of 77.25 days in March.

LEAST AFFORDABLE METRO AREAS

1. San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif.

Median home price: \$1.37 million
Median household income: \$110,040
Principal and interest payment: \$5,533 (60.3 percent of median monthly income)

Buyers have to act fast in the San Jose area: For-sale homes spent a median 17 days on the market in March, according to Realtor.com.

2. Honolulu

Median home price: \$775,500
Median household income: \$80,513
Principal and interest payment: \$3,125 (46.6 percent of monthly income)

Honolulu had a median days-on-market of 52 days in March.

3. San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, Calif.

Median home price: \$917,000
Median household income: \$96,677
Principal and interest payment: \$3,695 (45.9 percent of monthly income)

In the San Francisco, Oakland and Hayward area, homes spent a median of 22 days on the market in March.

4. San Diego-Carlsbad, Calif.

Median home price: \$610,000
Median household income: \$70,824
Principal and interest payment: \$2,458 (41.6 percent of monthly income)

San Diego homes were listed a median 32.5 days in March, according to Realtor.com.

5. Los Angeles-Long Beach, Calif.

Median home price: \$545,500
Median household income: \$65,950
Principal and interest payment: \$2,198 (40 percent of monthly income)

Homes for sale in the Los Angeles area had been on the market a median of 33.5 days in March.



NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Desire for convenience drives popularity of maintenance-free living

The American dream of home ownership has evolved with 21st century lifestyles. Traditionally, the image of family life revolved around the single-family home with the white picket fence and enough property for the kids, pets and family cook-outs. Dad would take time once or twice a week to mow the lawn and keep the home place neat and attractive.

Now, two-income families are common, lives are busy and free time for “experiences” is preferred. In addition to changes in family life, the growing number of mature Americans means that many of them want to eliminate outdoor chores to concentrate on work, travel or relaxation.

Not surprisingly, these trends have resulted in a spike in popularity for maintenance-free living, which typically means relieving the homeowner of chores including lawn mowing, snow shoveling and in some cases, and association maintenance of impressive community landscaping. In addition, the desire for maintenance-free living has also changed the design of some homes.

Village Homes at Elburn Station

A good example of “form follows function” home design is the Village Homes, part of Elburn Station in Elburn. Elburn Station is Shodeen Homes’ new 505-acre master-planned community that includes three types of single-family homes. The Village Homes are single-family detached homes on smaller sites with garages in the rear, priced from the \$220s.

“The Village Homes are primarily designed for singles and couples who may be moving from renters’ status to homeownership, and for downsizers who may have a vacation home in the Sun Belt, but want to maintain a home base near family and friends,” says Jeremy Lund, sales manager for Shodeen Homes. “They have been thoughtfully designed with open concept floor plans and covered porches, along with easy-to-care-for convenience. They are ideal for people who are busy with other priorities but want an attractive home.”

The five floor plans include a ranch plan and four two-story homes, ranging in size from 1,097 to 2,300 square feet of space, with full basements and two or 2½-car garages. The maintenance service includes lawn mowing, snow removal, aeration and fertilizing for a monthly fee.”

Located west of Randall Road and east of Route 47, Elburn Station is named for its setting surrounding the Elburn Metra train station. The community includes ponds, parks and trails and has the distinction of being an AT&T Fiber™ community, which makes it ideal for telecommuting with high speed internet and the ability to use multiple devices simultaneously.

The Townes at Ashcroft Walk in Oswego

Recently-opened models at the Townes at Ashcroft Place represent another choice for those who desire exterior maintenance services. Being offered by West Point Builders, the Townes are within a master-planned community where West Point Builders also offers semi-custom single-family homes. The neighborhood is a short walk to all levels of highly rated Oswego School District 308 schools as well as downtown Oswego on the Fox River.

With prices starting in the \$190s, the townhomes reflect the fact that buyers are seeking more choices in floor plans.

“For many of our buyers, freedom from exterior maintenance is a ‘must have’ feature,” says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. In addition, our four floor plan choices include a ranch and a two-story plan with a first-floor master bedroom. Townhome ranch designs are uncommon and are not available elsewhere in Oswego. The townhomes also include basements, generous outdoor living space, two-car garages and many have pond views for a feeling of privacy and natural beauty.”

Westleigh Farm in Lake Forest

For those who are accustomed to the uniquely prestigious lifestyle of Lake Forest, Westleigh Farm is the ideal place to transition to a maintenance-free community of upscale single-family homes with one-level ranch floor plans plus large finished basements.

North Shore Builders is offering Westleigh Farm, which blends the highest



The desire for convenience is driving the popularity of maintenance-free living.

standards in architecture, craftsmanship and state-of-the art appointments with a serene setting complete with a literary reference and a historic flavor.

Located on the site of the King Family Estate, said to be the inspiration for F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic “The Great Gatsby,” Westleigh Farm also features picturesque historic elements including a Howard Van Doren Shaw stable that serves as the Country Estate entry. A David Adler-designed clubhouse is an architectural treasure, and more than half of the 47-acre Westleigh Farm site is open space, meadows, ponds and walking paths.

Just 34 homesites are available, with 26 homes offered by North Shore Builders and eight sites for design/build custom homes. Pre-grand opening prices start at \$1.1 million and include a free upgraded three-car sideload garage. A grand opening is planned for August.

“In this upscale home environment, our buyers require an association to simplify their lives by handling much of the maintenance such as landscaping and snow removal,” says Joe Balistreri, project manager for North Shore Builders. “Many of our buyers travel frequently, are engaged in



Maintenance-free service at Village Homes includes lawn moving and snow removal.

many social activities or are not interested in handling this type of outdoor maintenance. Westleigh Farm offers the best of all worlds...the privacy and beauty of a single-family home with lush natural surroundings maintained by an association.”

Three ranch floor plans range from 3,523 to over 4,497 square feet with finished basements. Each plan is offered in four different home styles: The Colonial Revival, Farmhouse Revival, Shingle Cottage and French Eclectic. Sites for walk-out and look-out basements are selling quickly, so interested buyers are urged to act quickly.

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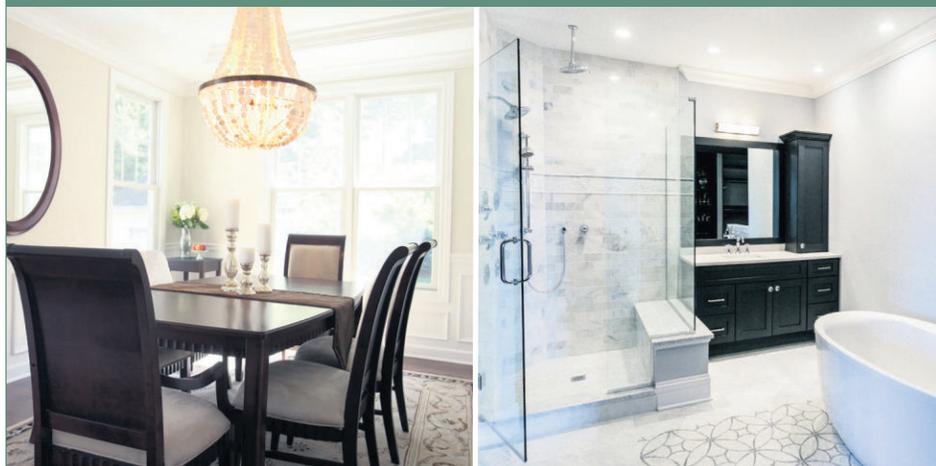
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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Sales start this autumn at Lexington Reserve at Oak Park

This fall, Lexington Homes will make its homebuilding debut in Oak Park, the popular "suburban" village just west of Chicago's city border. Lexington Reserve at Oak Park will offer 21 row homes within walking distance to all the amenities of downtown Oak Park. Unique for this type of home in this area, one floor plan at Lexington Reserve will offer the option for an elevator.

Located on Madison Street, between Home and Clinton avenues, Lexington Reserve will bring the builder's time-tested, popular rowhome floor plans to this sought-after area known for its great dining destinations, entertainment, recreation and acclaimed schools. The community also will be situated in a convenient, walkable location to a wide range of public transportation options, including Metra, Blue and Green Line "L" stations and multiple bus stops along Harlem Avenue and Madison Street. In addition, residents will be just blocks from Interstate 290.

"Oak Park is consistently one of the most in-demand suburbs because of its proximity to the city along with its rich cultural amenities, and we are thrilled to be building our first community here," says Jeff Benach, principal of Lexington Homes. "The village is a great fit for our homes because much of the existing housing stock is older and requires more maintenance than most buyers want to tackle. We expect to see great interest in our new-construction, maintenance-free homes from right-sizers whose kids have flown the nest as well as young professionals and families looking for a new home that has all the modern finishes without all the upkeep."

Lexington Reserve at Oak Park will offer two row home floor plans with three to four bedrooms, 2½ to 3½ baths and attached, rear-facing two-car garages. All homes will have three levels of living space, plus a roof deck, which is unusual in the suburbs, according to Benach. The Grant, priced from the mid \$400,000s, offers the option for two master suites on the third floor in lieu of the standard three-bedroom layout. The Buckingham, priced from the low \$500,000s, features street-facing bay windows on all three levels. It also has a larger roof deck.

Both plans offer options for additional bedrooms and baths, a fireplace in the liv-



Lexington Homes announces sales will start this summer at Lexington Reserve at Oak Park, a new community of 21 row homes near downtown Oak Park.

ing room and an expanded roof deck.

A new offering from Lexington Homes at this community is an optional elevator, which is available in the Grant two-bedroom floor plan.

"Whether buyers need it now or are being proactive about wanting to age in place, an elevator is sure to be an appreciated option in this plan," says Benach. "For buyers who want to stay local and live in this kind of home for the long-term rather than in a condo, we are providing the ability to make that possible."

Exteriors at Lexington Reserve feature a modern design with stately brick and large windows across their fronts. The community will include a private driveway and 10 off-street parking spaces for visitors.

"With Lexington Reserve, we are bringing our tried-and-true floor plans that were popular with dozens of buyers at our recently sold-out communities in Bridgeport," says Benach. "The homes offer the modern and sophisticated open-concept kitchen and living/dining layout today's buyers want, as well as a host of high-end finishes and stylish features. Plus, the roof decks add that wow factor and provide a private outdoor space for entertaining and enjoying scenic views of the surrounding area."

All homes at Lexington Reserve will come with a high level of finishes, including stainless steel appliances and granite countertops in the expansive kitchen, as well as 9-foot ceilings and hardwood flooring throughout the entire main level.

The lower level in both plans will offer a flex room for functional space that can be used as a home office, play room, exercise room or as a fourth bedroom.

To be added to the Lexington Reserve interest list or to request more information, visit lexingtonchicago.com or call 708-535-8866.

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The community is being built on the original King Country Estate, and was one of the largest contiguous parcels of undevelopable land in Lake Forest, and with a rich history. More than 100 years ago, F. Scott Fitzgerald frequented the lavish parties held by the King family, and the

character of Daisy from "The Great Gatsby" is said to be based upon Fitzgerald's romantic relationship with Ginerva King. Westleigh Farm will pay homage to the grand estate by using rich design elements from a few of its original structures, like the David Adler-designed lodge. The lodge has been redesigned into a community clubhouse, with indoor and outdoor dining options. Residents can observe the gorgeous surroundings while enjoying this community gathering space with friends and family.

Showcasing the natural beauty of the area is top priority for North Shore Builders, so each home on the property has a breathtaking view of the heart of Westleigh Farm, the orchard. "We're using local, native landscaping in the orchard,



Westleigh Farm buyers can personalize interior and exterior details of their new home.

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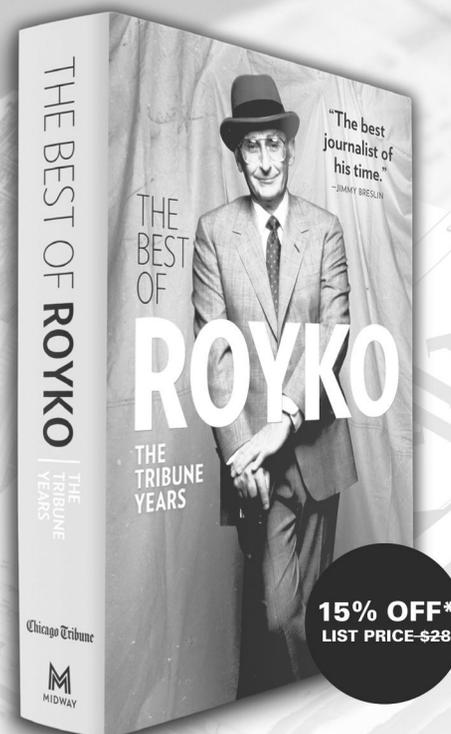
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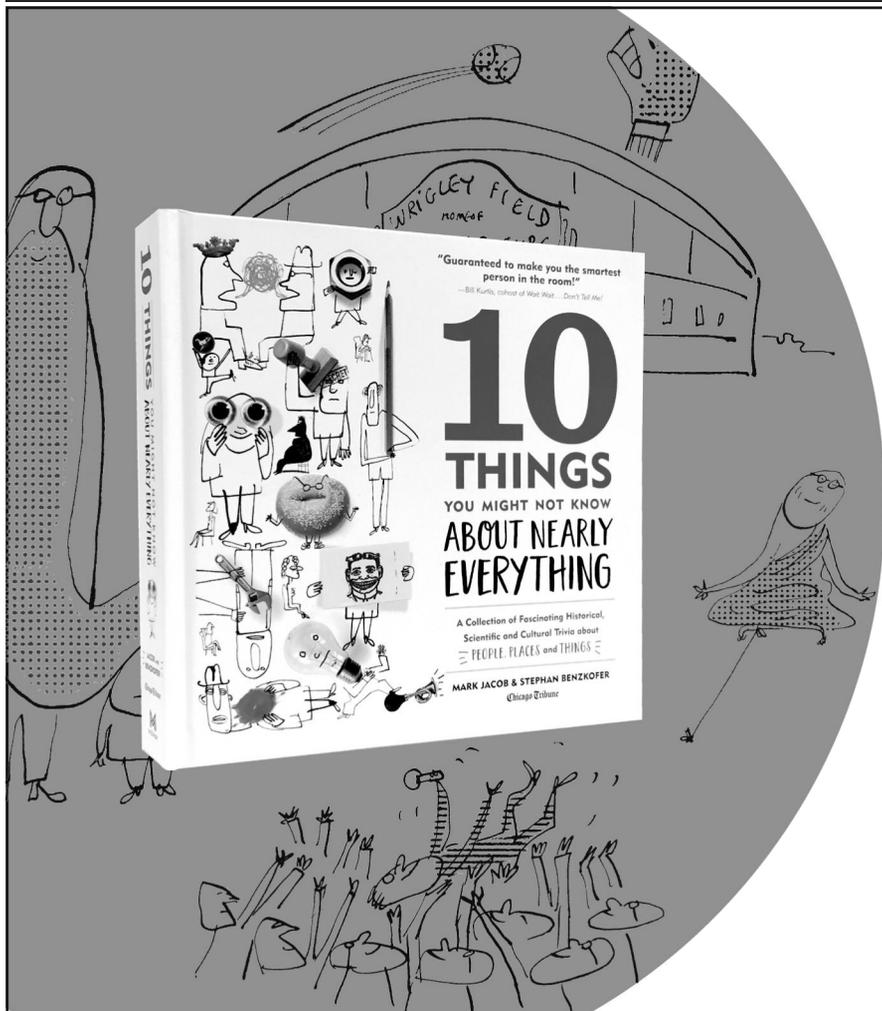
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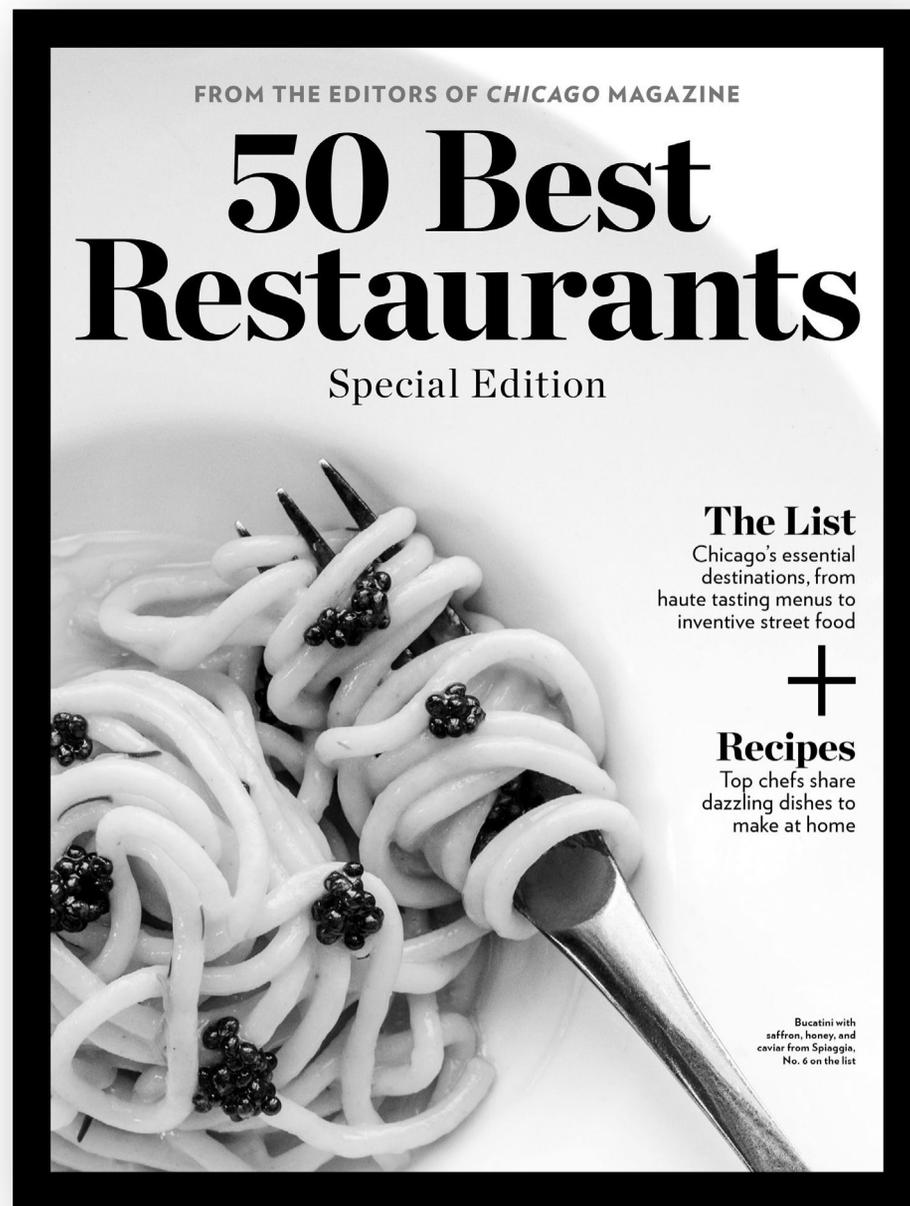


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