



CPD overhaul deal is drafted

Emanuel, AG Madigan unveil proposed consent decree that would mandate broad reforms to be overseen by federal judge

BY DAN HINKEL AND BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced a proposed court agreement Friday that sets the stage for a federal judge to oversee reforms in the Chicago Police Department and kicks off what is certain to be months of debate over exactly how the troubled force

will be overhauled in the years to come. The 232-page draft is the first iteration of a planned consent decree that eventually would serve as a court-enforced mandate governing how officers use force, how they are trained and how they will be held accountable, among other areas. The proposal will be open to public scrutiny before it's filed in federal court for further consideration.

Madigan and Emanuel stood side by side to announce the agreement, marking the latest step in a process geared toward long-lasting change to Chicago policing. Those efforts were ignited by the controversial Laquan McDonald police shooting, which resulted in weeks of street protests, accusations of a City Hall cover-up and a U.S. Department of Justice investigation that found

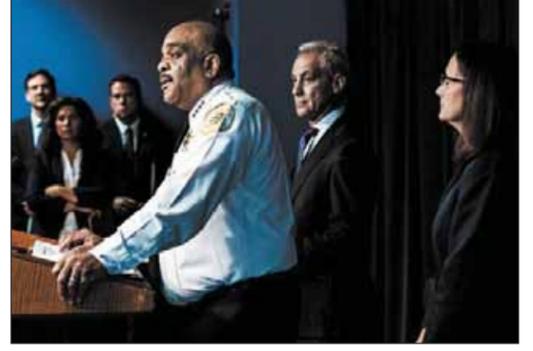
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widespread problems in the department.

Madigan noted past unsuccessful efforts to meaningfully reform the Police Department, but she said that "attempts to just talk the talk instead of walk the

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Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson has said the consent decree will fundamentally change CPD operations.



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Lake Shore Drive traffic halted by plane landing; no one injured

The pilot of a small plane flew under a footbridge and landed in traffic on southbound South Lake Shore Drive on Friday afternoon, making an emergency landing without injuring himself or anyone else, including his passenger, officials said. The plane landed near 3800 South Lake Shore Drive a little after 3:15 p.m., after the pilot told air traffic controllers he couldn't make it to Midway Airport and he was directed to land where he could, officials said at a news conference at the scene. Nearly four hours later, the plane was secured onto a flatbed with its wings laid under the fuselage and carted away.

15 suits allege framing by cops

Exonerated men say code of silence let corruption reign

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL
Chicago Tribune

Fifteen men — all but one of whom had their convictions overturned in an unprecedented mass exoneration last November — each filed separate federal lawsuits Friday alleging they were framed by corrupt ex-Chicago police Sgt. Ronald Watts and his team of tactical officers.

The lawsuits allege that a code of silence within the Chicago Police Department allowed Watts to run an extortion ring with impunity in and around the former Ida B. Wells housing development on the South Side.

Fourteen of the men had their drug convictions thrown out during the mass exoneration, while Anthony McDaniels had his gun conviction dismissed last month after almost a decade in prison.

McDaniels marked the 24th person to have his Watts-related conviction tossed from court because of the corruption, but Cook County prosecutors are looking into numerous other convictions linked to the former sergeant.

At a news conference Friday, attorney Jon Loevy,

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Why cost of beer could rise

Aluminum tariffs may trickle down to hit consumers

BY GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

Prices of some popular beer and soda brands soon could be on the increase — a trickle-down effect from President Donald Trump's aluminum tariffs and other cost pressures.

Beginning Sept. 17, MillerCoors is expected to raise prices for Chicago-area retailers on most of its products, including beer in glass bottles as well as cans — a price hike that eventually will hit consumers. The increase comes as aluminum costs have spiked after Trump imposed 10 percent tariffs on aluminum imports in



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A customer looks over beers for sale at Binny's Beverage Depot in the 1700 block of North Marcey Street on Friday.

March. It could mean Chicago beer drinkers will pay up to a \$1 more for a case of Miller beer.

Earlier this week, Coca-Cola also announced it was raising prices because of increased aluminum costs. The price increases come as beer has been losing market share to wine and spirits in recent years. Separately, a com-

mercial truck driver shortage has increased freight costs — another major challenge for beer companies during what has been a lackluster summer for beer sales, according to industry experts.

Executives with Binny's Beverage Depot and Armanetti Beverage Marts

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Judge rules classmate can testify at trial

A classmate who witnessed the fatal shooting of 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton in 2013 but identified the alleged gunman for the first time just months ago can testify at his trial next month, a judge ruled Friday. **Page 3**

CHICAGO SPORTS

Blackhawks' Crawford still not ready to go

If the Blackhawks were opening training camp this weekend, Corey Crawford wouldn't be on the ice. Seven months after suffering what would turn out to be a season-ending injury, he's not ready. **Page 1**

Economy grows, but Trump still low

Controversies keep public approval in cellar despite boom

BY ELI STOKOLS
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump celebrated the strong surging economic numbers released Friday, appearing in the sun-kissed Rose Garden to claim credit for a humming economy.

"We've accomplished an economic turnaround of historic proportions," Trump said outside the White House, where he was joined by Vice President Mike Pence and flanked by members of his economic team. "Once again, we are the economic envy of the entire world."

The president was responding to new growth numbers that show the U.S. economy soared in the



JIM LO SCALZO/EPA

President Donald Trump and the first lady leave the White House on Friday.

April-June quarter to an annual growth rate of 4.1 percent — the fastest pace since 2014.

Yet Trump's own numbers — for the public's approval — remain unusually low for a president presiding over good times.

It's the paradox of his

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Aluminum tariffs could drive up price of beer

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confirmed the MillerCoors increases and said they expected Anheuser-Busch to follow suit. Retailers throughout the Chicago area will have to decide how much of the increase to pass on to consumers and when. It's unclear whether prices will also rise elsewhere in the country.

"Most price increases in beer come from Miller or from Bud. This price increase is coming from Washington, D.C., in the form of tariffs," said Michael Binstein, Binny's CEO.

MillerCoors attributed the increase to the tariffs, Binstein said, who added he wished he could add a line to customer receipts that says "Trump's tariffs."

"I think it would be healthy and honest," said Binstein, who plans to "insulate" customers from the increase for as long as possible.

Marty Maloney, a spokesman for MillerCoors, declined to comment in advance of parent company's Molson Coors quarterly earnings release Wednesday. But both Molson Coors Chairman Pete Coors and MillerCoors CEO Gavin Hattersley have been outspoken about how the tariffs could harm the beer industry in general and MillerCoors, specifically. In a Bloomberg interview last month, Hattersley estimated the tariffs could cost the company \$40 million in profits.

Anheuser-Busch InBev executives declined to say whether they also would raise prices in September.

"Our prices are something we look at every year,



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Beginning Sept. 17, MillerCoors is expected to raise prices for Chicago-area retailers on most of its products.

as inflation is a reality. We aren't doing anything different this year from what we've done in the past and aluminum tariffs aren't a factor," Brendan Whitworth, vice president of sales for Anheuser-Busch InBev, said in an email Friday.

The tariffs are very much a factor for the beer industry at large, though. The Beer Institute, the trade group representing the largest beer companies in the U.S., projects that the aluminum tariffs will cost breweries \$347 million a year.

Much of those costs

come indirectly through what's known as the Midwest Premium — a fee created by metal producers years ago to cover the costs of shipping aluminum into the U.S.

Since the beginning of the year, the Midwest Premium has more than doubled, with most of the increase coming after the tariffs were announced. That increased cost is passed to beer companies and, eventually, to consumers.

About 60 percent of beer made and sold in the U.S. comes in aluminum cans or

bottles, according to the Beer Institute.

The tariff-related increase in aluminum costs amounts to about a penny per can for beer companies, said John Dunham, a New York-based economist who conducts research for the Beer Institute. By the time that can of beer reaches consumers' hands, the increase amounts to five cents per can, he said.

"A tariff is a tax and taxes in the end are always paid by consumers," Dunham said.

The increased freight costs are also adversely af-

fecting beer companies' profitability and limiting supply, said Michael Uhrich, chief economist for the Beer Institute.

Raising prices is "on the short list of things" beer companies can do to offset the costs, in addition to hiring fewer workers, making less investment in their business and just eating the additional cost, Uhrich said.

"The tariffs really single out beer and put beer at a disadvantage," Uhrich said.

Other businesses and industries also have lamented Trump's multipronged trade disputes with China,

the European Union, Canada and Mexico. On Thursday, representatives of nine global distilled spirits organizations signed a resolution urging the "prompt removal" of recent tariffs.

It's not unusual for MillerCoors and Anheuser-Busch to raise prices, said Vince Trunzo, co-owner of Affiliated Marketing, which oversees about 350 liquor stores in the Chicago area, including Armanetti, Miska's and Cardinal stores.

The two beer giants do so almost every year, but then often back off of increases in order to move high volumes of product and maintain market share in the Chicago area, Trunzo said.

But the MillerCoors increases coming in September are larger than usual and affect a broader swath of products, he said.

Like Binstein, Trunzo said the price hikes could eventually translate to an increase of \$1 on a case of beer for consumers. Some of the liquor stores managed by Affiliated Marketing might stock up before the price increases are implemented and hold off on increasing prices, whereas others may just pass the increases directly on to consumers, Trunzo said.

Compared with other urban markets in the U.S., Chicago has maintained low beer prices as Miller and Bud have competed for market share, said Trunzo, who said he has a newspaper ad from 10 years ago marketing a case of beer for \$13.99 — about what it costs now.

"Everything's going to go up," Trunzo said. "We'll see if it holds."

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■ A headline for a story about swimming pools in the city edition of Wednesday's Health & Family section was incorrect. The headline should have been, "Pools more likely than lakes to make you sick." The Tribune regrets the error.

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Mayor Rahm Emanuel said the slight rating upgrade on Chicago Public Schools' debt "affirms that CPS is on firmer financial footing and reinforces the confidence to invest in priorities like universal free pre-K for all 4-year-olds."

City hails CPS bond rating upgrade

News welcome but district still faces financial pressures

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

City officials celebrated Wall Street's slight upgrade to still-junk-level Chicago Board of Education bonds this week, as the school system presses through fiscal pressure with a new budget that plans to add to the system's long-term debts.

Standard & Poor's planted a B+ rating on the district's bonds Thursday. That means the firm believes Chicago Public Schools can pay its debts — but that unfavorable business, financial or economic conditions will likely impair the district's ability to continue doing so.

The upgrade arrived after the school board approved a multibillion-dollar

budget for everyday expenses and new debt this week. The roughly \$6 billion CPS operating budget marks a nearly \$285 million increase from last year.

"Following the passage of the district's latest budget, S&P's upgrade affirms that CPS is on firmer financial footing and reinforces the confidence to invest in priorities like universal free pre-K for all 4-year-olds," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said Thursday in a joint statement with school board President Frank Clark and the CPS chief executive, Janice Jackson.

"Our students deserve the absolute best, and we are committed to further strengthening our finances and our schools so that all families in every Chicago neighborhood can benefit," the statement said.

Moody's Investors Service, a credit ratings agency that has clashed with

Emanuel's administration over its views of city finances, also gave a slight upgrade to billions of dollars worth bonds this month while noting that the school system still struggles with a weak cash position in addition to burdensome debt and pension obligations.

Plus, in the view of Standard & Poor's, a higher rating "is precluded at this time" because of what its experts described as "a cloud of uncertainty and questionable decisions arising from a variety of ongoing issues" including increased spending and the CPS sexual abuse scandal.

A state spending plan increased aid to CPS and offered more assistance for a half-funded teacher pension system. That has helped the district borrow at lower rates and ease off some of its need for what's now roughly \$1 billion in short-term cash loans.

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

But CPS said it also carried \$8.2 billion in long-term debt as of June 30, and that level will increase to finance Emanuel's election-year proposal to take on a \$989 million infrastructure spending plan that has been met with growing complaints about inequitable distribution.

School board members on Wednesday approved borrowing up to \$313 million in general obligation bonds, plus up to \$125 million in other investment-grade bonds that are backed by their own exclusive stream of property tax revenue.

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Judge: Hadiya classmate can testify

Witness identified suspect years later

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

A classmate who witnessed the fatal shooting of 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton in 2013 but identified the suspected gunman for the first time just months ago can testify at his trial next month, a Cook County judge ruled Friday.

And in a sudden reversal, prosecutors said they now intend to show jurors nearly an hour more of the videotaped confession of Micheal Ward, the suspected shooter, even though just a few weeks ago Judge Nicholas Ford had barred that section from being played, calling it inadmissible hearsay.

Hadiya's slaying in January 2013 just days after she had performed at then-President Barack Obama's second inauguration threw a spotlight on Chicago's epidemic of gun violence. The teen, a drum majorette and King College Prep sophomore, was taking shelter from the rain in

Harsh Park with classmates when she was fatally shot in what authorities said was a mistaken attempt at gang retaliation. The park is about a mile from the Obamas' home in the South Side's Kenwood neighborhood.

Stephan Abdul, another King student who was also in the park that day, did not make a positive identification of Ward in a police lineup in the weeks after the shooting, only that he "looked similar" to the gunman, according to court records.

But this March — more than five years later — Abdul viewed a photo of the same lineup during an interview with a prosecutor and said he was now "100 percent" sure that Ward was the gunman, records show.

Earlier this month, Abdul repeated to investigators for the public defender's office his belief that Ward acted as the gunman, saying, though, that "it was just a feeling, intuition," the investigators said in a report.

Ward's attorneys wanted Abdul barred from

testifying at trial, saying prosecutors' interview of him was unnecessarily suggestive.

But prosecutors on Friday said it was all part of standard pretrial preparation and noted that Abdul had stood by his story with investigators for the public defender's office.

Ford agreed, saying the defense could challenge Abdul's credibility on cross-examination and let the jury decide.

In a stark turnabout, prosecutors revealed Friday they would play for jurors the 53 minutes of Ward's videotaped confession that they recently fought successfully to keep the defense from airing at trial. They gave no reason for the change of heart.

The recorded interrogation — the subject of a front-page Chicago Tribune story in 2016 — provides a riveting look at how detectives methodically worked to gain a confession in one of the highest-profile killings in recent years.

Ford had previously ruled that Ward's confession was voluntary and

allowed prosecutors to use it as evidence against him at trial. But earlier this month, prosecutors revealed for the first time that they planned to play at trial two lengthy parts of the recorded statement — but not about 53 minutes in the middle. Ford agreed with prosecutors that the 53 minutes of footage contained inadmissible hearsay, in particular Ward's denial that he was at Harsh Park when Hadiya was killed.

The defense argued that Ward's denial represented only a few seconds of the 53 minutes and that the first section of the interrogation that prosecutors plan to play also included a similar denial by Ward.

The defense complained that Ford was being inconsistent and contended it needed to show how detectives obtained the confession to provide context and bolster their attempt to cast doubt on Ward's statement.

Ward and co-defendant Kenneth Williams will go on trial Aug. 10.

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Judge: Feds can't dock sanctuary cities

Chicago had sued over safety funding

BY ESE OLUMHENSE
Chicago Tribune

A federal judge Friday sided with the city of Chicago in its sanctuary city lawsuit, ruling that the Trump administration does not have the authority to withhold federal public safety funding from the city if it limits its cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials.

The city filed its suit against the U.S. Department of Justice in August, after the department mandated that local governments meet a set of conditions to be eligible for

federal grant funding. The conditions included having local governments certify that they would comply with a federal law barring restrictions on federal-local sharing of information on an immigrant's status and granting Homeland Security personnel access to local law enforcement facilities.

U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber on Friday agreed with the city, granting a permanent injunction against all three of the conditions the Justice Department sought to impose.

"Today's opinion in favor of Chicago and against the Trump Justice Department marks a major win for all Chicagoans and a significant victory for pub-

lic safety," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in a Friday statement. "We will never be coerced or intimidated into abandoning our values as a welcoming city. Welcoming immigrants, refugees and dreamers from every corner of the globe is part of Chicago's history, and part of our future, no matter which way the political winds are blowing in Washington."

City ordinance bars police from granting ICE officials access to people in Chicago police custody, except when they're wanted on a criminal warrant or have a serious criminal

conviction. Police also cannot allow ICE agents to use their facilities for investigations, and on-duty officers are not allowed to respond to ICE inquiries or communicate with ICE officials about a person's custody status or release.

Friday's ruling is "another significant legal victory for Chicago and reaffirms the City's position that the Attorney General lacks the authority to create the grant conditions we have challenged," Corporation Counsel Ed Siskel said in a Friday release.

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Van Dyke team: Have mom testify

Slain teen's mother no-show at hearing

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
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Attorneys defending Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke against murder charges in the on-duty fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald want McDonald's mother to testify at trial about the teen's troubled past, the Chicago Tribune has learned.

If the defense gets its way, Tina Hunter could be put on the witness stand and questioned about her son's allegedly violent history and character — part of the Van Dyke team's effort to paint McDonald as a violent, out-of-control teen.

Under Illinois law, defendants claiming self-defense in a criminal case may introduce evidence that the victim had a violent history or nature, even if they could not have known about that past at the time of the crime.

Hunter was slated to testify at a hearing Friday, so Cook County Judge Vincent Gaughan could determine whether she could be questioned about her son's past behavior during the upcoming trial. Gaughan intended to close the hearing to the public, but Hunter never showed up.

Attorneys never publicly named Hunter as the absent witness, but sources confirmed her identity to the Tribune.

Special prosecutor Joseph McMahan told Gaughan that an undisclosed witness had been subpoenaed and that he had expected her to attend the proceedings. McMahan said the witness, however, told him that morning she did not have a baby sitter for a small child under her care and could not attend the hearing.

Prosecutors arranged for a member of the county's victim services department to watch the infant during the hearing, but the witness did not respond to the offer. The judge delayed the hearing twice to give her time to arrive, but McMahan said she stopped responding to his texts and calls.

Van Dyke, who has been suspended without pay, has been charged with first-degree murder for the 2014 shooting of 17-year-old McDonald. The case, which is scheduled to go to the trial Sept. 5, has roiled the city since the court-ordered release of a video showing the officer shooting the teen 16 times as he walked down the street with a knife.

Van Dyke has pleaded not guilty, saying he pulled the trigger in self-defense.

Using McDonald's mother to bolster his case, however, is not without risk for Van Dyke. Attorneys for Hunter vehemently objected to giving the defense access to her son's juvenile records, calling the request "a fishing expedition" to shift focus away from the graphic police dashboard-camera video. Given her opposition to Van Dyke's strategy, she could end up hindering the defense, veteran attorneys said.

"It's very rare to call a family member to dirty up the deceased," attorney Terry Ekl said. "Attacking the deceased while his mother is on the stand could fall completely flat and anger the jury."

However, it's not unreasonable for the defense to call a victim's relative to the stand if the relative has information about the person's past behavior, experts said.

"If he had threatened his mom or beat up his mom or hit his mom, that would be a perfectly expected thing to

"Attacking the deceased while his mother is on the stand could fall completely flat and anger the jury."

— Attorney Terry Ekl

do because she would be within the pool of witnesses who could testify as to Laquan McDonald's aggressive nature," said Darren O'Brien, a former Cook County prosecutor who is now in private practice.

Gaughan has already ruled that the defense may call six witnesses to testify about McDonald's past, though their identities have been kept under wraps. The witnesses are likely to bolster the defense's effort to paint McDonald as a troubled teen who posed a threat to society.

Gaughan ruled last year that most of McDonald's juvenile records should be turned over to the defense team after it had unsuccessfully sought the protected files in juvenile court.

McDonald's records, previously reviewed by the Tribune, detail his difficult childhood as a state ward as well as his 26 juvenile arrests, mostly for drug possession and petty crime. He also had a history of psychiatric hospitalizations and medical diagnoses, including post-traumatic stress disorder from childhood abuse and oppositional defiance disorder regarding authority figures.

In other developments Friday, McMahan filed a written response to Van Dyke's request to hold the trial outside of Cook County. Though the officer's attorneys contend the publicity surrounding the shooting makes a fair trial here impossible, prosecutors argued Cook County offers the best opportunity for an impartial jury.

According to a poll conducted on the state's behalf, 45 percent of Cook County respondents said they were either unaware of the case or did not have enough information to make a decision on guilt or innocence. Prosecutors — who did not include the online survey's margin of error in the court filing — said that means Cook County has potentially more than 1.7 million residents who could be unbiased jurors.

The defense, however, conducted its own telephone survey of 399 jury-eligible Cook County residents that found 86 percent of respondents were familiar with the hot-button case; three-quarters of those believed Van Dyke was guilty of murder, according to a court filing.

While Van Dyke's motion would appear to mean that the office will let a jury decide his fate, the defense has actually not yet made that decision. A jury trial would go against long precedent at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, where Chicago cops charged with misconduct have over the years typically chosen to let a judge make the decision.

The defense has asked for another Cook County judge to decide whether the case should be heard elsewhere because it believes Gaughan already made the decision before the motion was filed. Prosecutors called that allegation "specious" in a court filing Friday. A hearing is scheduled next week on the change of venue request.

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Emanuel, AG Madigan unveil consent decree

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walk will be unsuccessful.” She pointed to the fact that a federal judge can enforce the eventual decree.

“No one is happy about the state of public safety in Chicago. Not residents and not the police,” she said. “Too many Chicago residents do not feel safe in their communities but also do not feel safe calling the police.”

For his part, Emanuel stressed that the reforms would be undertaken in conjunction with officers, noting that some of the changes, such as better training, were sought by the rank and file. He said the goals of stopping violence and reforming the department are “complimentary, not contradictory.”

“I believe that this agreement will stand the test of time,” Emanuel said. “It is enforceable, sustainable and durable.”

Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said, “Let there be no mistake about it: The consent decree will fundamentally change the way the Chicago Police Department does business.”

Chicago Fraternal Order of Police President Kevin Graham, however, blasted the proposed consent decree as “illegal and invalid,” calling it “politically motivated” and vowing to fight it in court. Graham said the agreement would cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. The city and FOP are in negotiations over the union’s next contract.

Involving community groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois and Black Lives Matter Chicago in the consent decree’s creation is “a disaster,” Graham said.

“The city and the attorney general have set a dangerous precedent by granting these groups influence into the policy of the Chicago Police Department,” he said. “Their willingness to do so reveals much about the true nature of this agreement and the magnitude of the threat that it

imposes.”

The city already has moved toward some of the reforms outlined in the proposal. The proposals would not override the police union contract, but the decree says the city should work to negotiate changes that would bring the city into compliance.

Among other things, the proposal would call for anonymous complaints against officers to be investigated, would require the department to track foot pursuits, limit officers’ use of Tasers and require police use terms appropriate to people’s gender identity. Under the proposal, the city would aim to meet the decree’s requirements in five years.

Karen Sheley, an attorney with the ACLU of Illinois, in a statement called the proposed consent decree “an important step in the long process of reform” but said it needs more work before it’s presented in court. She also said it needed to include a provision requiring documentation of instances when police point their guns at people — a sticking point in the negotiations between City Hall and Madigan’s office.

“The movement toward reform of CPD did not culminate today — but it has moved one step forward,” Sheley said. “We must all review and respond comprehensively to the draft to ensure a revised decree will successfully bring about the reform we have been waiting for.”

Typically, federal consent decrees have been entered between the Justice Department and a local municipality, as was the case in cities such as Baltimore and Los Angeles. But in Chicago, Emanuel initially agreed to a consent decree with the Obama Justice Department before later seeking to strike an out-of-court deal with President Donald Trump’s administration. Madigan blasted that attempt as “ludicrous” since Trump’s White House “fundamentally does not agree with the

need for constitutional policing.”

It was only after Madigan, a fellow Democrat, sued Emanuel’s City Hall for a consent decree that the mayor agreed to enter negotiations to seek court oversight. As negotiations between the two sides continued for nearly a year, Emanuel moved forward with reforms of his own, including adding more officers to the force, deploying more Tasers, requiring all cops to wear body cameras and implementing changes in how police are trained, among other new policies.

In a briefing for reporters Friday, Madigan’s staffers emphasized — among other points — that the draft would call for use-of-force data to be published monthly, and the department would be compelled to improve its efforts at recruiting diverse officers. The consent decree also will call on the city’s notoriously sluggish disciplinary officials to finish investigations within 180 days. Those inquiries have frequently spanned years.

In recent days, attorneys for City Hall and Madigan’s office said they had reached consensus on most topics but could not agree on whether Chicago police should have to document incidents when officers point their guns at people. Lawyers for Madigan’s office wanted the incidents documented, and lawyers for the city apparently disagreed. No agreement was reached on that point as of Friday.

In March, city officials and Madigan’s office agreed to allow groups including the ACLU and Black Lives Matter Chicago to give input and criticize the proposed order, and those groups can seek to use the courts to enforce the final consent decree.

The announcement Friday initiates a three-week public comment period on the draft. The deal with the activist groups imposes a deadline of Sept. 1 for the city and Madigan’s office to



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Chicago police officers work the scene of a police-involved shooting this month in West Garfield Park. The consent decree draft would require changes in training and oversight.

file a proposed order with U.S. District Judge Robert Dow Jr.

Meanwhile, the FOP, whose leaders want the litigation over the consent decree dismissed, are seeking to intervene in the case, though Dow has yet to rule on whether the union can get involved.

The impending fight over the final document comes at a consequential moment in city politics and policing.

On Sept. 5, Officer Jason Van Dyke is scheduled to go on trial on murder charges in the shooting of McDonald, a 17-year-old African-American. The court-ordered November 2015 release of video of Van Dyke shooting the teenager 16 times touched off furious street protests rooted in long-standing complaints about police abuse, primarily from African-Americans and Latinos. The controversy spurred efforts to overhaul the department, and an eventual consent decree likely would mark the most sweeping and long-lasting political consequence of McDonald’s recorded shooting.

Illustrating the volatility that continues to surround policing in Chicago, the fatal police shooting of an armed man in the South Shore neighborhood July 14 touched off violent clashes between protesters and police.

Van Dyke’s trial and the efforts to hammer out a court order are poised to fall in the last months of Eman-

uel’s campaign for re-election. The mayor faces multiple challengers who could use his efforts at police reform to cast him as either indifferent to police abuse or too eager to restrain police in a city riven by violent crime.

Madigan is not running for re-election, which means one of two candidates — Democrat Kwame Raoul or Republican Erika Harold — would inherit a role in the consent decree litigation.

The Emanuel administration has traveled a circuitous route to the proposed consent decree.

As the McDonald video sparked a political crisis 2½ years ago, Emanuel at first rejected calls for an investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice but reversed himself as the idea gained support from other political officials. The resulting federal investigation led to a report released in January 2017 that described a comprehensively broken Police Department in which badly trained cops have practiced brutality and misconduct with little to fear from their supervisors or a largely ineffectual disciplinary system.

That report emerged in the last days of an Obama administration that moved aggressively to reform local police agencies, and Emanuel voiced support for a consent decree. But the Trump administration has shown no interest in intervening in local police agencies, and Emanuel last sum-

mer pulled back on his support for a consent decree. The mayor argued he could bring meaningful reform to the department through an out-of-court agreement with the Trump administration involving a monitor, but activists and former Justice Department lawyers blasted that proposal, voicing skepticism that significant change would come without a judge to impose it.

In August 2017, Madigan sued the city to force a consent decree, and Emanuel said he would negotiate toward one. Black Lives Matter Chicago and the ACLU, meanwhile, brought their own lawsuits seeking to compel changes in the department. The Emanuel administration and Madigan’s office reached an in-court deal giving those activist groups a role in creating and enforcing a consent decree.

Under the proposal, the implementation of reforms would be overseen by an independent monitor reporting to the judge. Typically, consent decrees over law enforcement agencies have been overseen by a lead monitor along with a team of deputies, often academics, lawyers and former police chiefs.

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15 men sue city, allege framing by cops

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whose firm represents the 15 men, called Watts’ corruption one of the “biggest scandals” in the Police Department’s history.

“What happened to them was beyond unjust,” Loevy said. “... This is the code of silence in action.”

Many of the men attended the news conference, but none was allowed to talk.

Since 2016, the Chicago Tribune has written numerous front-page stories detailing the scandal over Watts’ nearly decadelong run of corruption.

Watts has repeatedly been accused of forcing residents and drug dealers alike to pay a “protection” tax and pressing bogus cases on those who refused to do so.

Despite mounting allegations, Watts continued to

operate for years amid a lengthy police internal affairs probe as well as investigations by the state’s attorney’s office and the FBI, according to court records.

When Watts finally was caught it was on relatively minor federal charges, and he was sentenced to 22 months in prison.

After the mass exoneration in November, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson ordered that 15 officers who were once part of Watts’ tactical team be removed from street duties and placed on paid desk duty while the Civilian Office of Police Accountability investigated their conduct from years ago. That investigation continues, a COPA spokesman said recently.

Meanwhile, the state’s at-



Watts

torney’s office has identified 10 officers with ties to Watts whom it will no longer call as prosecution witnesses because of concerns about their credibility.

McDaniels’ case is noteworthy because he alleges that other members of Watts’ crew pinned a gun on him after he refused their demands that he pay a bribe.

McDaniels alleged that after he refused to pay a bribe, Mohammed and Offi-

cer Douglas Nichols planted a gun on him. The two officers as well as Officer Manuel Leano fabricated police reports and later lied at McDaniels’ trial, McDaniels alleged.

According to court papers, Nichols and Leano were among the officers placed on desk duty as well as those barred from testifying for prosecutors.

Among those who sued Friday was Leonard Gipson, who filed a complaint with the Chicago Police Department in 2003 alleging that Watts had framed him on a drug charge because he had refused to pay “protection” money.

Gipson’s complaint went nowhere. Four months later, with his drug case pending, Gipson was visiting his girlfriend at the Ida B. Wells complex when he again ran into Watts, who had been notified of the complaint



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Attorney Jon Loevy is joined Friday by plaintiffs suing over the actions of ex-CPD Sgt. Ronald Watts and his team.

against him.

“Let me see if you can bond off on this,” Watts said to Gipson before handcuffing and planting 28 grams of heroin on him, Gipson alleged in the petition.

After two years in jail awaiting trial, he pleaded guilty on the advice of his attorney, who noted it was his word against that of the police.

Last November, Gipson

was among those in court to witness history when the Watts-related convictions of the 15 men were thrown out.

“Watts always told me, ‘If you’re not going to pay me, I’m going to get you,’” said Gipson, who had three drugs convictions tied to Watts dismissed.

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Experts say that president’s bottom line is tending to base

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presidency: “If it were anybody but Donald J. Trump, the approval numbers would be astronomical,” said Peter Hart, a Democratic pollster.

The disconnect reflects the current political moment, dominated by a polarizing president focused on pleasing his supporters on the right while further alienating most Americans regardless of whether they’re pleased with his handling of the economy. And it’s making it hard to predict what message voters may send in November.

“Donald Trump is a non-traditional president and he has severed the traditional tie between economic well-being and presidential job approval,” said Whit Ayres, a Republican consultant and pollster.

“People are not evaluat-

ing Donald Trump based on the state of the economy,” he added. “They’re evaluating him based on his conduct and behavior in office.”

The president’s approval rating is of significant concern to his party: Largely because of Trump, Republicans face more threatening political headwinds than is typical for the party in power ahead of November’s midterm elections.

For nearly his entire presidency, Trump’s approval rating hasn’t fluctuated much outside a six-point range between 38 percent and 44 percent. It was 41 percent Friday, according to the average of polling data by FiveThirtyEight, a website of presidential analyses, as the president stood on the South Lawn and credited Republicans’ tax cuts and his regulatory rollbacks and tariffs for the good fiscal news.

“If he did a lot more of what he did this morning in touting the strong economy, it would make it easier for Republican down-ballot candidates to win re-election or to be elected to open seats,” Ayres said. “There is a very good story to tell. But it’s hard to tell that story if the news is being drowned out by the latest controversy.”

Trump has been focused on an economic message this week. He defended his tariffs Thursday in Illinois and Iowa, where farmers have been hurt by retaliatory tariffs imposed by other nations, appearing at a newly reopened steel plant near St. Louis as evidence his policies are bearing economic fruit.

But Trump’s week also included: Picking fights with what he calls “fake news,” including by having a CNN reporter barred from

an event after asking questions he didn’t like; divisive rhetoric about immigration at rally-like appearances, while his administration struggled to meet a court deadline for reuniting migrant children separated from their parents at the southern border; plans to possibly yank security clearances from senior Obama and Bush administration officials who criticized him on television; and an ongoing drip of revelations related to criminal investigations of the president’s campaign and former associates.

While Bill Clinton got credit for a strong economy even amid the Lewinsky scandal because that was seen as “a one-off” for Clinton, Hart said Trump is penalized because his personal foibles, brash behavior and governing chaos are unrelenting.

Trump’s tweeting is “like antacid in the system,” said Hart, who has recently conducted focus groups in a number of swing states.

“People are looking for someone or something that will make it all calm down. It’s too much of a frenzy for people even if you’re 100 percent with Donald Trump,” Hart said. “People want more of a sense of regularity.”

Trump’s tweeting and penchant for controversy have distracted from coverage of GOP accomplishments, including the tax cuts and the conservative remaking of the judiciary.

Many Republican consultants would prefer the president use his megaphone to amplify the economic message.

But Josh Holmes, a party strategist involved in efforts to maintain its Senate majority, said Trump’s focus on

controversial cultural issues such as immigration are critical in motivating the party’s voters to turn out in November.

“The economy is still the core of Republican messaging, no matter what. It’s what gets you over the top to majority status,” Holmes said. “But you can’t start that conversation until you solidify your base.”

Trump’s hard-line position on immigration and his tweets smearing the special counsel investigation into Russia’s election interference as a witch hunt “are very motivating” for the party’s base of conservative loyalists, Holmes said.

“They react to very different stimulus than the country as a whole.”

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Trump hails key step in diplomacy with Kim

N. Korea turns over apparent remains of 55 U.S. soldiers

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump thanked North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Friday for “fulfilling a promise” to return the remains of U.S. soldiers missing from the Korean War, as a U.S. military plane made a rare trip into North Korea to retrieve 55 cases said to contain remains.

Close to 7,700 U.S. soldiers remain unaccounted for from the 1950-53 Korean War, and about 5,300 of those were lost in North Korea.

North Korea’s move signals a positive step in Trump’s diplomacy with Pyongyang, and may restart efforts to send U.S. teams into the country to search for additional war dead.

But Defense Secretary Jim Mattis cautioned that the transfer of remains “is separate” from what has so far been a troubled effort to negotiate the complete denuclearization of North Korea.

But he said it was a step in the right direction following the Trump-Kim summit in Singapore.

“This is obviously a gesture of carrying forward what they agreed to in Singapore and we take it as such,” Mattis told reporters Friday. “We also look at it as a first step of a restarted process. So we do want to explore additional efforts to bring others home.”

Despite soaring rhetoric about denuclearization be-



A casket containing the apparent remains of a U.S. soldier arrives Friday in South Korea.

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fore the Singapore meeting, the summit ended with only a vague aspirational goal for a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula without describing when and how that would occur.

Subsequent talks between U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and senior North Korean officials got off to a rocky start earlier this month, with the North accusing the Americans of making “unilateral and gangster-like” demands on denuclearization.

On Wednesday, Pompeo said a great deal of work remains ahead of a North Korea denuclearization deal, but he declined to provide any timeline.

Trump, addressing reporters on the South Lawn, said Vice President Mike Pence would greet the families and the remains of the soldiers.

“We have many others coming, but I want to thank Chairman Kim in front of the media for fulfilling a promise that he made to me,

and I’m sure that he will continue to fulfill that promise as they search and search and search,” Trump said.

“These incredible American heroes will soon lay at rest on sacred American soil,” he added.

Pence, the son of a Korean War combat veteran, said in a statement that he will participate in the ceremony when the remains arrive in the U.S. United Nations Command said the remains will be flown to Hawaii

immediately after a full honors ceremony in Seoul on Wednesday.

“It is deeply humbling to be part of this historic moment,” Pence said. “We will never forget the sacrifices these brave service members and their families made for our nation and our freedoms.”

It was early Friday when a U.S. Air Force C-17 transport plane made the trip into North Korea to retrieve 55 cases of what are believed to be remains from

the Korean War. The aircraft then flew from Wonsan to Osan Air Base in Pyeongtaek, near the South Korean capital of Seoul.

At the air base, U.S. servicemen and a military honor guard lined up on the tarmac to receive the remains, which were carried in boxes covered in blue U.N. flags. Officials in North Korea had no comment on the handover, which came on the 65th anniversary of the end of the Korean War.

Once the cases arrive in Hawaii, a series of forensic examinations will be done to determine if the remains are human and if the dead were American or allied troops killed in the conflict.

Mattis underscored that looming question, saying “we don’t know who’s in those boxes.”

But he said the gesture is important for families of the fallen, which could include any of the allies that also fought in the war.

More than 36,000 U.S. troops died in the conflict, including those listed as missing in action.

The repatriation of remains could be followed by stronger North Korean demands for fast-tracked discussions to formally end the war, which was stopped with an armistice and not a peace treaty.

South Korea’s Defense Ministry also said the North agreed to general-level military talks next week at a border village to discuss reducing tensions across the countries’ heavily armed border.

The remains are believed to be some of the more than 200 that North Korea has held in storage, and were likely recovered from land during farming or construction.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Robert Mueller plans to call 35 witnesses in Paul Manafort trial

WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller’s office says it plans to call 35 witnesses in the trial of President Donald Trump’s former campaign chairman set to begin Tuesday in Alexandria, Va.

Prosecutors filed the witness list Friday in the case of Paul Manafort. The 35 names include former accountants, assistants and even friends.

Among the witnesses is Rick Gates, Manafort’s

deputy and co-defendant, who has pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate.

Also listed is Tad Devine, who ran Bernie Sanders’ Democratic presidential campaign but was also a longtime participant in Manafort’s Ukrainian political work.

Manafort is accused of routing millions of dollars in proceeds from Ukrainian political consulting work into offshore accounts to fund a lavish lifestyle.

NTSB: Recordings show change in weather before boat sank

ST. LOUIS — Video and audio recordings from a fatal tourist boat accident in Missouri show that the lake went from calm to deadly dangerous within minutes.

The National Transportation Safety Board on Friday released data from the video recorder system salvaged by divers after the duck boat sank July 19 at Table Rock Lake near Branson. Seventeen of the 31 people on board died.

The recordings show the lake was calm when the vessel entered around 6:55 p.m. But the NTSB says whitecaps appeared at 7 p.m., and winds increased. Water began splashing the passenger compartment by 7:05 p.m.

Also on Friday, an Indiana family that lost nine relatives in the disaster held a funeral for four of them: Glenn Coleman, 40, and his children Reece, 9, Evan, 7, and Arya, 1.

World gazes at total lunar eclipse, longest of this century

JOHANNESBURG — Curiosity and awe have greeted a complete lunar eclipse, the longest one of this century and visible in much of the world.

The so-called “blood moon,” when it turns a deep red, was visible at different times in Australia, Africa, Asia, Europe and South America when the sun, Earth and moon lined up perfectly, casting Earth’s shadow on the moon.

The total eclipse lasted 1 hour and 43 minutes, with the entire event lasting closer to four hours and could also be viewed during a live NASA webcast.

In a special treat, Mars is also at its closest approach to Earth this week since 2003, making it appear bigger and brighter.

Excited skywatchers on social media shared photos of the bright planet just to the right of the moon.



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Palestinians gather as tear gas canisters are launched by Israeli forces Friday trying to disperse protesters near the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip. Gaza officials said two Palestinians were killed during the weekly demonstration.

Greek fire damages more than 2,000 homes; death toll at 86

MATI, Greece — More than 2,000 homes were damaged in this week’s deadly wildfire near Athens and roughly a quarter of them will have to be demolished, Greek officials said Friday, revealing more about the disaster that has seen the government face mounting criticism.

As the death toll from the fire reached 86, the Infrastructure Ministry said it has inspected some 2,000 damaged homes in the fire-hit Rafina area, 18 miles east of the capital.

State coroners have completed autopsies on all the bodies recovered so far,

and increased the death toll to 86.

Greek government officials have refused to acknowledge criticism, including claims of poor emergency planning ahead of the country’s annual wildfire season.

On Friday, however, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras sought to defuse the mounting criticism of his government.

“I accept full political responsibility for this tragedy,” Tsipras told a televised meeting with his Cabinet ministers. “It is an obvious thing for the prime minister to do and I urge

you to do the same.”

Rafina Mayor Evangelos Bournous said an evacuation wouldn’t have been an option, given the speed of the fire and the haphazard layout of the area, which featured small winding roads and cliffs next to the sea.

Authorities have said the fire moved with such speed that ordering an evacuation of the area could have resulted in even more casualties.

They have also said that the deadly fire may have been the result of arson, and are investigating the source of the fire.

Twitter reports decline in users; stock plunges

Twitter’s stock plunged nearly 21 percent on Friday after the social media company said its average monthly users fell in the second quarter and would decline further this year as it removes fake and abusive accounts.

The stock fell \$8.82 to \$34.12 a share, erasing \$6.6

billion of Twitter’s overall stock-market value. It was the second worst single-day percentage drop for the company since it went public in 2013.

The drop marked an abrupt reversal for Twitter’s shares, which had soared 119 percent in the 12 months prior to the San

Francisco-based company releasing its quarterly financial report.

Twitter’s decline came one day after the stock of Facebook plummeted 19 percent due to that company’s slowing growth rates. The drop wiped \$120 billion from Facebook’s market value.

800 storm fences to enter Spanish zone in North Africa

MADRID — Around 800 migrants stormed border fences separating Spain’s North African enclave of Ceuta from Morocco to get into Europe, police said Thursday.

Spain’s Civil Guard said 602 migrants made it onto Spanish soil in a massive assault on high, barbed-wire fences shortly after dawn.

Migrants also threw stones at police vehicles, breaking windows, and hurled crude grenades at police officers.

Police said 16 migrants were taken to the hospital, while five of 15 police hurt were also hospitalized. The Spanish Red Cross said 132 migrants were hurt in the mass charge.

Spain’s Maritime Rescue Service said it picked up 332 people in the Mediterranean on Thursday — 232 on 19 boats in the Strait and 100 in two boats further east. On Wednesday, it rescued 424 people.

Oldest person: The death of Chiyo Miyako, 117, was confirmed Friday by Kanagawa prefecture, her home state south of Tokyo. She was born in 1901, and became the world’s oldest person in April after the death of Nabi Tajima, 117, also of Japan. Guinness said the successor as world’s oldest is yet to be confirmed.

Police: Man bites dog A man accused of stealing a tractor before leading Denver police on a slow-speed chase through the city also is charged with biting and choking a police dog and stealing two other cars. Altogether 23 charges were filed Thursday against Thomas Busch, 37, for the July 20 incident.

2 dead as 'terrifying' fires fuel evacuations in Calif.

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Associated Press

REDDING, Calif. — A wildfire that roared with little warning into a Northern California city killed 2 firefighters as thousands of people scrambled to escape before the walls of flames descended from forested hills onto their neighborhoods, officials said Friday.

Residents who gathered their belongings in haste described a chaotic and congested getaway as the fire leaped across the Sacramento River and torched subdivisions in Redding, a city of 92,000 about 100 miles south of the Oregon border.

"I've never experienced something so terrifying in my life," said Liz Williams, who loaded up two kids in her car and then found herself locked in bumper-to-bumper traffic with neighbors trying to retreat from Lake Redding Estates. She eventually jumped the curb onto the sidewalk and "booked it."

"I didn't know if the fire was just going to jump out



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An inmate firefighter stops for a moment Friday as a wildfire burns in Redding, Calif.

behind a bush and grab me and suck me in," Williams said. "I wanted out of here."

The blaze leveled dozens of homes, leaving neighborhoods smoldering and 37,000 people under evacuation orders.

The flames moved so fast that firefighters working in oven-like temperatures and bone-dry conditions had to drop efforts to battle the blaze to help people escape.

The fire, which created at least two flaming tornadoes that toppled trees, shook trucks and shattered windows, took "down

everything in its path," said Scott McLean, a spokesman for Cal Fire, the state agency responsible for fighting wildfires.

Fire officials warned that the blaze would probably burn deeper into urban areas before there was any hope of containing it, though it either changed direction or was stopped before it could burn into the core of the city.

Redding sits at the northern end of the agricultural Central Valley, surrounded by a scenic landscape. Rivers channel abundant winter rainfall

into massive reservoirs used for boating and fishing. The area's stunning mountains, including snow-capped Mount Shasta, topping 14,000 feet, are a playground for outdoor enthusiasts.

A firefighter with the Redding Fire Department was killed in Shasta County. Another firefighter hired to try to contain the flames with a bulldozer was killed Thursday, authorities said.

Fire crews in Redding for a time abandoned any hope of containing the flames and instead focused on saving lives.

"We're not fighting a fire," said Jonathan Cox, battalion chief with Cal Fire. "We're trying to move people out of the path of it because it is now deadly, and it is now moving at speeds and in ways we have not seen before in this area."

Late Thursday, crews found the body of the bulldozer operator who had been hired privately to clear vegetation in the blaze's path. He was the second bulldozer operator killed in a California blaze in less than two weeks.

Trump denies he knew of tower meet in advance

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump denied Friday that he knew in advance about a Trump Tower meeting in June 2016 between a Russian lawyer, his eldest son and other campaign aides that had been convened to hear dirt on his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

Trump tweeted, "NO," he "did NOT know of the meeting with my son, Don jr."

CNN reported Thursday that Trump's former long-time lawyer and fixer, Michael Cohen, claims Trump knew in advance about the meeting.

CNN cited anonymous sources saying Cohen was willing to share that information with special counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating possible collusion between Trump's campaign and Russia.

A person familiar with the investigation confirmed that report to The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to speak.

Attorneys for Cohen did not respond to requests for comment on CNN's report that Cohen claimed he was present when Trump Jr. told his father about the Tower meeting and the elder Trump approved it.

Cohen wasn't at the Trump Tower meeting and has not offered evidence to support the claim that Trump knew about the meeting. He does not have any recordings of the meeting, according to the person who spoke to the AP.

Trump's team met with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya, believing she had dirt on Clinton.

The Associated Press reported this week that Veselnitskaya worked more closely with senior Russian government officials than she has let on, based on scores of emails, transcripts and legal documents that show her to be a well-connected attorney who served as a ghostwriter for top Russian government lawyers and received assistance from senior Interior Ministry personnel in a case

involving a key client.

Trump, who has denied knowing about the meeting before it happened, also shot back at Cohen, who was once so loyal to Trump that he said he'd take a bullet for his boss.

"Sounds to me like someone is trying to make up stories in order to get himself out of an unrelated jam," Trump tweeted, adding: "(Taxi cabs maybe?). He even retained Bill and Crooked Hillary's lawyer. Gee, I wonder if they helped him make the choice!"

Cohen, whose business dealings are being investigated by the FBI, has long-time dealings in the taxi industry and owns several medallions for New York City yellow cabs that allow them to pick up passengers on the street.

Cohen is under federal investigation in New York. The Justice Department has been investigating Cohen for months, raiding his home, office and hotel room in search of documents related to a \$130,000 payment the attorney facilitated before the 2016 election to Stormy Daniels, an adult-film actress who says she had sex with Trump in 2006.

In an interview with ABC News this month, Cohen declined to answer if Trump knew about the Trump Tower meeting in advance, citing the advice of his lawyers and the ongoing investigation.

Trump also on Friday dismissed as "ridiculous" a report that Mueller's team is looking at Trump's tweets as they investigate possible collusion and obstruction of justice.

Trump complained that he had returned from a trip Midwest on Thursday "only to be greeted with the ridiculous news" that Mueller and his team "cannot find Collusion so now they are looking at my Tweets (along with 53 million other people)."

"(T)he rigged Witch Hunt continues!" he complained, adding: "How stupid and unfair to our Country?"

Mueller is known to be scrutinizing Trump's tweets about Attorney General Jeff Sessions and former F.B.I. director James Comey.



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Michael Cohen's credibility and truthfulness were questioned in tweets Friday by President Donald Trump.

Trump 'open' to visit Putin in Moscow

Russian president extends invitation

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is willing to visit Moscow, the White House said Friday, hours after Russian President Vladimir Putin said Trump "has such an invitation."

The statement comes as Trump's apparent eagerness to embrace Putin is coming under increasing scrutiny after the summit between the two leaders last week in Helsinki.

"President Trump looks forward to having President Putin to Washington after the first of the year, and he is open to visiting Moscow upon receiving a formal invitation," White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said.

On Wednesday, the White House announced that a planned follow-up meeting between Trump and Putin in Washington, expected to take place this

fall, will instead be pushed to next year.

Putin said Friday that he was prepared to visit Trump in Washington and that he had also invited the president to Moscow. Either way, Putin said, the timing for such a visit had to be right — an apparent reference to White House claims that the next Putin-Trump summit needs to wait until after the conclusion of special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign.

"By the way, he has such an invitation," Putin said at an international summit Friday in Johannesburg, referring to the possibility of a Trump visit to Moscow. "I'm also prepared to come to Washington but, I'll repeat, only if the appropriate conditions are created there."

Putin said he and Trump have important matters to discuss, including Iran, the war in Syria, and the looming expiration of the New Start nuclear arms control treaty in 2021.

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Walgreens has unveiled a new digital platform to connect patients to doctors, and allow them to schedule clinic appointments.

Walgreens unveils new digital platform

Site, app will connect patients to doctors, allow them to schedule clinic appointments

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Walgreens has unveiled a new digital platform to connect customers to medical services, just weeks after its stock dove on news that Amazon is expanding into the pharmacy business.

Deerfield-based Walgreens' new Find Care Now platform, available online and on the pharmacy chain's app, allows patients to schedule appointments at its in-store Advocate clinics, talk with doctors and therapists through telehealth company MDLIVE, and schedule online dermatology appointments through online dermatology service DermatologistOnCall. Patients can also get second opinions through the NewYork-Presbyterian health care system and make eye and hearing appointments at Walgreens stores. In other parts of the country, Walgreens has partnered with a number of other regional health care providers.

The platform lists prices for the services, before insurance, and it lists the nearest locations and wait times.

"It only makes sense for us to make it even

easier for consumers to access different health care services that we or our partners provide, and to do that based on where they are, based on their health conditions," said Giovanni Monti, Walgreens Boots Alliance vice president and director of health care innovation.

When asked whether the offering is related to Amazon's push into the pharmacy business, Monti said, "We're very, very focused on our product development and strategy and we're, of course, very aware of what's happening in the market, but we do what we believe is right for our customers and augments or accelerates our strategy."

The platform has been in development for "some time," said spokesman Jim Cohn.

Walgreens lost about \$6 billion in value in one day, last month, when Amazon announced it was acquiring PillPack, an online pharmacy headquartered in Massachusetts. Shares of CVS Health and Rite Aid fell as well that day. The drop came despite fiscal third-quarter earnings for Walgreens that beat expectations.

On an earnings call that same day, Walgreens executives expressed confidence in their strategy, with Walgreens Boots Alliance CEO Stefano Pessina saying physical pharmacies will continue to be "very, very important in the future."

PillPack serves patients who take multiple

medications, sorting those medications into individual packets and then mailing them to patients. The company also coordinates refills and renewals. PillPack is already in-network with many major pharmacy benefit managers and is also in-network with most Medicare Part D plans, according to its website. Investors and industry watchers had been keeping an eye on Amazon's potential entry into the pharmacy space for some time — though a number of analysts have said that the market's sharp response to the PillPack news last month was an overreaction.

"At least for the foreseeable future, there's going to be a role for the local pharmacies, because, after all, this is a relationship business," said John Boylan, a senior equity analyst for Edward Jones.

He expects Walgreens will continue to forge partnerships with others in the health care industry and continue expanding its in-store services. He said the new platform is yet another way for Walgreens to connect with consumers.

"It's still too early to figure out what Amazon's ultimate move is ... but anything that can bring a customer to a site or a store is a good thing, regardless of what happens," Boylan said.

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Trade war threatens Caterpillar's resurgence

It could halt what was shaping up as record year for profits

BY JOE DEAUX
Bloomberg News

For Caterpillar, a bellwether of American industrial might, President Donald Trump's trade war is threatening to halt what was shaping up as a record year for profits.

Analysts have been predicting net income could reach an all-time high of \$6.24 billion as expanding economies fuel robust demand for the manufacturer's signature yellow diggers, bulldozers and dump trucks. But the shares had their worst first half since the recession of 2009, and they've been slow to rebound.

That's because Caterpillar gets more than half its sales outside the U.S., and an escalating trade war is menacing global economic-growth prospects.

Tensions have been high as Trump warned he could expand import tariffs that have already led to retaliatory duties by China, Mexico, Canada and Europe. Rising metal prices that have dented industrial profits could ensnare Caterpillar's recovery.

"That's the biggest risk," said Larry De Maria, an analyst at William Blair & Co. "The trade war absolutely could have an impact and spill over into the global economy, and could have an impact on the strong cycle Caterpillar has seen in their end-markets generally."

Revenue at Deerfield-based Caterpillar is forecast to rise to \$14 billion in the second quarter from \$11.3 billion the same period a year earlier, based on the average of 13 analysts' estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

Net income was expected to rise to \$2.59 a share from \$1.35. The company reports on Monday.

Caterpillar has given investors a series of better-than-expected results after a downturn in commodities pulled sales lower for four straight years through 2016. The company went from the second-worst performer of the Dow Jones Industrial Average in 2015 to the second-best last year.

That string of earnings and sale surprises may be in danger of being snapped with the trade war.

The International Monetary Fund warned that the friction is threatening to derail a global upswing that's already losing momentum amid weaker growth in Europe and Japan. On Wednesday, General Motors Co. cut its forecast for profit this year, in part because of surging prices for steel and aluminum after the U.S. slapped tariffs on the metals.

Higher costs for the steel Caterpillar purchases to make equipment could show up three to six months after U.S. tariffs are imposed on imports of the metal, Amy Campbell, director of investor relations, said in March after the U.S. announced the tariffs.

In its first-quarter earnings statement in April, Caterpillar lifted its 2018 profit projection amid a broadening recovery in mining and construction as well as fatter margins after years of cost cutting. But on the call that followed, the company said first-quarter adjusted profit per share "will be the high watermark for the year."

"There's been a lot more tariff discussion and the issue is out there, so I think that they have to discuss that within the context of the 'high watermark' comment that scared people," William Blair's De Maria said. They'll also have to explain what they're seeing "in regard to global growth and how much tariffs may eventually impact global growth and how they manage those tariffs."

Caterpillar was little changed at 10:01 a.m. in New York. The stock fell 14 percent in the first half of 2018.

Striking window washers ratify new contract

Workers win wage increase to \$26 hourly over the life of the deal

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

After nearly a month on strike, the window washers who dangle from Chicago's downtown high-rises have ratified a new contract that includes a 27 percent wage hike.

The agreement raises the base hourly wage of experienced window washers to \$26 over the life of the five-year contract, and doubles their life insurance to \$100,000 from \$50,000, Service Employees International Union Local 1 said Friday after members "overwhelmingly" approved the contract.

The wage increase, from \$20.50 currently, is the largest in the union's history, said the SEIU Local 1, which represents about 260 window washers.

"I'm more than happy," said Cruz Guzman, 27, a second-generation window washer who helped negotiate the new contract. "My dad never saw a wage increase like this."

The window washers went on strike July 2, two days after their last contract expired. Some window washers could return to work as soon as Friday evening, union spokeswoman Izabela Miltko-Ivkovich said. Others will return to work on Monday.

Cleaning projects have been halted on Chicago's glassy buildings during the strike, which was a "big disruption," said Tom Trinen, president of Service One, which employs over 50 union window washers.

"Both employers and employees and clients are very anxious to get them back," Trinen said. "It hasn't been positive for either side. No



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Window washers chant July 2 while asking for change during a march for the strike of high-rise window washers in Chicago.

one wins with a strike. "

He added: "They deserve a raise. They work hard."

The window washers' contract dispute attracted symbolic support from dozens of aldermen, the city's Latino Caucus and Democratic U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth. Even Mayor Rahm Emanuel made a point to walk out and approach the striking workers with handshakes when they demonstrated outside City Hall, though he did not specifically address the protest or the demands.

Guzman said the victory is not only about wages, but also an industry culture that some workers feel has lagged behind other trades.

"This strike brought everyone together," said Guzman, who picketed daily. "It only makes the membership stronger in terms of what you want from the process."

The union had initially sought a three-year contract with a base wage increase to \$25. The agreed-upon contract raises the wage a bit more gradually, to \$24.25 in year three and to \$26 in year five.

It also raises the starting wage for apprentices to \$16, from \$12 currently, effective Wednesday.

"The companies recognized

that to recruit window washers they had to increase the starting pay and ensure they took care of their employees," said Efrain Elias, residential division director at the union.

The new contract also addresses workers' concerns about rising health insurance premiums. Employers currently pay 60 percent of workers' premiums, but the amount is capped, and the union wanted to lift the cap. The cap won't be lifted, but employers will contribute more in the last two years of the contract, Elias said.

Corporate Cleaning Services, the largest window washing company in the city and the main target of the union's protest, cast the agreement as a victory for the company.

"Despite several weeks of vicious personal attacks against him, (CEO) Neal Zucker took a leadership role in these negotiations, to ensure a fair wage for both his workers at Corporate Cleaning Services and the employees at the city's other window-washing companies," the company said in a statement. "We are pleased that those workers recognized that SEIU's unreasonable and unprece-

ded demand for a 37 percent wage increase was not realistic and that they voted for the fair wage and strong insurance package we offered. We look forward to continuing to provide our clients with the high-quality, professional service they deserve."

Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker called Zucker in recent weeks about the strike at the request of SEIU, a campaign spokeswoman said.

"I was pleased to call the owner of the window-washing company to express to him my desire that they settle this — that the striking workers get a reasonable wage — and encouraged him to come back to the bargaining table," Pritzker said at an unrelated event Friday.

Pritzker said he was "just one voice" among several people in conversations during the strike, "but I'm really glad they ended up settling."

Jorge Arizaga, 27, started as a window washer eight years ago earning \$10 an hour at a small company. Now at Corporate Cleaning Services, where he says he earns \$20.50, Arizaga said the raise will help his family.

"We don't live a luxurious lifestyle," he said. "If I could vacation a little more often, take a few days off to dedicate to my wife and kids — not only do I deserve it, but they deserve it too."

Though the job is dangerous, Arizaga says he enjoys it, and he looks forward to going back to his perch hanging from the sides of the city's tallest buildings.

"It's fun, it's exciting, it's a bunch of adrenaline," he said. "The view is amazing. We watch the sunrise on Lake Michigan."

Chicago Tribune's Greg Pratt and Rick Pearson contributed.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,580.22 Low: 25,370.07 Previous: 25,527.07



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-114.77 (-1.46%)	-18.62 (-.66%)	-32.02 (-1.89%)
Close: 7,737.42	Close: 2,818.82	Close: 1,663.34
High: 7,889.75	High: 2,843.17	High: 1,697.30
Low: 7,698.96	Low: 2,808.34	Low: 1,660.43
Previous: 7,852.19	Previous: 2,837.44	Previous: 1,695.36

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.01 to 2.96%	-2.70 to \$1,222.60	-0.23 to 111.00/\$1	-0.0008 to .8579/\$1	-0.92 to \$68.69

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.57	NASD -1.06	S&P +.61	DOW +4.86	NASD +3.02	S&P +3.70	DOW +16.59	NASD +21.38	S&P +14.03

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	536	542	525.25	530.50	-6
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	361	363.75	359.50	362	+50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Aug 18	858.25	874	858.25	870.50	+9.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Aug 18	28.15	28.58	28.11	28.56	+41
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Aug 18	332.20	336.00	331.60	332.70	+10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Sep 18	69.58	69.77	68.26	68.69	-92
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Aug 18	2.775	2.831	2.769	2.807	+0.027
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Aug 18	2.1600	2.1850	2.1540	2.1619	-0.004

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	65.26	-0.40	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	89.96	-0.26
AbbVie Inc	N	90.56	-3.38	Equity Residential	N	64.03	-0.47
Allstate Corp	N	94.64	-1.12	Exelon Corp	N	42.20	-0.07

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Twitter Inc	34.12	-8.82
Chesapck Engr	4.41	+0.01
Bank of America	31.06	+1.12

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	189.42	-4.76
Alphabet Inc C	1238.50	-29.83
Alphabet Inc A	1252.89	-32.61

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.95	-0.33	+20.3
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.72	-0.09	+9.4
American Funds CptWldGrInCA	651.83	-1.13	+3.5

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	18.94	+5.9
Intel Corp	47.68	-4.48
Facebook Inc	174.89	-1.37

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.97	1.95
2-year disc	2.11	2.12
6-month	2.69	2.68
10-year	2.96	2.97
30-year	3.08	3.10

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1222.60	\$1225.30
Silver	\$15.415	\$15.365
Platinum	\$820.30	\$822.90

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.00
Discount Rate Primary	2.50
Fed Funds Target	1.75-2.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.47

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	27.3295
Australia (Dollar)	1.3505
Brazil (Real)	3.7171
Britain (Pound)	.7626
Canada (Dollar)	1.3067
China (Yuan)	6.8127
Euro	.8579
India (Rupee)	68.681
Israel (Shekel)	3.6557
Japan (Yen)	111.00
Mexico (Peso)	18.6237
Poland (Zloty)	3.68
So. Korea (Won)	1118.28
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.58
Thailand (Baht)	33.38

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2873.59	-8.6/-3
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Nikkei	22712.75	+125.9/+6
MSCI-EAFE	/...	/...
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EDITORIALS

Save for tomorrow! Keeping retirees away from the cat dish

Whether you'll have to eat Meow Mix in retirement has some public officials concerned. Does having enough money to live on after your final paycheck worry you? We hope it does, but we can't be sure. That's because "How America Saves 2018," the latest iteration of an annual report from the Vanguard Group of mutual funds, suggests that many Americans are saving much less than they'll need to supplement payments from Social Security — a program that, without reforms, is racing toward insolvency.

Keeping tomorrow's retirees out of possible poverty is, therefore, a serious concern and a rising public policy priority. This week Republicans in the U.S. House floated plans for a new kind of universal savings account — less specialized and less rigid than the current array of college, health and other federal savings plans. That's a potential plus for many Americans, including millions of workers whose private-sector employers offer no pensions or retirement savings plans. For many of those workers, life after career is a crisis waiting to happen.



State Sen. Daniel Biss

Illinois alone has between 1 million and 2.5 million such workers — estimates vary because nobody really knows — at small companies or among the self-employed. Our mission here is to point these Illinoisans toward a now-unfolding, state-authorized program called Secure Choice.



Treasurer Michael Frerichs

Illinois is one of the first states to implement such a plan. We began supporting Secure Choice in 2014 when state Sen. Daniel Biss, an Evanston Democrat, introduced the enabling legislation. And we're encouraging eligible employers and workers to hop on board now that state Treasurer Michael Frerichs is rolling out the program.

Yes, we too wondered at first about trusting the financially ham-handed state of Illinois to oversee a retirement program. Then we came to understand that "oversee" doesn't let Springfield within arm's length of workers' money. It's deducted from paychecks; state government

merely waves at the money as it travels to employees' low-fee accounts at a private-sector fund manager.

Do you work at a family-owned restaurant? Fix cars at a local mechanics shop? Serve a small not-for-profit? Many businesses in those sectors can't afford to offer the 401(k)-style plans that many of us enjoy — and they certainly can't afford to offer pensions.

So a nudge from government that does not put taxpayers at risk makes sense. Workers start out setting aside 5 percent of each paycheck. They choose a Roth individual retirement account and can manage the money themselves. Employers don't match contributions from employees. Instead they merely set up the deduction process, and the state has made it pretty easy. Once set up, the process is automated and mindless.

The state contracts with the money manager who accepts each worker's contribution, and has safeguards in place to monitor investment returns, account costs and portfolios.

To the extent this is a nanny-state program that imposes duties on small employers, the inconvenience is minuscule compared with the good that Secure Choice will perform for workers who otherwise wouldn't save.

No investment comes without risk. These workers will face the same ups and downs as anyone else whose retirement depends on investment returns. But it's their money, not taxpayers', and workers can opt out if they don't want to participate.

We hope they won't. Studies have shown that if employers don't offer a retirement program, workers put off saving. By contrast, when workers do have access to a program, many will participate. As the money automatically comes out of their paychecks, they adjust.

And they build nest eggs. Which sound more appetizing than Meow Mix.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

For pro-choice advocates, the fall of Roe would be a disastrous defeat. Brown v. Board of Education was controversial when decided but gained wide acceptance over time. The Roe decision has never achieved a similar consensus. ... As a result, since 1973, pro-choice advocates have been fighting a rearguard action to defend the right to abortion. For Roe to be overturned would be the ultimate failure of nearly half a century of pro-choice strategy.

The aftermath of a decision striking down the right to abortion would be complicated. Democrats would have to convince majorities in each state to protect abortion. It could become impossible for women to obtain legal abortions in the numerous states that have tried to enact more restrictive abortion laws in recent decades (only to have them struck down by the courts). Abortions could be outlawed in much or all of the South, the Southwest, and the intermountain West.

Abortion rights would immediately become a wedge issue for Democrats ... For as long as abortion has been legal, conservatives, for their part, have been able to count on the crucial votes of centrists who prefer conservative candidates but quietly want to preserve the option of abortion. With Roe overturned, Republicans might lose the 34 percent of their voters who believe that abortion should be legal in most or all cases.

Noah Feldman,
 The New York Review of Books

As a nation we seem to have lost all enthusiasm for racial integration. A culture of individualism has led people to focus more on individual outcomes and less on the components of each community. We have settled into a reality that is separate and unequal, and we seem not too alarmed about that. ...

(T)he left-wingers have it correct when they point to the systems of oppression that pervade society: the legacy of residential segregation; the racist attitudes in the workplace that demonstrably make it much harder for African-American men to get jobs; the prejudices — in the schools,

in the streets and in the judicial system — that make it much more likely that African-American males will be punished, incarcerated and marginalized.

But conservatives are right to point to the importance of bourgeois norms. Three institutions do an impressive job of reducing racial disparity: the military, marriage and church. ... (B)lack men who served in the military are more likely to be in the middle class than those who did not. Black men who attended religious services are 76 percent more likely to attain at least middle-class status than those who did not. (T)he general presence of fathers — not just one's own — in the community is a powerful determinant of whether young men will be able to rise and thrive. ...

Both critiques are correct. If we're going to do something about this appalling retrogression on race, we probably need to be radical on both ends.

David Brooks, The New York Times

President Trump insisted that NATO has "got to start paying your bills." But such arguments are divisive without yielding much benefit in military effectiveness. Instead of arguing about money, upon which President Trump appears to fixate, the administration should decide what it is willing to do. First, Washington should turn Europe's defense over to Europe. Other than being ready to act if something went drastically wrong and the revived Red Army ended up marching down the Champs-Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe, the U.S. should view European security with benign neglect. Europeans then would make their military decisions based on their own needs, with the knowledge that they could not offload the problem onto America. How much do they worry and how much are they willing to do in response?

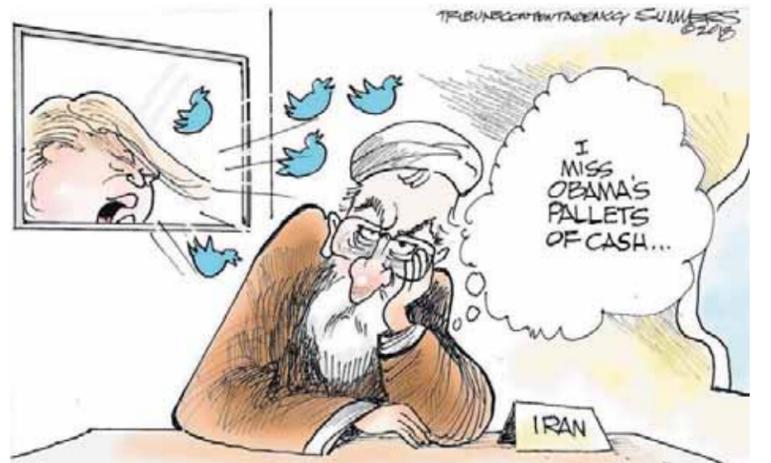
There is no reason to believe that an alliance created decades ago in the midst of the Cold War is the best form of military organization today. Instead of arguing over spending targets, the allies should discuss defense responsibilities. And then adjust NATO appropriately.

Doug Bandow, The National Interest

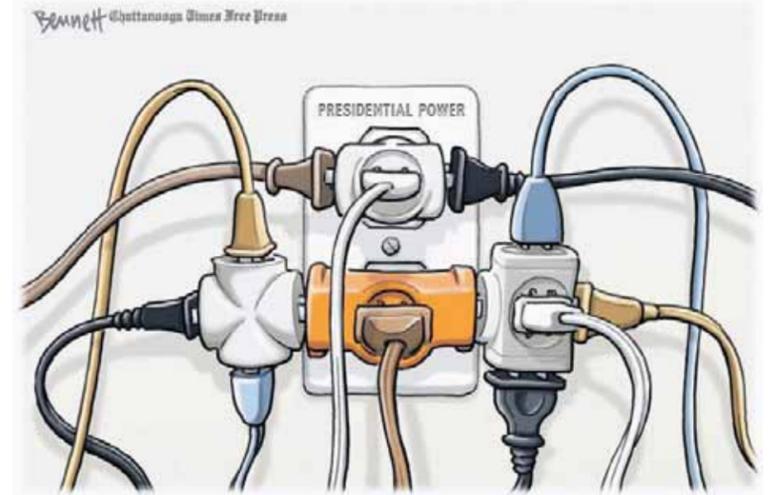
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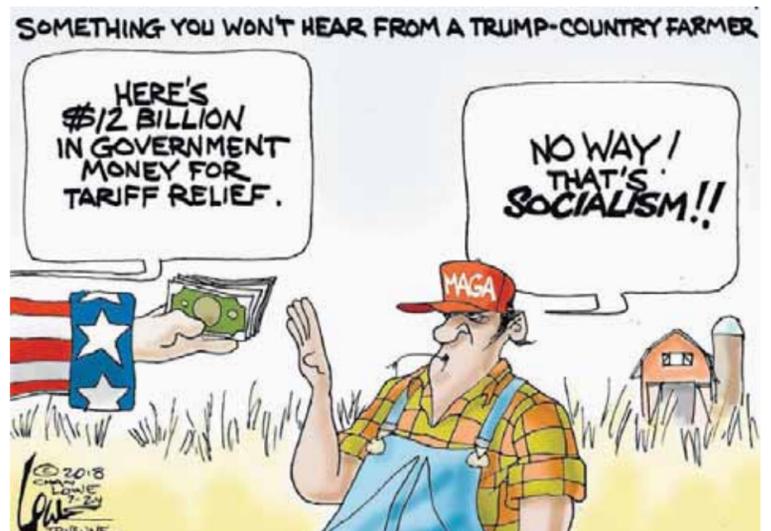
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Russia's aggression has included military moves and attacks on democratic institutions.

We're at war

As a lifelong Democrat and a baby boomer with vivid memories of the Cold War, I feel doubly qualified to respond to columnist Marc Thiessen's assertion that Democrats are (and always have been) soft on Russia.

First, the assertion that Democrats were Soviet Union appeasers during the Cold War is utter nonsense. Harry Truman, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson all fought communism and did so on numerous fronts.

Second, if Democrats were so soft on Russia, why would the Kremlin favor President Donald Trump's candidacy (as Vladimir Putin openly admitted during the infamous Helsinki press conference)? In case you can't answer that one, it's because his Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton was vocally tough on Russia and rightfully wary of Putin.

Third, and most important, I would posit that it is Trump and his Republican brethren in Congress who are showing alarming restraint vis-a-vis Russia at a time when a will to fight for our democratic institutions and values has never been more needed.

Make no mistake: We are at war with Russia. It is not a hot war with troops on the ground and bombs flying through the air. It is not a cold war with arms buildups and classroom bomb drills. No, this is what I would call a Warm War, which is in many ways more insidious. It's like the frog in tepid water heating up so gradually that by the time the water's at a full boil the poor frog has lost its ability to leap to safety.

Make no mistake: The Russians hacked our electoral infrastructure. This has already come to light in the Mueller investigation. The Russians are using their prowess at propaganda and disseminating disinformation (skills honed to perfection during the Soviet era) to sow distrust among Americans. And they are pursuing the same strategies with our allies in Britain and Europe or at least attempting to.

Make no mistake: These acts of aggression are acts of war. Our democratic institutions and our way of life are at stake.

— Elizabeth Bloom Albert, Highland Park

ports. Around \$20 billion of items on the list are products made by foreign companies operating in China, including many by U.S. companies. The announcement of possible 10 percent tariffs on another \$200 billion of Chinese goods would further increase the cost of production for U.S. companies, make consumer products more expensive and bring detrimental results to U.S. manufacturers and consumers.

The present U.S. trade deficit with China does not mean the U.S. is suffering a loss. Huge imports from China help keep the U.S. inflation rate relatively low by providing inexpensive, high-quality products. On the other hand, the U.S. has a surplus in services trade with China, which reached \$55.7 billion in 2016.

As a strategic market, China is a place where American companies profit greatly. U.S. companies operating in China sell a great amount of their products to the Chinese market with a total value of \$600 billion.

But the trade war forces China to safeguard its interests, the dignity of its people and the world's multilateral free-trade system. That is why China must fight back with reciprocal tariffs on U.S. products and with a complaint against the U.S. at the World Trade Organization.

Common interests between China and the U.S. far outweigh the differences. China's long-lasting mutual beneficial relations with Chicago, Illinois and other Midwestern states have brought tremendous benefits to both sides. But the U.S. trade moves are causing severe uncertainty and could cause unexpected harm. China hopes that the U.S. government will walk away from unilateral protectionism and resume a reasonable and pragmatic approach to China-U.S. economic and trade cooperation.

— Hong Lei, consul general, Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, Chicago

Striking a balance

Just as Chicago's affordable housing needs go far beyond the "red hot" neighborhoods that have, until recently, eluded the attention of Tribune reporters and the editorial board, the city's efforts to promote affordability far exceed the paper's inaccurate representations of the successful Affordable Requirements Ordinance.

The ARO was adopted with the assistance of dozens of affordable housing advocates and developers with a twofold purpose: to require a viable amount of affordable housing in large, market-rate projects and to generate revenues that support affordable housing citywide. Both are critical to balance affordable development between strong and weak neighborhoods and to help undo the legacy of segregation that undermines Chicago's role as the nation's most livable big city.

An important component to help achieve this balance are the fees paid by developers through the ARO to meet a portion of their affordable housing obligations. Expanding the program to eliminate the fees on the North Side in exchange for on-site affordable units, as the Tribune suggested, would deny millions of dollars in housing support to low- and moderate-income families across the West and South sides. It would also result in fewer — and smaller — affordable units being developed overall.

The city's current pilot program that eliminates the fee option, among other provisions, within portions of the Northwest and Near West sides was implemented in 2017 with very specific goals: to test the policy's impact on new construction and fees, as well as the effect on nearby areas with limited construction activity. This prudent, three-year approach will help determine how an expanded policy might be appropriate within other targeted areas of the city, without the wholesale sacrifice of the ARO's fundamental purpose.

The ARO is not a magic wand to solve the city's complex affordability issues, but one of many important resources, which include tax increment financing, tax credits, loans, bonds and other funding mechanisms, that support a wide array of affordability concerns citywide, such as accessibility improvements for seniors, rental assistance, roof and porch repairs, emergency furnace repairs, homebuyer assistance, and multiple programs that support affordable housing construction and rehabilitation for eligible households.

"There's a fine line between sound urban planning and a market killed by good intentions," the Tribune said in praise of a weaker ARO in 2007. "If set-aside requirements become too onerous, developers will simply find places outside the city where they have more freedom to build what the market will buy."

The fine line the city addresses through its housing programs is constantly evolving, requiring research, data and many public- and private-sector partners. And clearly, more work needs to be done. That's why Mayor Rahm Emanuel will continue to leverage new and existing resources that target displacement, gentrification and other needs identified in Chicago's five-year housing plan.

— David L. Reifman, commissioner, Department of Planning and Development, Chicago

Protecting workers

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth spoke to the Tribune recently about being willing to breast-feed on the Senate floor, and she cast a vote in the Senate earlier this year with her newborn in her arms. That Duckworth can make these choices is a credit to both her colleagues and to her own tenacity, but also an indicator of the inequities that remain in the workplace. When Oscar Munoz suffered a heart attack just after starting as CEO of United Airlines, he went on medical leave for five months. When former U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk suffered a stroke, he took a year off for physical therapy before returning to the Senate. But too many people aren't given the same ability to take the leave they need, and working people across America are still being effectively punished for taking time off to be with their loved ones.

Only 15 percent of the workforce has paid family leave through their employers, and less than 40 percent has medical leave through an employer-provided short-term disability program. The Family and Medical Leave Act, passed in 1993, only provides unpaid leave and only for employers with 50 or more employees. Not surprisingly, a majority of working people cannot access this — either because they are not eligible or because they cannot afford to take unpaid leave.

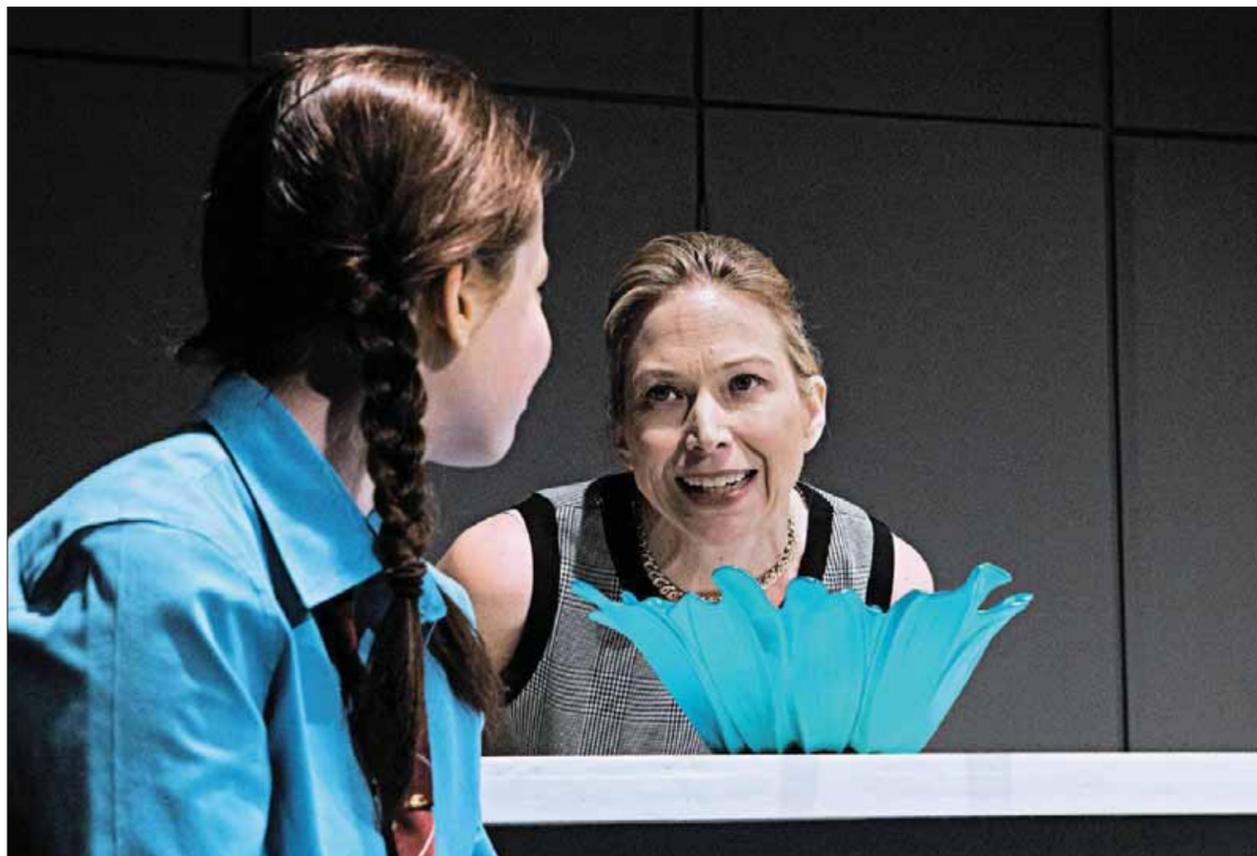
The United States needs a national paid family and medical leave program with job protection so workers can actually use it. The Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act would create an insurance program from payroll contributions to allow all workers up to 12 weeks off for their own illness or that of a family member, or for new parent leave. On the other hand, Sens. Marco Rubio, Mike Lee and Joni Ernst are proposing to raid Social Security to pay for a paid parental leave program that would exclude the three-quarters of people who take leave for family caregiving or personal medical needs, and would undermine families' retirement security. While it is commendable that lawmakers from both sides of the aisle have joined the conversation about paid leave, the Republican proposal is reckless, divisive and not the real paid family and medical leave voters want and the country needs.

— Melissa Josephs, director, Equal Opportunity Policy, Women Employed

Unexpected harm

The trade war initiated by the U.S. government on China, which now includes the possibility of tariffs on all \$500 billion worth of goods the U.S. imports from China, hurts everyone involved. The collateral damage of these unilateral protectionist moves includes China, the United States and one jeopardizes China's interests. But it also brings unexpected harm to the global supply chain, undermines free trade and places great uncertainty on the world economy.

On July 6, the U.S. government levied high tariffs on \$34 billion of Chinese im-



CLAIRE DEMOS PHOTO

Caroline Phillips, left, is daughter Bridget to Kendra Thulin's Linda in the Robit Witt-directed production, running at Steep Theatre through Aug. 18.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Linda' ★★★ 1/2

Tackling the ageism blindspot

Steep Theatre drama achingly accurate in look at invisibility of older women

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

In 2004, Dove launched its "Campaign for Real Beauty," one of the most successful marketing plans in history and, inarguably, a prescient bit of Madison Avenue understanding as to how the advertising industry would need to stop selling beauty products by persuading women that they fall short of an ideal.

On the other hand, other brands of the same parent company went about their business as usual.

Penelope Skinner's rich and moving drama, "Linda," now at the Steep Theatre under the superb direction of Robin Witt, begins with the title character, a marketing executive at a company called Swan and played by Kendra Thulin, telling her colleagues that survey after survey have shown that woman over age 50 feel invisible. This woman, over 50 herself, is arguing for a second campaign that might use real models of older women. "Beyond Helen Mirren," she says, "the only woman over 50 who is

actually allowed to exist."

From there, Skinner's British drama takes us into Linda's personal life: her marriage to a flailing husband (Peter Moore) and her attempts to mentor two very different daughters. Bridget (Caroline Phillips) is young enough to have courage to do anything, but Alice (Destini Huston) not only is a decade older and much sadder, but carries a scandal on her back.

When she's not navigating the perils of home, Linda has to deal with a hypercompetitive and youthful colleague, Amy (Rochelle Therrien), at the office, not to mention a dud of a male boss (played Jim Poole) and a younger woman (Lucy Carapetyan) who spends a lot of time around Linda's husband.

A great strength of the intricately and unpredictably plotted "Linda" is the complexity afforded to the central character, an intensely sympathetic creation who, at times, might just be her own worst enemy. Given how deep Thulin dives into the pain felt by one whose life is unraveling, "Linda" is not a great ad-

When: Through Aug. 18

Where: Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave.

Running time: 2 hours, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$27-\$38 at 773-649-3186 and www.steeptheatre.com

vertisement for growing older, frankly. But almost all of what it has to say is absolutely true. As "Linda" progresses, the walls seem to close in on a woman whose only real sin has been to give her all to both her job and to those she loves.

Ageism is among the more pernicious blindspots of the progressive artistic set and here is the very rare play that points out the ubiquity, common to theaters and corporations, of dismissing anyone of age, or, at a minimum, failing to understand the context in which they once were forced to operate. By the end, "Linda," a tour de force for Thulin but also replete with fine work by the likes of (especially) Moore, Huston and Therrien, reaches sufficiently tragic proportions that any viewer with a developed sense of empathy will want to adjust how they behave.

This is an excellent staging in

intimate quarters — it's overwrought in the scene where Linda finally confronts her boss, who devolves too much into melodramatic villain when lousy successful men always learn to hide their true selves. But that's not enough to spoil the achingly accurate feeling of realism that pervades the rest of the show, especially in the scene where you watch Linda's self-confidence take one blow after another. Moreover, it's not just a dissection of the personal. Skinner is right to point out that when marketers push "real beauty" they are doing so to sell stuff. In this telling, the men in charge quickly figure out that the problem with a campaign aimed at making older women feel good about themselves is that the company would rather cash in on younger women too. And the only way to do so is to make them dread growing older.

Shudder.

If you're a working woman anywhere close to Linda's demographic, you really don't want to miss this play. Frankly, it doesn't matter who you are; we all affect each other.

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'TEEN TITANS GO! TO THE MOVIES' ★★★

Gleeful skewering of superheroes, Hollywood

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

Compared with their dark and dour live-action brethren, the Warner Bros./DC Comics animated features are a breath of fresh air. Much like "The Lego Batman Movie" (which one could argue is the best Batman movie — full stop), the wild, wacky and self-aware "Teen Titans Go! To the Movies" bursts onto the screen like an attention-addled sugar rush. It absolutely nails the humor and self-referential material that is so sorely lacking from the likes of "Batman v Superman." So yeah, it is possible to make a funny DC Comics movie.

Based on the wildly popular and long-running Cartoon Network series "Teen Titans Go!," the feature film adaptation is directed by Aaron Horvath and Peter Rida Michail, written by Horvath and Michael Jelenic. "Teen Titans Go! To the Movies" is a deliriously demented and gleeful skewering of DC Comics characters, superhero movies and Hollywood in general that's one long inside joke — with musical numbers!

It's a classic story of big Hollywood dreams, wherein Robin

MPAA rating: PG (for action and rude humor)

Running time: 1:33

(Scott Menville) goes on a quest to attain what seems impossible — a meeting with a big-time movie director, Jade Wilson (Kristen Bell). He wants to be a real superhero, along with his crew, the Teen Titans: Cyborg (Khary Payton), Starfire (Hynden Walch), Beast Boy (Greg Cipes) and Raven (Tara Strong). Based on anecdotal evidence, Robin deduces the way to be taken seriously as a real superhero is to have a movie made about him, he needs an arch-nemesis — enter Slade (Will Arnett).

One of the great things about "Teen Titans Go! To the Movies" is the team behind the television show, including the filmmakers and voice actors, has been transplanted to the big screen and given a bigger platform, rather than replacing the creators with higher profile names. That deep knowledge and comfort with the characters shows, as it's the rap-



WARNER BROS. PICTURES

From left, Beast Boy, voiced by Greg Cipes; Starfire, voiced by Hynden Walch; Robin, voiced by Scott Menville; Raven, voiced by Tara Strong; and Cyborg, voiced by Khary Payton, in "Teen Titans Go! To the Movies."

id-fire chemistry within the group that keeps the film moving at a breakneck pace.

There are cheeky body-humor jokes and rousing musical numbers, including an absolutely epic '80s jam called "Upbeat," complete with a Lisa Frank-inspired aesthetic. There's a hilarious recurring Stan Lee cameo (voiced by Lee), roasting the Marvel publisher's thirst for screen time. Most importantly, there's a willingness to poke fun at some of DC's most iconic characters, like Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman. It may blow your mind that Nicolas Cage voices Superman, considering his obsession with the character and his failed Superman movie, "Superman Lives." His son, Kal-El Cage (yes,

named after Superman), even voices young Bruce Wayne. This is the kind of mind-boggling depth of reference going on.

But after such a promising start, it becomes clear that when stretched to an hour and 33 minutes, the relentless, frantic energy of the Teen Titans can be rather exhausting. The film becomes busy, loud and harried, never letting up on the pace or making room for lines or jokes to land. The Teen Titans overstay their welcome just a hair, as they most likely shine brightest in a half-hour format. But the film is incredibly smart and funny, and a refreshingly lighthearted take on these characters and cinematic universe. Here's hoping their attitude is infectious.

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FOCUS FEATURES

Fred Rogers

MICHAEL PHILLIPS MOVIES

'Won't You Be My Neighbor?'

This is a depressingly good documentary about a singularly empathetic television personality. Fred Rogers (1928-2003) knew what he was up against in a culture, and an economy, built on marketable aggression. Against long odds he prevailed. The documentary features interviews with Rogers' widow, Joanne; his sons James and John, one of whom recalls, wryly, a childhood with "a second Christ" for a father; and various co-workers, among them Francois Clemmons, who played the neighborhood police officer on the long-running program. If the results are bittersweet, even depressing, it's only because the current president wants to eliminate the very thing that Rogers helped save. *PG-13, 1:34, documentary*

CHRIS JONES THEATER

'The End of TV'

It's popular to lament the isolation of the digital age. But "The End of TV," the deeply moving show from Manual Cinema, is a reminder that consumerism did not begin with Amazon. This surely is the retro-coolest show of the Chicago summer. It's the story of an unlikely friendship between two Michigan women of different races and generations, one a lonely senior citizen who spends her days watching QVC, the other a delivery driver who finds some purpose in a world tinged with sadness. All told in a film made up of shadow puppets, green screens and old-school overhead projectors. If you don't know Manual Cinema, this is what they create before your eyes. *Through Aug. 5 at the Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St.; \$30 at manualcinema.com*

BRITTANY JULIOUS MUSIC

Brittany Campbell, "Stay Gold"

On "Stay Gold," her third album, Brittany Campbell made a conscious decision to abandon some of the conventions that define contemporary R&B (think minimalist electronic production and soft, whispery vocals) to return the genre to its rightful origins. It is an album of deliberate, delicate decisions. Album opener "Mean" may begin with synthetic keys and Campbell's slow, warm, honeyed vocals, but it soon builds into a lush, multilayered wonder. For the average listener, it may be difficult to decipher the electronic accompaniments from the live ones, a balance Campbell said she spent a good amount of time trying to figure out. The result of Campbell's studying and slow craftsman's manship is an accessible record sure to appeal to even the most finicky of listeners. *7 p.m. Aug. 3, Hi Chicago Hostel, 24 E. Congress Parkway; Free, www.facebook.com/events/274210553173041*

'BREATH' ★★★

Baker expertly navigates rite-of-passage surfing tale

BY DENNIS HARVEY
Variety

Having directed several episodes of his own long-running TV vehicle "The Mentalist," Aussie actor Simon Baker makes a confident transition behind the camera to feature filmmaking with "Breath," the tale of two teens' introduction to surfing under an older man's tutelage. Baker also plays the adult lead, and co-wrote the screenplay adapted from Tim Winton's 2008 novel (his 20th). Though not without its flaws, the movie has authenticity and resonance; there have been plenty of good surfing documentaries, but very few good dramas about the sport — a short list on which "Breath" instantly earns a prominent spot.

Winton himself provides lyrical voice-over narration in this flashback account of our main protagonist's early teens in a small town near the western Australian coast (its time period rendered somewhat vaguer than the mid-'70s of the book). Bruce, aka "Pikelet" (Samson Coulter), is a 13-year-old from a stable home who dutifully attends school. That's not the case for 14-year-old bestie Ivan, aka "Loonie" (Ben Spence), a wild child who appears to run loose, save when he's being beaten by his father. (Pikelet's more tolerant pa is played with gentle strength by Richard Roxburgh.)

The boys are agog at their first glimpse of surfing: "Never had I seen something so beautiful, so pointless and elegant, as if dancing on water was the best thing a man could do," the adult Bruce recalls. They start their first copycat attempts with cheap Styrofoam "boards," then



FILMRISE

Samson Coulter, from left, Simon Baker and Ben Spence star in "Breath," which was directed by Baker.

No MPAA rating

Running time: 1:55

Showing: Facets, 1517 W. Fullerton Ave., www.facets.org

save enough money to get amply banged-up, second-hand fiberglass ones. Their dedication gets noticed by Sando (Baker), an initially mysterious presence who one day gives them a ride in his truck and offers to let them stash their boards at his place just down the road. They take Sando for just another hippie "surfie." A first glimpse of his ramshackle home and not particularly friendly girlfriend Eva (Elizabeth Debicki) does little to alter that judgment.

But as Sando takes the boys under his wing, teaching them about the sea, about surfing technique and philosophy, they begin to realize they've lucked onto an extraordinary teacher. That's even before they discover that their mentor is in fact a famous former pro surfer. What's more, expat Yank Eva was a hot-dogging ski champ, until she was sidelined by the serious knee injury that explains her usually foul mood.

Though he continues to attend school, even acquiring an ersatz girlfriend

(Miranda Frangou), Pikelet grows ever more obsessed by this "hobby." But, unlike Loonie, who seems fearless almost to the point of self-destructiveness, he's wary of the increasingly dangerous, secret coves Sando introduces them to. It's that perceived failure of nerve that temporarily gains Loonie preferred treatment, leaving Pikelet behind — but not alone, as he soon forms a "Summer of '42"-type bond with Eva, who's also been left behind.

Nevertheless, "Breath" ultimately comes snugly into port as a multi-planned rite-of-passage tale that reaches a satisfyingly poignant and quiet conclusion. Unlike many surfing movies, this one isn't big on spectacular wave-riding or underwater shots (though Rick Rifici's handling of both is expert). The emphasis, instead, is on physical and psychological credibility in line with the juvenile protagonists' inexperience.

Baker does a lot as an actor to put the whole enterprise across, creating a mentor whose wisdom and faintly paternal instincts are palpable, yet who's also peevish enough to slough off any St. Surfer Dude halo thrust upon him.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Other options for internet dating?

Dear Amy: I am just coming out of an eight-year relationship with a man I met through an internet dating site. Back then, all of my friends (and therapist) were aggressively urging me toward internet dating. I said I would try it for a month. Before the month was up, I met "Don."

Although the "plus" of this experience was meeting Don, I felt the rest of it was awful.

I met a number of "single" men who were married. I met a number of "50- and 60"-year-olds who were actually in their 70s or 80s. I found the majority of the men were weird and had issues — and all of them expected sex on the first or second date. I didn't find it enjoyable in the least.

Now that I am single again, everyone is urging me once again to go back on the internet. I cannot bring myself to go back on a dating site. And yet I do not want to be single for the rest of my life.

Amy, how do I handle my insistent friends? Am I the weird one by not embracing internet dating?

— Reluctant Internet Dater

Dear Reluctant: Let's review: You participated in an internet matching site. Before you'd even emerged from the standard introductory one-month free trial, you had managed to meet "Don," and embarked on an eight-year relationship with him.

Yes, you also interacted with men who were not acceptable to you. But the internet's unbeatable asset is in the great and wide database offered to people who are looking for a

match. It also requires that you more or less embrace the process, even if you don't particularly enjoy it.

There are many more matching sites available now than there were eight years ago, when you had your awful (but successful) experience. If you want to interact with the largest circle of people to see if there is a match for you, then online is the best way to do that.

If you can't handle "insistent friends" with a simple "thanks, but no thanks," then you are definitely not equipped to dive back into the internet matching pool anyway.

If you continue to feel this way, you could ask each of your friends to fix you up with someone in their "real-life" circle.

Dear Amy: I'm an 18-year-old girl. I live at home.

My parents dictate, and have to know everything I do: where I go, who I'm with, why I'm going.

They give me a curfew. If I'm one minute late because of traffic, they get upset and threaten to ground me. They control my phone, too — who I call, text and email.

Amy, I'm 18. They have controlled my life for 18 years! I want more freedom and responsibilities. I want to be able to go out and if I want to make an extra stop, to do it without them on my back.

I know they love me, but I'm tired of being their little baby.

I'm the oldest out of eight kids and they always say I have to be an example. But I feel like a robot because I do everything they want.

I'm afraid that if I go

against them, they will kick me out and never let me see them or my siblings.

— Trapped Robot

Dear Trapped: Much of what you are feeling is basically the lament of the oldest child. Understand that your parents are learning how to be parents. It is easier to tightly control a child than to tolerate the anxiety of loosening the leash.

Your job is to respect their rules while you are in the house, and to make workable plans to leave home, as soon as possible. Many young people find freedom through attending college; if you aren't college-bound, it's time to find employment and start to push back.

Don't let them control you through threats of punishments. In every futuristic movie, there's a moment when the robots rebel. It might be time for your uprising.

Dear Amy: I was disappointed by your response to "Mom in Tears," whose teenage son was prevented from walking down the aisle to graduate due to a suspension. You seemed to agree that the son's accomplishment should not be rewarded with a graduation gift.

The son did graduate, and he's already been punished by the school. She doesn't need to pile on.

— You Are Wrong

Dear Wrong: Great point. Thank you for making it.

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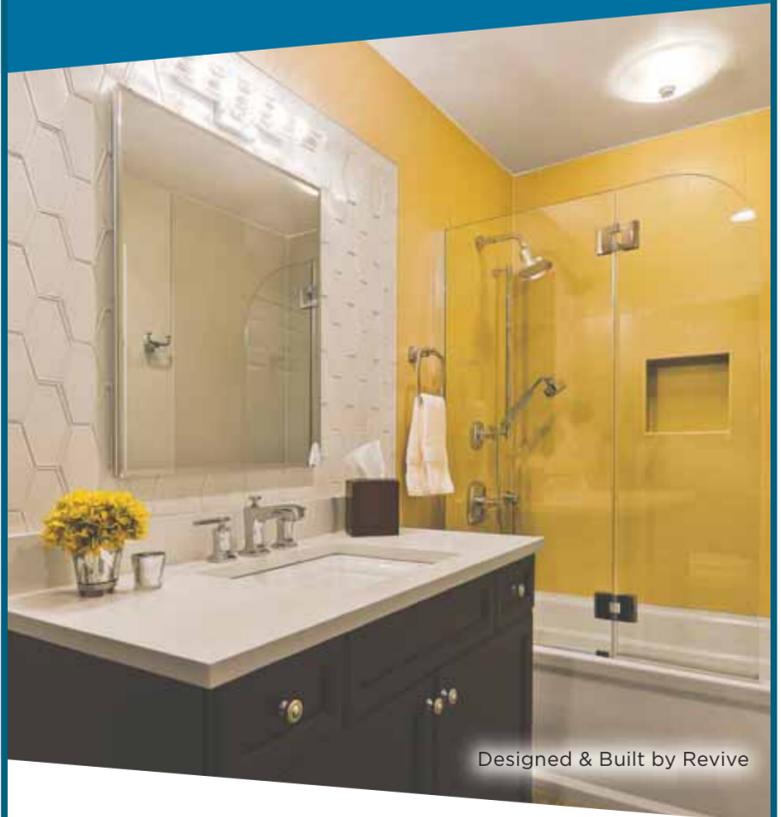
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Marcia Clark

"Pink Collar Crimes" (7 p.m., CBS): Larcenous women are the subjects of this new series, examining true cases in which the perpetrators were highly unlikely felons who manipulated situations to give themselves big paydays. Marcia Clark — famous for her work as a prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson trial — presents her related observations in each episode.

"Victoria & Abdul" (7 p.m., 1:35 a.m., HBO): Judi Dench earned her first Academy Award nomination as best actress for playing Queen Victoria in the 1997 period drama "Mrs. Brown," and she reprises that royal role in this 2017 biographical comedy-drama from Stephen Frears.

"Return of the Megashark" (8 p.m., Discovery): When it comes to the entertainment value of sharks, bigger is nearly always better, and this new special follows filmmakers Jeff Kurr and Andy Casagrande as they travel to New Zealand on another quest to find the biggest Great White sharks that are lurking in deep water off the coast. The program also revisits some of the most exciting discoveries in recent shark science, information that the pair may find useful as they seek to narrow their search as much as possible.

"Love on Safari" (8 p.m., Hallmark): Kira Slater (Lacey Chabert), a somewhat repressed Chicago Web designer, is thrown for a loop when she is summoned to South Africa for the reading of her late uncle's will, which bequeaths her Ukuthula, a beautiful animal reserve. Some resort developers press Kira to sell the reserve to them, citing the immense cost of upkeep. Tom Anderson (Jon Cor), a handsome safari ranger, is determined to persuade Kira to protect Ukuthula's pristine natural beauty, however. Brittany Bristow also stars in this new 2018 romance.

"The Secret Life of the Zoo" (8:01 p.m., 11:04 p.m., 3 a.m., ANIM): An episode called "Mate for Life" examines one of the most enduring love stories unfolding at England's popular Chester Zoo. At age 22, Rud is the oldest resident on the zoo's Penguin Island, where he has spent 15 years virtually inseparable from his partner, Spike. Keepers are growing concerned that Rud's arthritic hip is diminishing his quality of life, however. Elsewhere, a zoo expansion will relocate tigers to a posh new enclosure on the other side of the facility, but the beasts are averse to change.

"Van Helsing" (9:55 p.m., FREE): The monster hunter from "Dracula" gets top billing in this 2004 horror thriller. Hugh Jackman plays the title character, who's sent to Transylvania to help siblings (Kate Beckinsale, Will Kemp) do battle with Count Dracula (Richard Roxburgh) and his minions. Vampires aren't the only villains in this story, however. It's a monstrous who's who that includes the Wolf Man, Frankenstein's monster and Mr. Hyde. David Wenham co-stars.

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	ABC 7	America's Funniest Home Videos ©		20/20: In an Instant: "The Woman Who Refused to Die." ©					Eyewitness News (N) ▶
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	BIGTEN	Campus	Nebraska		Unbeaten: Berringer				BIG Kickoff Luncheon
	BRAVO	*(5:54) Little Fockers *		No Strings Attached (R,'11) **		Natalie Portman. ©			
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Stirling on reprising 'Bletchley Circle' role

By **LYNN ELBER**
Associated Press

For actress Rachael Stirling, dispensing advice isn't a family tradition.

Stirling, the daughter of Diana Rigg of "Game of Thrones" and "The Avengers" fame, says the only career counsel her mom gave was "Go for it." She was supportive and kind, and it is a joy to have the commonality of our work."

Stirling, who's reprising a character she played on PBS' "The Bletchley Circle" in a new Britbox streaming series, is now a mom herself. She and her musician-husband, Guy Garvey, welcomed son Jack in April 2017.

When the boy is heard vocalizing unhappily in the background during a phone interview, Stirling offers context.

"He's being taken by his dad to have a bath, and he doth protest. There are so

many dramas in the course of a day of a little person, it's a great Greek tragedy," she said.

Do such poetic observations suggest a parenting book ahead?

"I'm not lecturing anyone about anything anytime soon," she replied.

Stirling filmed "The Bletchley Circle: San Francisco" in Vancouver, Canada, which she delights in calling "San Vancouver." The original series followed four women who, after working as World War II codebreakers at England's Bletchley Park compound, put their undervalued skills to work solving crimes.

In the new season, Stirling's Millie and Julie Gra-

ham's Jean head to San Francisco to investigate a friend's murder. Joining them are Iris and Hailey (newcomers Crystal Balint and Chanelle Peloso), American codebreakers whose gifts also are being slighted postwar.

There are four episodes, each two parts, in the first original series for BritBox, a subscription service from England's BBC Studios and ITV.

Stirling said she was delighted to revisit the 2012-14 "Bletchley Circle" in a new setting with more diverse characters, and to play what she and her castmates took to calling "superheroes with handbags."

Her only concern was time away from Jack, but that was solved by bringing both baby and husband with her to Vancouver. Garvey was willing to temporarily shelve his music, Stirling said, but the

solo artist and frontman for the band Elbow found a creative outlet in a popular neighborhood.

"Guy had a studio in Gastown which he went to every day to write," she said, producing some "unbelievably brilliant" work.

Stirling was planning another trip to New York to celebrate Rigg's 80th birthday this month and to see her in the Lincoln Center revival of "My Fair Lady," for which she received a Tony nomination.

Rigg also is a nominee for this September's Emmy Awards, her fourth nod for her role as Lady Olenka Tyrell in "Game of Thrones."

"She's absolutely extraordinary," Stirling said. "She's just done 100 performances on Broadway, just been nominated for another Emmy. The woman is on fire, burning bright. And I just couldn't be prouder."



Stirling

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (July 28): Realize your dream home this year. Upgrade fitness routines. Your career takes an unexpected turn. Transformative new ideas inspire you this summer before changes with a partner lead to a personal power boost. Take your health and work to new levels this winter. Grow your heart.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Wait for developments before taking group actions. Adapt to unexpected circumstances. Focus on clarifying team communications and forging strong bonds. Share resources and talents.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. A rise in status is possible. Consider the possibilities. Lay plans and outline actions. Wait for better conditions to launch. Make professional preparations.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Travels, adventures and academic explorations take wing. Hidden truths get revealed. Plan your route in detail, and launch later. Pack as lightly as possible.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Changes necessitate budget revisions. Financial plans give you a sense of what's probable and possible. Insights arise from reviewing the numbers.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Begin a new partnership phase. Clean up an old mess. Keep agreements. Brainstorm and collaborate. Take a creative tack. Make future plans together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Settle into new wellness and fitness routines. Let go of unhealthy habits and practices. Take time for yourself. Physical action builds energy over time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Treat your heart with kindness and respect. Be gentle with yourself and others. Share appreciations for past love. Recognize admiration, respect and goodness.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Adapt to domestic changes. Avoid automatic reactions and emotional outbursts. Keep your focus on what's possible, rather than current messes.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Good news comes from far away. Find encouragement for your new creative direction. Optimism generates positive results. Keep your objective in mind.

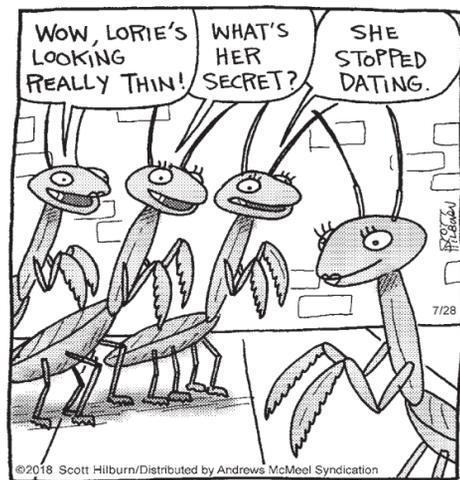
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Stash your treasures. Your holdings are gaining in value. Cut non-essential spending and track cash flow to keep it positive. Simplify and budget for priorities.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Let go of limiting stories about yourself. Why are you listening to that? Get out of your head and listen to someone who loves you.

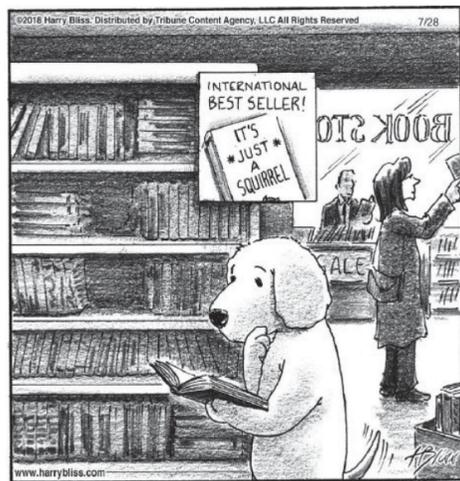
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 5. Listen to your heart. Make plans and visions for a future that inspires you. Consider what makes your spirit happy. Schedule for more of that.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, East deals

North
 ♠ 10 8 6 4
 ♥ A
 ♦ K 7 4 3
 ♣ J 7 6 2

West
 ♠ A 5 2
 ♥ 10 6 2
 ♦ 8 6 2
 ♣ A K 9 4

East
 ♠ K Q J 3
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ A 10
 ♣ Q 10 8 5 3

South
 ♠ 9 7
 ♥ K J 9 8 7 4 3
 ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ Void

Today's deal is from a team game in Poland recently. What would you do as West over South's four heart bid? A double would be for takeout, not penalty. At one table, the West player decided to pass, hoping that his ace-king, ace opposite a partner who had opened the bidding would give his side a plus score. He thought that a double by him would likely lead to a final contract of four spades on a 4-3 fit with bad breaks looming. When the queen of hearts fell doubleton and East-West could not get a diamond ruff, four hearts was a lucky make.

At the other table the West player chose to double, which did indeed lead to a final contract of four spades. Had South led a low heart, four spades might well have been defeated. Remembering the opening bid of one club, North was quite likely to find the club shift for South to ruff. Even if South then led the king of hearts, North could ruff that and give South another club ruff. There were 10 top tricks in four spades after the actual queen of diamonds lead.

This deal is an example of the close decisions created when the opponents pre-empt.

It is often a fine line between success and failure and there may be no one to blame. All the players made reasonable decisions.

— Bob Jones
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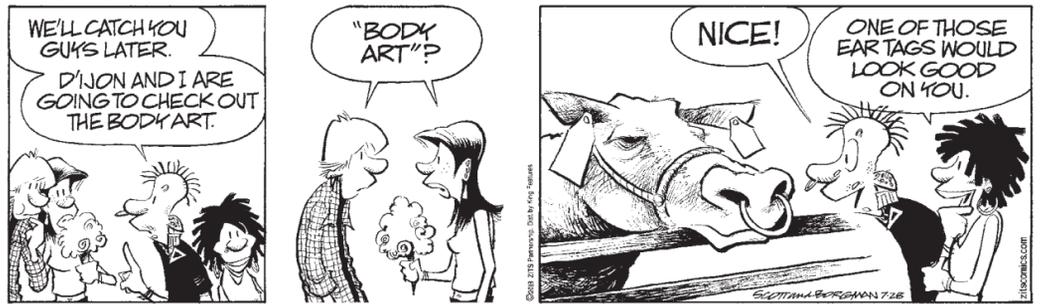
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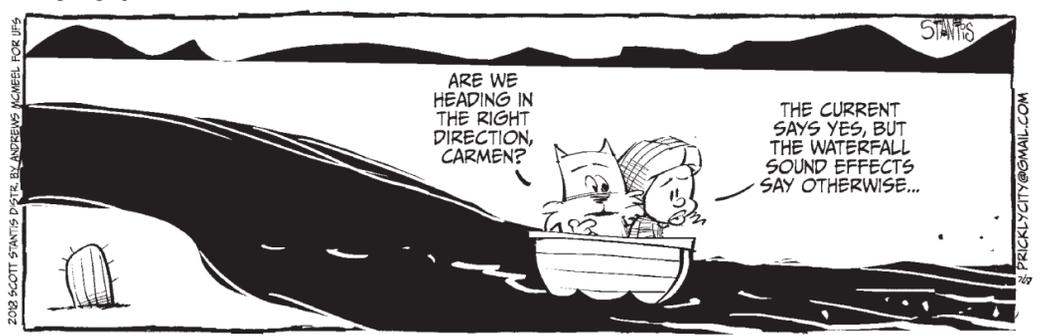
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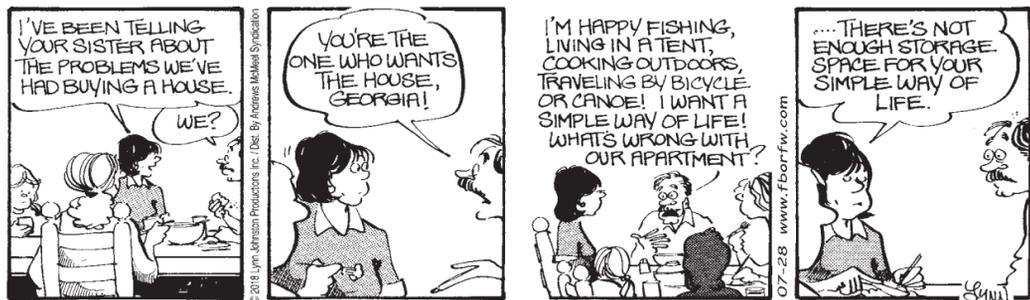
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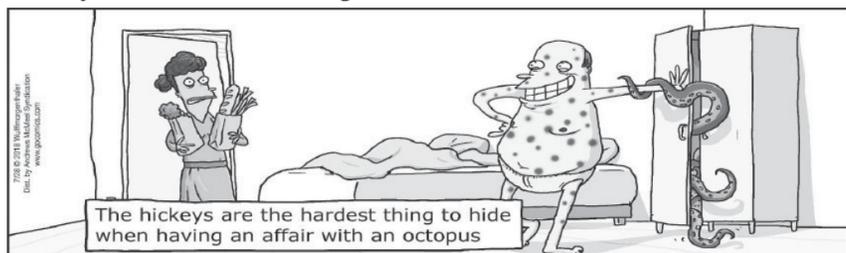
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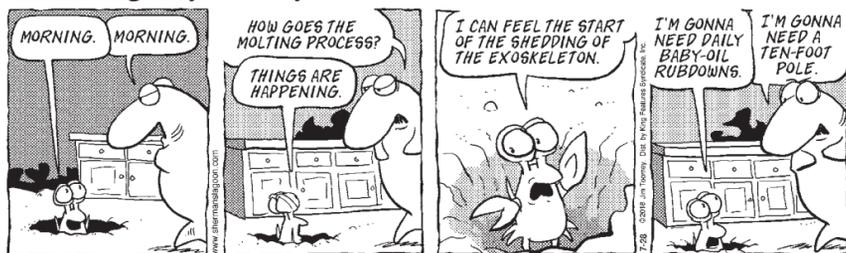
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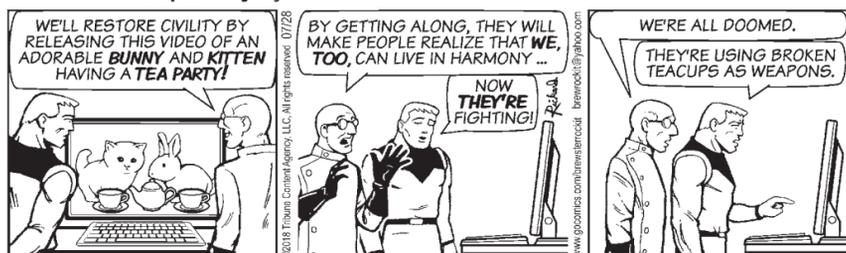
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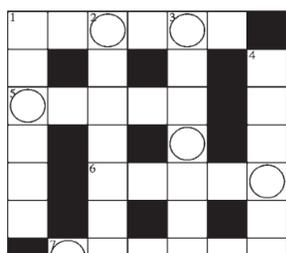
Trivia Bits

Which independent nation is an enclave within (entirely surrounded by) South Africa?
 A) Botswana
 B) Lesotho
 C) Swaziland
 D) Zimbabwe

Friday's answer: Gordon Shumway, better known as ALF (for Alien Life Form), is the TV alien from the planet Melmac.

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Jumble Crossword



7-28-18

TRIPLE BONUS
 The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

CLUE ACROSS
 1. Apprentice
 5. ___ fork
 6. ___ change
 7. Be present at

CLUE DOWN
 1. Demand
 2. Highest
 3. Give off, scatter
 4. Talented

ANSWER
 RENNTI
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ANSWER
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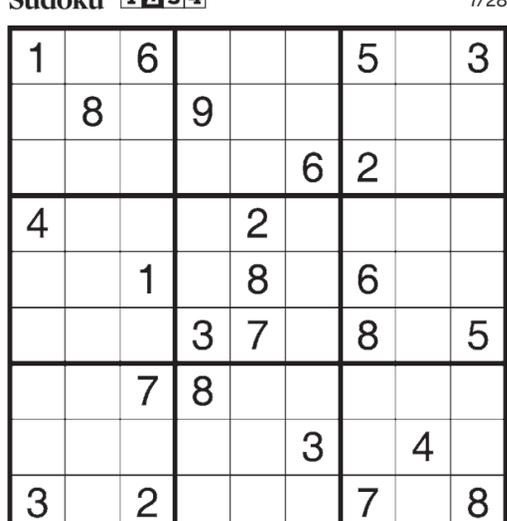
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4	3	1	8	9	7	5	2	6
9	5	7	6	1	2	8	3	4
8	6	2	4	5	3	1	7	9
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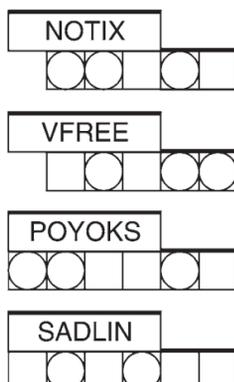
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Friday's solutions

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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.



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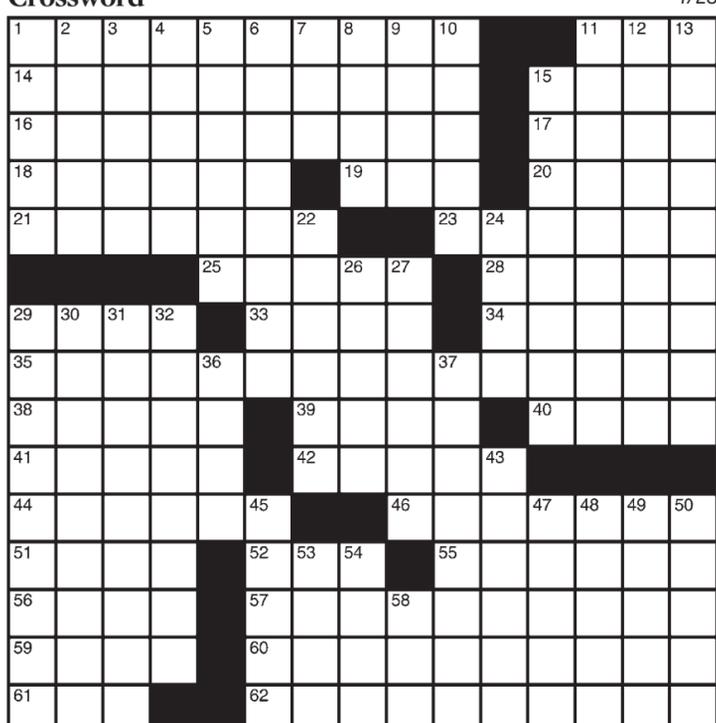
Jumbles: ELDER SHAME PUBLIC OUTAGE
 Answer: The archer who scored a bull's-eye to secure her team's victory — AIMED TO PLEASE

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Crossword

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Across
 1 Torn
 11 ___ drop
 14 Shakes on it
 15 Andean cash crop
 16 Parents often limit it
 17 GPS displays
 18 Worn
 19 Dog in the Reagan White House
 20 Try
 21 ___ strength
 23 Northern cruise destination
 25 Yeshiva reference
 28 Works like Beethoven's "Ah! perfido"
 29 Lean, to sailors
 33 1988 self-titled C&W album
 34 "Wanna bet?"

35 "My mistake"
 38 Mark
 39 Cheek, in slang
 40 Zipped (through)
 41 Comedic honker
 42 Jam
 44 Western range
 46 Uncompromising types
 51 Mideast carrier
 52 Took in
 55 Written creation of Michelangelo
 56 ___ lives
 57 Unlikely to inherit the crown soon
 59 1860s-'70s Black Hawk War combatants
 60 Station
 61 Basilica bench
 62 Some squirts

12 Rockefeller Center holiday visitor
 13 Discard
 15 Large falls
 22 Raises
 24 Spike
 26 Roughly
 27 Strapped
 29 "Chill out!"
 30 Ancient Semitic language speaker
 31 Begin again
 32 Polliwogs
 36 Vegas' ___ Museum
 37 Declining
 43 Palm parts
 45 Off-color
 47 Coastal feature
 48 Wading bird
 49 Purport
 50 Marks in margins
 53 Leaf used in the dish laulau
 54 Genesis character
 58 Begin to type?

Friday's solution

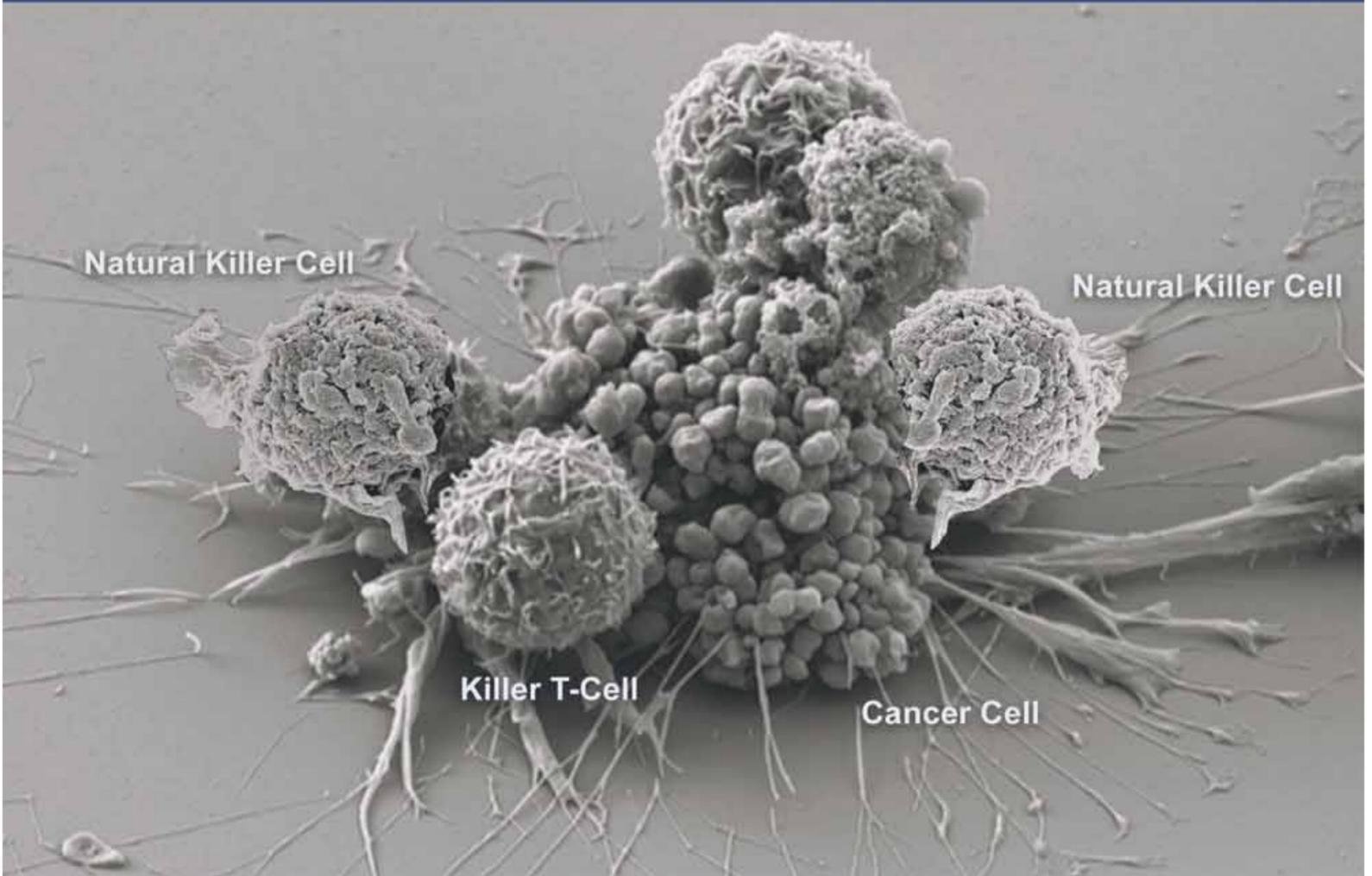


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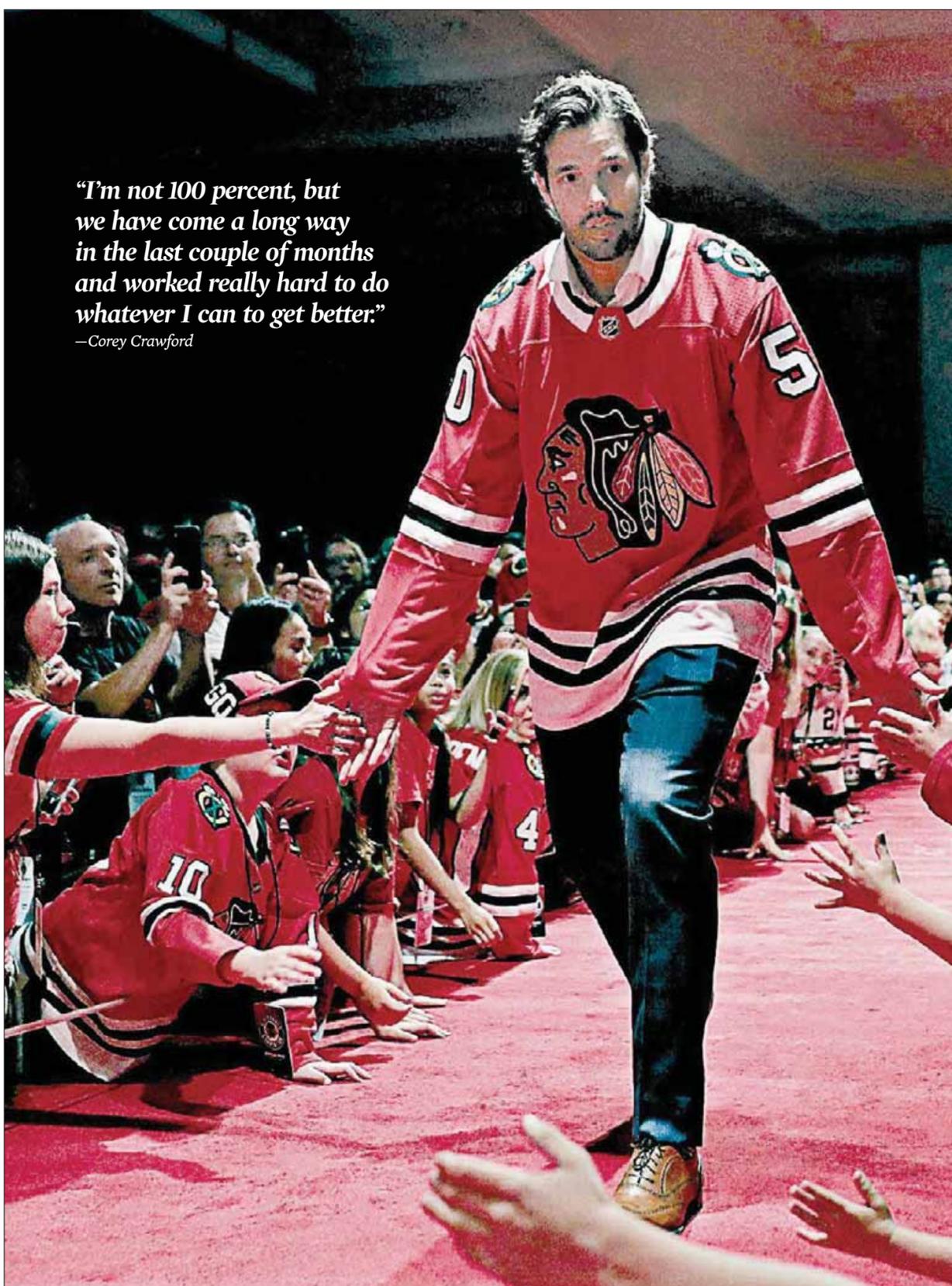


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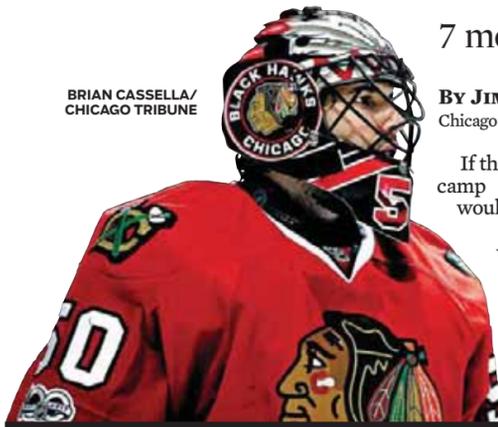
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Goaltender Corey Crawford reaches out to connect with fans as he is introduced Friday at the Blackhawks Convention at the Chicago Hilton.

BLACKHAWKS CONVENTION

Slow-mo Crow

7 months after injury, Crawford still not ready to go

BRIAN CASSELLA/
CHICAGO TRIBUNE
BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

If the Blackhawks were opening training camp this weekend, Corey Crawford wouldn't be on the ice.

Seven months after sustaining what would turn out to be a season-ending injury, he's not ready.

Five months after an ill-advised attempt to practice in Arizona, the last time Crawford skated, he's still not ready to play.

No matter how badly Hawks

MORE INSIDE

Patrick Kane can see Hawks making playoffs this season. **Page 6**

fans want him to play or how much his coaches and teammates support him, the goaltender is still not ready even to begin skating again.

That time will come, he assured the media before the opening ceremonies of Friday's 11th annual Blackhawks Convention, but he's

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PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

Hoping for quick fix with Hamels

Cubs bank on veteran doing what Darvish, Chatwood couldn't

If Yu Darvish wasn't injured or Tyler Chatwood had pitched up to expectations, the Cubs would have had no need to acquire starter Cole Hamels for the stretch run.

If the Cubs had drafted and developed a reliable starter or two over their first five drafts under the Theo Epstein regime, at least one would be ready by now and they would have had no need for Hamels.

If the rest of the rotation had pitched up to its talent level the first three months, the Cubs would have had a big enough lead in the National League Central and no need for Hamels.

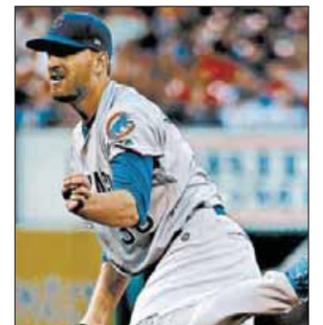
None of those things happened, of course, and that's why the Cubs are bringing in a 34-year-old pitcher who appears to be past his sell-by date.

The deal was made official Friday, with the Cubs sending

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MORE INSIDE

The Cubs' acquisition of Cole Hamels opens door for some interesting decisions with the team's rotation. **Page 3**



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The Cubs' Mike Montgomery gave up five runs on 12 hits in five innings Friday against the Cardinals.

CARDINALS 5, CUBS 2

Rotation help arrives just in time for Cubs

Hamels deal looks like a smart move after Montgomery shelled

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

ST. LOUIS — Cubs President Theo Epstein looked past the recent struggles of left-hander Cole Hamels and believes the combination of experience and a desire to return to the World Series will pay off handsomely for the Cubs.

"Sometimes you have to take a little bit of an educated gamble on a guy and look past the recent performance," Epstein said of Hamels, a four-time All-Star who was acquired from the Rangers to stabilize an inconsistent rotation.

There was more inconsistency Friday night when Mike Montgomery gave up five runs on 12 hits in five innings of a 5-2 loss to the Cardinals at Busch Stadium.

Hamels could steady things. "(Hamels') stuff is still there," Epstein said. "His velocity is the same as it has been for years and trending up."

The addition of Hamels, 34, a 152-game winner with a 2008 World Series MVP award in 13 seasons with the Phillies and

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BEARS

Trubisky's progress on steady pace

Young QB understands challenge of learning new offensive system

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

BOURBONNAIS — The needle on the Mitch-O-Meter has bounced wildly from one end of the spectrum to the other over the first seven practices of Bears training camp at Olivet Nazarene University.

But as second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky dives deeper into directing coach Matt Nagy's new offense, the Bears remain steady in their assessment that the mistakes and the triumphs are part of the process.

"As Coach Nagy likes to say, (we like to) test ourselves, see what throws we can make, test the defense and challenge them

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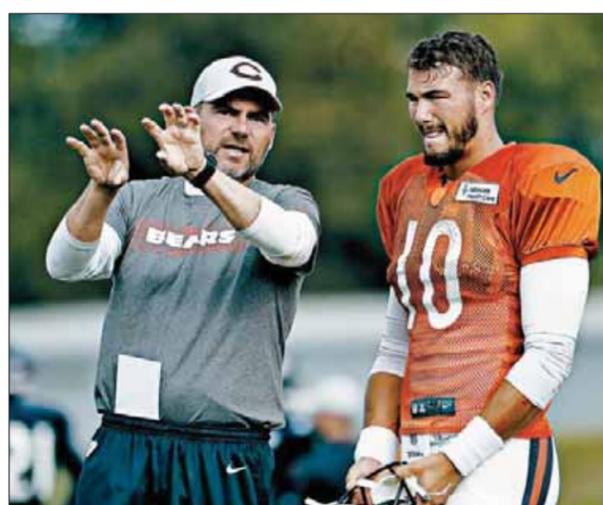
Former coach Dave Wannstedt says first-round draft pick Roquan Smith's holdout is "pretty selfish." **Page 2**

every day like they're challenging us," Trubisky said. "You just have to find that balance and move on to the next play when there is a mistake."

Trubisky was talking to the media Friday for the first time since camp began — and after another couple of days of highs and lows.

At one point Friday, Trubisky threw a ball to new wide receiver Allen Robinson between defensive backs Bryce Callahan and Eddie Jackson for a touchdown in a red-zone drill. Another moment, his pass was tipped near

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Bears offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich talks with quarterback Mitch Trubisky during a practice session Thursday in Bourbonnais.

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Wannstedt: Smith holding out 'selfish'

Former Bears coach criticizes agent of team's first-round pick

BY DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

BOURBONNAIS — Dave Wannstedt never had been to Bourbonnais before Friday morning, when he popped in at Olivet Nazarene University as a guest at Bears training camp.

Wannstedt gushed over the short drive from Chicago — “Left my condo at 5:30 this morning and was here in 50 minutes” — and the facilities. He complimented the vision of general manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy and the leadership of defensive coordinator Vic Fangio.



Wannstedt

But one key thing was missing that bothered the former Bears coach: first-round draft pick Roquan Smith.

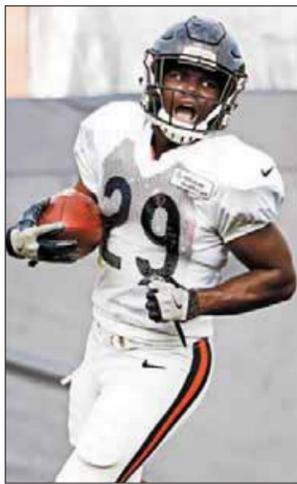
The No. 8 pick has yet to sign his rookie contract. That means he has yet to take the practice field during a key portion of the pre-season. From a developmental perspective, from a coach's point of view, Wannstedt expressed his dismay, noting the effect Smith's absence will have on him and the defense.

“For a rookie to hold out because of some of the fine print (in a contract), it's pretty selfish, I think, from an agent standpoint to do that,” Wannstedt said. “I mean, this kid needs to be here. He needs to be practicing. These are valuable days. They play a preseason game a week from now. And you do not get these days back.”

“You would like to think that an agent would be smart enough to understand that. At some point the player's got to understand that this guy works for me. I'm not working for the agent. And you've got to stand up and say: ‘The contract's fair. I need to get in practice and help this football team.’”

The Bears will be counting on Smith to earn a starting role right away and become an impact playmaker as soon as possible. Asked whether Smith's arrival to an established defense will make his acclimation process easier, Wannstedt shrugged.

“He still has his individual learning,” Wannstedt said. “Physically I'm sure he's running and doing that stuff. But there's no substitute for what they're doing now: having the pads on and going through full-speed drills. You can talk all you want about (working



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Tarik Cohen, shown during Thursday's practice, caught a 60-yard TD pass from QB Chase Daniel.

out in) shorts and doing it at a high school or college to get ready. It's not the same.”

Wannstedt has a frame of reference on holdouts. In 1998, before his final season with the Bears, rookie running back Curtis Enis held out for nearly four weeks before signing. Wannstedt is convinced Enis' absence had a ripple effect into the season.

Sizzle and steak: Running back/receiver Tarik Cohen caught a dart from quarterback Chase Daniel down the right sideline for a 60-yard touchdown. Great read by Daniel with Cohen behind the defense, and a perfect low-arcing, strong throw that didn't allow any disruption from a safety inside.

Cohen ran to the end zone, stood there for just a second and then did a standing backflip. Stuck the two-footed landing. Mind you, this was 2 hours and 25 minutes after practice began. No one's legs were fresh at that point.

Now that's entertainment.

Participation report: Rookie linebacker Kylie Fitts (arm) and veteran center Hroniss Grasu (calf) sat out. Nagy indicated they'll be out awhile.

“We're going through the timeline now of how long,” he said, “but they'll (miss) some time now.”

Also out: Linebackers Danny Trevathan (hamstring) and Aaron Lynch (hamstring), tight end Ben Braunecker (hamstring), cornerbacks Sherrick McManis (hamstring) and Kevin Tolliver (quad) and guard Kyle Long (rest day).

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Steady progress for QB

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the line and Deiondre' Hall picked it off.

On Thursday, he made a pretty pass to connect with leaping tight end Adam Shaheen for a touchdown, but he also threw a pair of interceptions to cornerback Prince Amukamara.

Nagy and Trubisky are keeping perspective, especially given the “tornado” of information Nagy said he's throwing at his offensive players.

After all, while the Bears may be six days away from their first exhibition game — when they face the Ravens in the Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio — they are still six weeks away from the season opener against the Packers in Green Bay.

“I'm always mad when I throw an interception, but at the same time I don't care what anybody thinks,” Trubisky said. “I made a lot of great throws. I made some bad throws, and we're testing and we're getting better every day. As long as Coach Nagy is OK with it and he sees my growth and development just getting better every day, and my teammates know that my mind and my spirit is in the right spot, then we'll be just fine.”

“Those mistakes are going to come as long as we learn from them. It's not a game, so it doesn't really matter what everybody thinks and what everybody sees. Hopefully (the fans) enjoy practice, but there's a lot going on that we just need to improve and get better at.”

Some of the strides Trubisky makes are noticeable to the coaching staff and his teammates more than the crowd. For example, Nagy said Trubisky had three plays Friday where he made protection checks and route ad-

justments at the line of scrimmage.

“I told him out there, we're building this puzzle right now, and each day we're trying to take one piece of the puzzle and put it up there and then before you know it, at the end of this thing, you have that puzzle put together,” Nagy said. “(Friday) was a day where there were two or three pieces that he put together.”

Tight end Trey Burton has liked what he has seen from Trubisky in the huddle thus far.

“I've been extremely impressed how long our play calls are, and you haven't had to see us reset too many times because he's messed up the play call or anything like that,” Burton said. “I also feel he's the guy you can go up to and ask a question. He's the first guy down there congratulating you if you catch a tough ball or a bad throw, he's the first guy down there leading.”

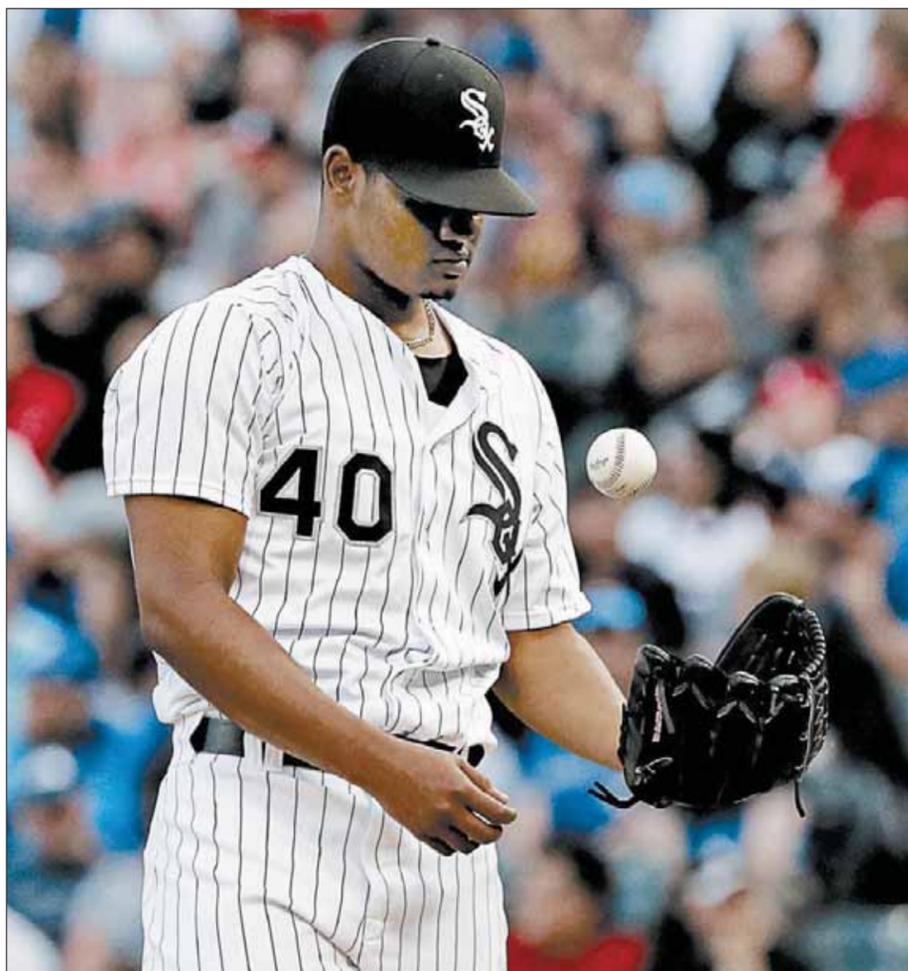
Nagy said Trubisky's ability to bounce back after mistakes also has stood out to him, and Trubisky's band of mentors is helping him to avoid making the same error twice.

The initial assessment might be a few words with backup quarterbacks Chase Daniel or Tyler Bray between plays on the field, but it's in the ensuing film session when Nagy, the quarterbacks, offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich and quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone dig in to correct the mistake.

“He's so competitive that he wants to be perfect on every single play,” Nagy said. “It's impossible. ... So that's my job, to make sure he understands you can't be perfect every single play and let's try to be as good as we can and then understand the whys.”

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BLUE JAYS 10, WHITE SOX 5



NAM Y. HUH/AP

Sox starter Reynaldo Lopez didn't have his best stuff Friday as he gave up five homers to the Blue Jays.

Down and out

Lopez surrenders 5 HRs in ugly loss; Renteria ejected

BY PHIL ROGERS
Chicago Tribune

The trade deadline is getting close, and the same would seem to be true for the White Sox's two best prospects. But general manager Rick Hahn continues to insist that Eloy Jimenez and Michael Kopech still have work to do in Triple A.

“One thing I can promise is that our focus is unwavering in terms of putting this organization in the best spot for the long term,” Hahn said. “We're not going to take any shortcuts or make any short-term, satisfying moves that potentially could cause any impact on these guys not meeting their potential.”

While the arrival of Jimenez and Kopech could lessen the pain of nights such as Friday, when Reynaldo Lopez served up five home runs and walked four in 4 1/3 innings in a 10-5 loss to the Blue Jays, the Sox front office unsurprisingly remains focused on 2019 and beyond, not salvaging this summer.

But it is fun to think what the Sox will have when they do unwrap Jimenez, who is hitting .328 with 16 homers and a .958 OPS between Double A and Triple A, and Kopech, who in his last three starts has struck out 24 and allowed four earned runs in 17 innings.

“Both of them are going to be really amazing players,” said reliever Tyler Danish, who was promoted from Charlotte on Friday. “They're going to have special futures here.”

“Kopech has gotten better in each start I've seen him in the last month-and-a-half. Eloy's obviously a special human being in what he does. You see it on a daily basis.”

Yoan Moncada was promoted from Triple A shortly after Hahn made a series of midseason trades last season. But there's little feeling that he's currently working on an Avisail Garcia trade, which would open the door for Jimenez.

“Those guys are going to tell us when they're ready, and when they're ready there's going to be opportunity for them in Chicago,” Hahn said. “It's up to us to figure out how to create that opportunity, but we'll figure it out. We're not going to wait for the market to allow us to free a spot for a guy if it's time for his development to take that next step.”

Finding a spot for Kopech would not appear that difficult.

Lopez appears to be tiring in his first full season as a major-league starter as he has allowed 21 earned runs in 21 2/3 innings over his last four starts. His ERA has climbed from 3.68 to 4.57 over that stretch.

A move to a six-man rotation would ease the strain on all the Sox starters down the stretch, but there's no guarantee the Sox will promote Kopech in September.

Curtis Granderson and Lourdes Gurriel Jr. homered on the second and third pitches of the game, and Randal Grichuk homered in the second inning as the Blue Jays built a 5-0 lead.

Gurriel hit his second homer of the game in the fourth and Kendrys Morales hit one off Lopez in the fifth.

Both manager Rick Renteria and pitching coach Don Cooper were ejected in the top of the first after third-base umpire Fieldin Culbreth ruled that Morales had checked his swing on a 3-2 pitch. Joe McEwing ran the game in Renteria's place, with bullpen coach Curt Hasler coming in to replace Cooper.

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THE BOX SCORE

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Granderson rf	2	2	1	2	1	.231
a-Drury ph	1	0	0	0	1	.173
Smith Jr. rf	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Gurriel Jr. ss	5	2	3	2	1	.308
Smoak 1b	5	0	2	1	1	.253
Morales dh	4	1	1	1	0	.257
Solarite 3b	5	0	0	0	1	.234
Hernandez lf	4	1	0	0	2	.245
Martin c	3	2	1	1	0	.176
Grichuk cf	3	2	1	2	1	.217
Travis 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.242
TOTALS	35	10	9	9	8	
WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Moncada 2b	5	0	1	0	0	.230
Sanchez 3b	5	0	0	0	0	.249
Abreu 1b	4	0	1	1	0	.258
Garcia rf	4	0	2	0	0	.277
Palka dh	4	1	2	0	1	.235
Anderson ss	4	1	1	1	2	.245
Narvaez c	4	0	0	0	1	.279
Delmonico lf	4	2	2	1	0	.231
Engel cf	3	1	2	2	0	.220
TOTALS	37	5	11	5	4	

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WHITE SOX	001	000	103	-	5	11	1

a-struck out for Granderson in the 8th. E: Abreu (8), Smoak (27), Martin (5), Palka (11), Anderson (14), Engel (13). **3B:** Delmonico 2 (3), HR: Granderson (10), off Lopez; Gurriel Jr. (6), off Lopez; Grichuk (14), off Lopez; Gurriel Jr. (7), off Lopez; Morales (12), off Lopez. **RBI:** Granderson 2 (31), Gurriel Jr. 2 (18), Smoak (54), Morales (34), Martin (19), Grichuk 2 (34), Abreu (59), Anderson (43), Delmonico (10), Engel 2 (20). **SF:** Granderson. **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 4 (Gurriel Jr., Smoak, Morales, Hernandez); WHITE SOX 4 (Moncada, Sanchez, Garcia, Narvaez). **RISP:** Toronto 0 for 5; WHITE SOX 5 for 12. **Runners moved up:** Solarite, Anderson. **GDP:** Solarite, Anderson. **DP:** Toronto 1 (Travis, Gurriel Jr., Smoak); WHITE SOX 1 (Moncada, Anderson, Abreu).

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stroman, W, 4-7	6 1/3	7	2	2	1	3	5.20
Biagini	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	0	6.41
Drake	1	4	3	3	0	1	7.76

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lopez, L, 4-9	4 1/3	7	8	8	4	3	4.57
Vieira	1/3	1	2	2	0	0	27.00
Avilan	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.94
Danish	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Santiago	1	1	0	0	0	1	5.57
Davidson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Biagini 1-0, Vieira 1-1. **HBP:** Vieira 2 (Grichuk, Travis). **WP:** Vieira, Drake. **Umpires:** H, CB Bucknor; 1B, Chris Conroy; 2B, Brian O'Nora; 3B, Fieldin Culbreth. Time: 3:05. A: 20,524 (40,615).

HOW THEY SCORED

BLUE JAYS FIRST: Granderson homered. Gurriel Jr. homered. Smoak singled. Morales walked. Smoak to second. Solarite grounded into double play, Smoak to third, Morales out at second. Hernandez struck out. **Two runs. Blue Jays 2-0.**

BLUE JAYS SECOND: Martin walked. Grichuk homered, scoring Martin. Travis lined out. Granderson walked. Gurriel Jr. struck out. Smoak doubled, scoring Granderson. Morales filed out. **Three runs. Blue Jays 5-0.**

WHITE SOX THIRD: Delmonico grounded out. Engel walked. Moncada singled. Engel to second. Sanchez popped out. Abreu singled, scoring Engel. A. Garcia grounded into fielder's choice. Abreu out at second. **One run. Blue Jays 5-1.**

BLUE JAYS FOURTH: Travis popped out. Granderson struck out. Gurriel Jr. homered. Smoak grounded out. **One run. Blue Jays 6-1.**

BLUE JAYS FIFTH: Morales homered. Solarite grounded out. Hernandez walked. Viara pitching. Martin doubled, scoring Hernandez. Grichuk hit by pitch. Travis hit by pitch. Martin to third, Grichuk to second. With Granderson striking, wild pitch by Vieira, scoring Martin. Granderson filed out, scoring Grichuk. Gurriel Jr. popped out. **Four runs. Blue Jays 10-1.**

WHITE SOX SEVENTH: Anderson struck out. Narvaez filed out. Delmonico tripled. Engel doubled, scoring Delmonico. Biagini pitching. Moncada grounded out. **One run. Blue Jays 10-2.**

WHITE SOX NINTH: Palka doubled. Anderson doubled, scoring Palka. With Narvaez batting, wild pitch by Drake, Narvaez to third. Narvaez struck out. Delmonico tripled, scoring Anderson. Engel singled, scoring Delmonico. Moncada filed out. With Sanchez batting, Engel to second on defensive interference. Sanchez filed out. **Three runs. Blue Jays 10-5.**

WHITE SOX NOTES

Danish thankful for another chance

BY PHIL ROGERS
Chicago Tribune

Tyler Danish isn't just thankful to be wearing a White Sox uniform at Guaranteed Rate Field.

He's happy to be alive after an accident with a semitrailer in September, hours after he pitched in Triple-A Charlotte's season finale. Danish joined fellow right-hander Thyago Vieira in being promoted from Charlotte on Friday.

A second-round pick in the 2013 draft, Danish revived his career working as a reliever after being dropped from the 40-man roster a couple of months after dislocating his left shoulder in an accident that could have been much worse. He admitted it feels great to get another chance after his career seemed to stall in 2017, when he was 4-14 with a 5.47 ERA at Charlotte.

“I said whatever is going to give me a chance to get back here, I would do it,” Danish said of opening this season as a long reliever. “I feel great to be back here, especially after this off-season.”

Danish said he wondered if he “could have squandered the opportunity” to establish himself, but he looks at life differently than he did nearly a year ago.

“The car wreck helped with understanding that life can change (in) a heartbeat,” Danish said. “That accident really showed me that every day is a new day and you take it to the fullest, take it on to be the best you can every day.”

Danish and the hard-throwing Vieira take the places of Joakim Soria, who was traded to the Brewers, and Chris Volstad, who was designated for assignment despite working a team-high 43 relief innings for the Sox.

All quiet on Garcia front: He wasn't specifically speaking about Avisail Garcia, but general manager Rick Hahn seemed to indicate that it's unlikely the Sox will deal their right fielder before Tuesday's deadline for non-waiver trades.

Hahn indicated he's focused on players who are controlled only through this season. Both Garcia and Jose Abreu are due to reach free agency after 2019.

“If the right opportunity arises, we'll react,” Hahn said. “But there's really no urgency.”

Extra innings: Garcia entered Friday having compiled a .719 slugging percentage since June 22, second-best in the majors behind the Cardinals' Matt Carpenter (.842). ... Nick Madrigal, the Sox's first-round pick from Oregon State, hit .448 in his first eight games with low Class A Kannapolis.

CARDINALS 5, CUBS 2



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Cubs right fielder Jason Heyward is unable to corral what turned into a triple by the Cardinals' Paul DeJong.

Help just in time

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Rangers, should invigorate the nucleus of a Cubs roster trying to make its fourth consecutive play-off appearance.

The upgrade, however, could squeeze Tyler Chatwood out of a five-man rotation as the Cubs prefer to keep ace Jon Lester and Hamels on normal rest with three off days in the next 17 days serving as an occasional break.

"We do have an idea, but I'm not ready to tell you," said manager Joe Maddon, who wanted to inform all parties before divulging the rotation with the addition of Hamels.

Chatwood has walked 85 batters in 94 innings. The Cubs' new rotation could feature four left-handers — Jose Quintana, Montgomery, Lester and Hamels. But Maddon didn't seem bothered by that alignment.

"If the quality of a left-hander is good, it doesn't matter," Maddon said. "I'm not worried about it."

He recalled Maddon, recalling the Angels rotation in the early 1990s that featured lefties Chuck Finley, Jim Abbott and Mark Langston.

The only concern regarding that type of alignment is that Montgomery is on pace to surpass to set career highs in starts and innings and admitted he was fatigued by the end of the first half.

Hamels, who was 1-3 with an 11.12 ERA in his last four starts, seems eager to fulfill his latest challenge and dream.

"It's always that chase for the World Series," Hamels told the Dallas Morning News. "Once you get one, you start to realize how difficult it is to achieve that."

Knowing I'm going to a team that has such a strong desire to win another one, I definitely want to be a part of that, especially in that city. They love baseball so much. It will be a tremendous journey for the next couple of months."

Pitcher Yu Darvish joked about trying to learn a changeup from Hamels from their days together with the Rangers (2015-2017).

"I asked him so many times, and I can't perfect it," Darvish said.

Epstein said the Cubs prioritized a reliever before their July 21 doubleheader against the Cardinals and were able to acquire Jesse Chavez while starting talks involving Hamels.

Once Epstein knew that the ballpark price for Hamels — pitcher Eddie Butler, minor-league pitcher Rollie Lacy and a player to be named or cash — was affordable, talks accelerated.

The deal was finalized as soon as the Cubs' flight to St. Louis landed Thursday night. The Cubs will pay \$5 million of the \$14 million guaranteed to Hamels, according to a source.

Starting pitching "always was a priority because that's something that's hard to address after (Tuesday's non-waiver trade deadline)," Epstein said. "And we're one injury away from being in a really tough spot with some of the injuries we've had, some of the struggles in certain areas."

"We're still out there looking, and we will be right until the last minute before the (3 p.m.) deadline. There are only so many opportunities to get better. It gets harder after July 31."

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THE BOX SCORE

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rizzo 1b	4	1	2	1	0	.264
Almora cf	4	0	0	0	0	.311
Heyward rf	4	0	1	0	1	.280
Baez ss	4	1	2	1	0	.296
Zobrist 2b	4	0	2	0	1	.295
Schwarber lf	4	0	0	0	2	.241
Happ 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.252
Montgomery p	2	0	0	0	2	.091
Rosario p	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
a-La Stella ph	1	0	0	0	0	.276
Mills p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Caratini c	3	0	0	0	0	.276
TOTALS	34	2	8	2	8	—

ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Carpenter 3b-1b	4	0	0	0	1	.272
Molina c	4	2	3	1	1	.294
DeJong ss	3	1	3	3	0	.258
Martinez 1b	3	0	1	1	0	.295
Garcia 2b	1	0	0	0	1	.246
Ozuna lf	4	0	2	0	0	.264
Pham cf	3	0	1	0	0	.254
Fowler rf	4	0	1	0	1	.182
Munoz 2b-3b	3	1	1	0	2	.293
Weaver p	3	1	0	0	1	.182
Mayers p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Hicks p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
b-Baier ph	1	0	0	0	0	-.269
Norris p	0	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	33	5	12	5	7	—

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a-grounded out for Rosario in the 7th. b-flied out for Hicks in the 8th. c-Happ (4). **LOB:** CUBS 5, St. Louis 8. **2B:** Zobrist (13), Molina 2 (11). **3B:** DeJong (1). **HR:** Rizzo (14), off Weaver; Baez (20), off Weaver. **RBI:** Rizzo (68), Baez (75), Molina (45), DeJong 3 (26), Martinez (58). **CS:** Carpenter (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** CUBS 3 (Zobrist, Happ, Montgomery); St. Louis 3 (Weaver 3). **RISP:** CUBS 0 for 4; St. Louis 4 for 12. **Runners moved up:** Schwarber, Fowler 2, Carpenter. **GDP:** Martinez, Pham. **DP:** CUBS 2 (Zobrist, Baez, Rizzo), (Baez, Zobrist, Rizzo). **CUBS**

CUBS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Montgomery, L, 3-4 5 12 5 1 3 4.03
Rosario 1 0 0 0 2 2 1.97
Mills 2 0 0 0 0 2 0.00

ST. LOUIS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Weaver, W, 6-9 6 8 2 2 0 5 4.70
Mayers, H, 3 1 0 0 0 0 3.68
Hicks, H, 14 1 0 0 0 1 3.25
Norris, S, 20-23 1 0 0 0 0 2 3.21

HBP: Montgomery (Pham). **Umpires:** H. Jordan Baker; 1B, Greg Gibson; 2B, Vic Carapazza; 3B, Jerry Layne. **Time:** 2:48. **A:** 47,169 (45,538).

HOW THEY SCORED
CUBS THIRD: Caratini grounded out. Rizzo homered. Almora Jr. flied out. Heyward grounded out. **One run, Cubs 1-0.**
CARDINALS THIRD: Carpenter struck out. Molina doubled. DeJong tripled, scoring Molina. Martinez singled, scoring DeJong. Ozuna singled. Martinez to second. Pham grounded into a double play. **Two runs, Cardinals 2-1.**
CARDINALS FOURTH: Fowler singled. Munoz singled. Fowler to third. Weaver reached on fielder's choice. Fowler out at home. Munoz to second. Carpenter lined out. Munoz to third. Molina doubled, scoring Munoz. Weaver to third. DeJong singled, scoring Weaver and Molina. Martinez lined out. **CUBS SIXTH:** Heyward grounded out. Baez homered. Zobrist doubled. Schwarber grounded out. Zobrist to third. Happ struck out. **One run, Cardinals 5-2.**

5 QUESTIONS ABOUT COLE HAMELS

With lefty addition, key decisions ahead

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

ST. LOUIS — Several decisions face the Cubs now that four-time All-Star left-hander Cole Hamels has joined them officially in a trade from the Rangers:

How soon can Hamels pitch for the Cubs?

Hamels' last start was Monday, so he could start as soon as Saturday.

But it's possible the Cubs would give Hamels an extra day of rest. The Cardinals are batting .238 against left-handers and .249 against right-handers. They're 13-14 against left-handed starters and 38-37 against right-handed starters.

Hamels is 3-2 with a 2.20 ERA in eight starts at the new Busch Stadium. In his most recent start in St. Louis, on June 17, 2016, he pitched 7²/₃ innings of three-hit ball in a 1-0 Rangers victory. He went 15-5 that season and made the AL All-Star team.

Can the Cubs survive with four lefties in the rotation?

It's no issue for manager Joe Maddon, who recalled last season that during his days as an Angels coach, A's coach Duffy Dyer told him they didn't like facing the left-handed trio of Chuck Finley, Mark Langston and Jim Abbott.

"It depends on the quality of the lefty and how well he's pitching on that night," Maddon said during the 2017 National League Championship Series, in which the Cubs faced Dodgers left-handers Clayton Kershaw

and Rich Hill in Games 1 and 2.

If the Cubs opt for four left-handers, what becomes of Tyler Chatwood?

With Eddie Butler included in the trade to the Rangers, Chatwood likely will handle long-relief duties and perhaps be used as a sixth starter when needed.

Could Chatwood stay in the rotation as a sixth starter?

It's possible, but victories are at a premium with slugger Kris Bryant and closer Brandon Morrow sidelined indefinitely. The addition of Hamels, along with a day off Monday, provides extra rest for the starters as the Cubs complete a stretch of 12 games in 11 days with Sunday night's game.

The Cubs also have scheduled days off Aug. 9, 13 and 20, so they wouldn't seem to need a sixth starter until they begin a stretch of 23 games without a day off Aug. 21.

Also, Hamels expressed his disdain in March for six-man rotations.

What becomes of the 25-man and 40-man rosters once Hamels is activated?

The inclusion of Butler in the trade clears a spot for Hamels on both rosters.

If the Cubs need to make room for another addition to the 40-man roster, they could transfer reliever Justin Hancock (right shoulder) from the 10-day disabled list to the 60-day DL, retroactive to June 26.

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Hoping for quick fix

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pitcher Eddie Butler, Class A pitcher Rollie Lacy and a player to be named to the Rangers for Hamels and cash.

Now it's up to Hamels to prove himself, and in doing so prove Epstein right for making the move.

In this age of five-inning starters, it shouldn't be much to ask Hamels to eat innings, which once was his specialty. He threw 200 or more innings in eight of nine seasons between 2009 and '16.

And in 12 starts from April 13 to June 19, Hamels had a 3.02 ERA and limited hitters to a .215 average, throwing six or more innings in 11 of the 12 games. That pitcher would be slotted in as No. 2 in the Cubs rotation behind Jon Lester, and we probably wouldn't be debating the merits of the trade.

It's the last five starts that are concerning. Hamels has compiled a 10.23 ERA since June 25 with a .370 opponents' average and a 1.043 OPS against. He allowed seven runs in three of those starts and lasted only two-thirds of an inning in another.

If this were a one-month slump during Hamel's Phillies days, you could shrug it off. But pitchers as a rule wear down as they age, and Hamels is no different. That doesn't mean he doesn't have anything left, but we shouldn't expect him to be the same pitcher he was three or four years ago.

What the Cubs can say is their frustration level with Chatwood is at peak levels, and they needed someone — anyone — to make up for Chatwood's dismal performance.

The 85 walks in 94 innings is outrageous, the kind of stat that normally would lead to a demotion.

Chatwood has a 21-walk lead over the next-worst offender in the category, White Sox starter Lucas Giolito. He's on his way to becoming the first pitcher with 100 or more walks since Edison Volquez and Ricky Romero issued 105 in 2012.

Cubs fans clearly are tired of hearing about his great "stuff" when they can see his wildness almost every outing. He ranked fourth-worst in the majors last year with 77 walks, so it's not exactly shocking. But it's now beyond annoying to watch.

Of course you can't send down a pitcher in the first year of a three-year, \$38 million deal, so Chatwood stays and likely gets another chance to redeem himself.

Forgetting about Darvish's uncertain return date or the possibility of Drew Smyly pitching in to help, the only question that matters now is how Epstein



ASHLEY LANDIS/AP

Despite his recent struggles, left-hander Cole Hamels should bolster the Cubs rotation.

and Joe Maddon will fit six pitchers into what has been a five-man rotation.

A six-man rotation would be one way, but you would be punishing the one guy, Lester, who has given you the most. For now, Maddon said Friday the Cubs would stick with a five-man plan.

It was no secret Lester and Jake Arrieta weren't big fans of going to a six-man rotation in the past. Like most starters, they like their routines between starts, and an extra day off forces them to change.

But both went along with the plan, and the bottom line is it worked.

After recovering from a poor outing after the All-Star break with a strong performance against the Diamondbacks on Wednesday, Lester had an interesting remark on coming out of the game in the seventh after serving up a tying home run to A.J. Pollock on his 103rd pitch. Lester admitted he wanted to go one more batter.

"My job is to throw the ball as long as I'm told to," he said. "I don't make those decisions."

There's nothing Lester can do about it if his boss goes with a six-man rotation, even if it's not his fault the Cubs are in that position. He does have clout, but we haven't seen him exercise it like he did with the Red Sox.

The Cubs could send Mike Montgomery back to the bullpen, pointing to his workload and a 1.50 WHIP in three starts in July.

It would be difficult to rationalize keeping Chatwood in the rotation and putting Montgomery back with the dancing relievers, other than to point out Montgomery can fill any role needed and the Cubs have a hole in the late-inning lefty role Brian Duensing was supposed to fill but has not.

No matter how the pieces of the puzzle fit, it's going to be fascinating to watch the last two months and in October.

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CUBS NOTES

No target date yet for Bryant's return

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

ST. LOUIS — Kris Bryant assured reporters that he will return to the Cubs this season while tamping down speculation that his ailing left shoulder will require offseason surgery.

"I wouldn't even get to that point at all," Bryant said after a cortisone shot and a second MRI confirmed a recurrence of the inflammation.

Furthermore, Bryant vowed to return to his normal production levels when he comes back.

"There's not a doubt in my mind I'll be better," Bryant said.

But for the second time in five weeks, Bryant faces the dilemma of avoiding a recurrence of the pain that sidelined him for 16 games. Bryant has yet to swing a bat since Monday, when the pain became too acute to play.

"I'm trying to be smart about it and stubborn, like most of us are."

There is no target date yet for

his return, though he is eligible to come off the 10-day disabled list Aug. 3.

Bryant says he merely will follow the orders of the medical staff and not try to rush his return.

"If I wanted to be a doctor, I probably would have been one," Bryant said. "But I like what I do. I stay out of that stuff."

Bryant stood by the decision to return originally July 11 after only two minor-league rehab games, adding that there's more non-baseball work for him and vowing he won't change his swing for the sake of alleviating any pain.

"There's not much I have to change," Bryant said. "Just not overdo myself."

Manager Joe Maddon also stressed patience.

"There's nothing you can do about it," Maddon said. "It's a rest thing as far as I can tell. And a tolerance thing. And he's not used to it."

Darvish's comeback: An alter-

ation in Yu Darvish's arm motion after 10 pitches Friday reduced the pain in his right arm and allowed him to complete a 23-toss bullpen outing.

"It's not to a point where everyone is worried," said Darvish, who originally described the pain as "severe."

"I want to let you know personally I'm not worried that much."

After the bullpen session, Darvish continued to play catch and the staff told him his delivery was reminiscent of spring training when he threw effectively and pain free.

Darvish, who hasn't pitched for the Cubs since May 20, is scheduled to play catch Saturday and throw another bullpen session next week.

"Bottom line is it was a very positive day," President Theo Epstein said. "He felt good making some adjustments and got his feel and arm action back as he went. He went through a little bit of discomfort but was feeling good."

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
						EXH: BAL 7, NBC-5 AM-780	
	@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	SD 7:05 NBCSCH AM-670	SD 1:20 NBCSCH AM-670
	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	KC 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	@TB 6:10 NBCSCH AM-720
	@TOR 6:00 ESPN+ AM-1200						@ATL 6:00 WCIU-26.2
				@DAL 7:00 WCIU-26.2			@ATL 6:00 WCIU-26.2

SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB	Time	Game	Network
Noon	3:05 p.m.	Royals at Yankees	MLBN
6 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	Cubs at Cardinals	NBCSCH, FS1, WSCR-AM 670
		Dodgers at Braves	MLBN
		Blue Jays at White Sox	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720
		Mariners at Angels	MLBN
WNBA	2:30 p.m.	All-Star Game	ABC-7
THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT			
10 a.m.	Noon	Super 16 Northeast region	ESPN
2 p.m.	4 p.m.	Super 16 West region	ESPN
4 p.m.		Super 16 West region	ESPN

BOXING

9 p.m.	MIKEY GARCIA vs. ROBERT EASTER JR.	Showtime
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CYCLING

6:30 a.m.	Tour de France Stage 20	NBCSN
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CFL

3 p.m.	Redblacks at Tiger-Cats	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Stampeders at Roughriders	ESPN2

AFL ARENA BOWL XXXI

6 p.m.	Washington at Baltimore	CBSSN
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GOLF

8:30 a.m.	British Senior Open	Golf (more, 11 a.m., NBC-5)
Noon	PGA Canadian Open	Golf (more, 2 p.m., CBS-2)
2 p.m.	Ladies Scottish Open	Golf Channel

MARTIAL ARTS

5 p.m.	UFC Fight Night prelims	FOX-32
7 p.m.	Eddie Alvarez vs. Dustin Poirier	FOX-32

MOTORSPORTS

8 a.m.	Formula One qualifying	ESPNews
12:30 p.m.	IndyCar qualifying	NBCSN
2 p.m.	NASCAR Xfinity qualifying	NBCSN
3 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Series qualifying	NBCSN
4:30 p.m.	NASCAR Xfinity U.S. Cellular 250	NBCSN

SOCCER: INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS CUP

6:30 a.m.	Arsenal vs. Paris St.-Germain	ESPN2
Noon	Benfica vs. Juventus	ESPN2
1 p.m.	Chelsea vs. Internazionale	ESPNews
4 p.m.	Manchester United vs. Liverpool	ESPN
10 p.m.	Barcelona vs. Tottenham Hotspur	ESPN

MLS

6 p.m.	Fire at Toronto	ESPN+, WRTO-AM 1200
8 p.m.	Dynamo at Timbers	ESPN

SWIMMING

2 p.m.	U.S. National Championships	NBC-5
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TENNIS

6 p.m.	ATP Atlanta semifinal	ESPN2
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SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	13	4	5	44	46	25
N.Y. City FC	13	4	4	43	42	24
N.Y. Red Bulls	13	5	2	41	40	19
Columbus	9	7	6	33	27	27
Montreal	9	12	1	28	28	37
New England	7	7	7	28	33	32
Philadelphia	8	10	3	27	29	34
FIRE	6	11	5	23	43	43
Orlando City	7	13	1	22	29	47
Toronto FC	5	11	4	19	32	39
D.C. United	3	9	5	14	27	34

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
FC Dallas	11	3	6	39	32	23
Los Angeles FC	10	5	6	36	44	35
Kansas City	9	5	6	33	37	27
LA Galaxy	9	7	5	32	39	33
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	7	6	27	38	30
Vancouver	7	9	2	26	26	22
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.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
 Fire at Toronto, 6
 Atlanta at Montreal, 6
 Columbus at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6
 Colorado at D.C. United, 7
 FC Dallas at Sporting KC, 8
 Minnesota at Vancouver, 9
 Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 9:30
 Houston at Portland, 10
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
 N.Y. City FC at Seattle, 4
 Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30
NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER CLUB

W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
North Carolina	14	1	4	46	11
Seattle	8	4	6	30	20
Portland	8	5	5	29	25
Orlando	8	6	5	29	27
RED STARS	7	4	7	28	26
Houston	6	7	5	23	28
Utah	5	6	7	22	14
Washington	2	12	4	10	11
Sky Blue FC	0	13	3	3	12

W NBA

EASTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	16	9	.640	—
Washington	14	11	.560	2
Connecticut	14	12	.538	2½
SKY	9	17	.346	7½
New York	7	18	.280	9
Indiana	3	23	.115	13½

WESTERN

W	L	PCT	GB	
Seattle	19	7	.731	—
Minnesota	15	10	.600	3½
Los Angeles	15	11	.577	4
Phoenix	11	11	.500	8
Dallas	14	11	.560	4
Las Vegas	12	13	.480	6½

SATURDAY'S ALL-STAR GAME

Team Parker vs. Team Belle Donne at Target Center, Minneapolis, Minn., 2:30

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National Baseball Hall of Fame And Museum: Elected Arte Moreno to the board of directors.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

White Sox: Designated RHP Chris Volstad for assignment. Recalled RHP Thyago Vieira from Charlotte (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Tyler Danish from Charlotte.

Detroit: Optioned LHP Ryan Carpenter to Toledo (IL).

Los Angeles: Optioned RHP Dayan Diaz to the Chicago Cubs for RHPs Eddie Butler and Rolife Lacy and a player to be named.

National League
Cubs: Recalled RHP Alec Mills from Iowa (PCL).

Arizona: Acquired INF Eduardo Escobar from the Minnesota Twins for RHP Jhoan Duran and OFs Gabriel Mielcel and Ernie De La Trinidad.

Atlanta: Acquired LHP Jonny Venters for \$250,000 of international signing bonus pool allocation.

Cincinnati: Optioned RHP Austin Brice to Louisville (IL). Designated LHP Kyle Crockett for assignment. Recalled RHP Keury Mella and LHP Wandy Peralta from Louisville.

Colorado: Assigned 2B Daniel Castro outright to Albuquerque (PCL).

Philadelphia: Acquired INF Adubral Cabrera from the New York Mets for RHP Franklin Kilome.

St. Louis: Traded RHP Sam Tuivailala to Seattle for RHP Seth Elledge and assigned Elledge to Springfield (TL).

San Francisco: Optioned 2B Kely Tomlinson and LHP Ty Blach to Sacramento (PCL). Sent 2B Joe Panik to Sacramento for a rehab assignment.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
L.A. Clippers: Waived C C.J. Williams.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
NFL: Suspended New York Jets WR ArDarius Stewart without pay for the first two games of the regular season for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances.

Bears: Signed OL Jack Allen. Waived DL Bunmi Rotimi.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

MIDWEST LEAGUE EASTERN	W	L	PCT.	GB
Bowl. Green (Rays)	20	14	.588	—
Dayton (Reds)	17	17	.500	3
South Bend (Cubs)	17	17	.500	3
Lake Co. (Indians)	16	17	.485	3½
Lansing (Blue Jays)	16	18	.471	4
Fort Wayne (Padres)	15	18	.455	4½
W. Michigan (Tigers)	14	19	.424	5½
Gr. (Dodgers)	11	23	.324	9

WESTERN	W	L	PCT.	GB
Ced. Rapids (Twins)	25	9	.735	—
Peoria (Cardinals)	20	12	.625	4
Beloit (Athletics)	20	12	.625	4
Clinton (Mariners)	17	16	.515	7½
Quad Cities (Astros)	17	16	.515	7½
Kane Co. (D-backs)	16	17	.485	8½
Wisconsin (Brewers)	15	18	.455	9½
Burlington (Angels)	9	22	.290	14½

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
 Quad Cities 8, Burlington 7 (11)
 Beloit 1, Fort Wayne 6
 Clinton 3, Clinton 2 (10)
 West Michigan 5, Lake County 4
 Kane County 13, Beloit 6
 Burlington 4, Quad Cities 2
 Kedar Rapids 3, Clinton 2 (10)
 Great Lakes 5, Bowling Green 3
 Lansing 5, South Bend 2
 Peoria 3, Wisconsin 2 (10)

FRONTIER LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB
Joliet	36	28	.563	—
Lake Erie	36	28	.563	—
Schaumburg	35	29	.547	1
Washington	34	30	.531	2
River City 4, Evansville 3				
Windy City	25	39	.391	11

WEST

W	L	PCT.	GB	
River City	33	31	.516	—
Normal	31	30	.508	½
Southern Illinois	30	30	.500	1
Florence	31	32	.492	1½
Evansville	30	33	.476	2½
Gateway	28	38	.424	6

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 7, Traverse City 6
 Lake Erie 5, Windy City 6
 River City 4, Evansville 3
 Schaumburg 6, Joliet 5
 Normal 11, Gateway 6
 Southern Illinois 4, Florence 3

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

NORTH	W	L	PCT.	GB
Gary Southshore	36	27	.571	—
St. Paul	36	29	.553	½
Fargo-Moorhead	35	28	.556	1
Winnipeg	29	37	.439	8½
Southern Illinois	26	38	.406	10½
Keokuk	25	39	.391	11½

SOUTH

W	L	PCT.	GB	
Sioux City	49	16	.754	—
Kansas City	42	22	.656	6½
Wichita	39	25	.609	9½
Lincoln	31	33	.484	17½
Clubs	20	45	.308	29
Texas	17	47	.266	31½

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

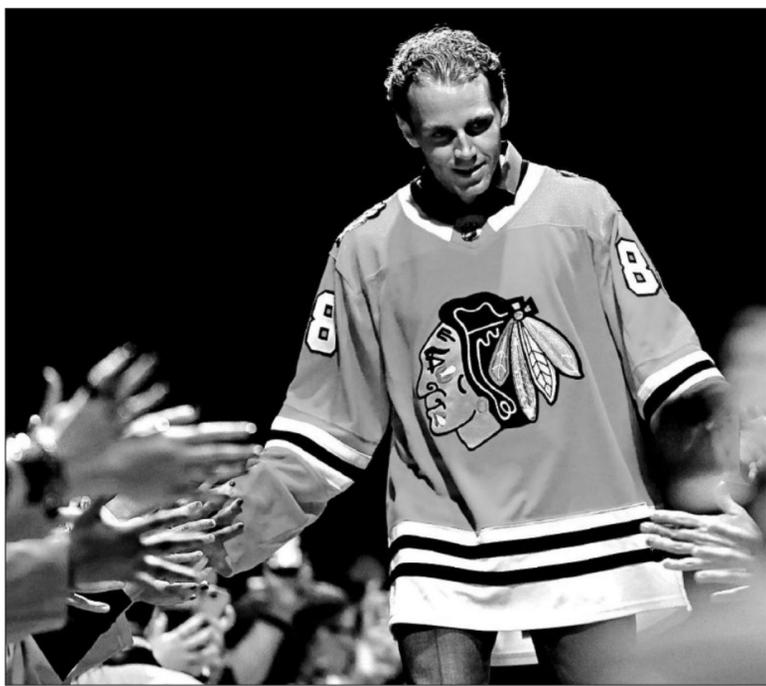
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 Fargo-Moorhead 4, Winnipeg 0
 Kansas City 4, Chicago 0
 St. Paul 3, Texas 1
 Wichita 11, Sioux Falls 8

GOLF

SENIOR BRITISH OPEN
Partial 2nd of 4 rds at Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland; Yardage: 7,216; Par: 72
135 (-9)
 Miguel A. Jimenez 68-67
136 (-9)
 Jeff Sluman 68-68
 Kirk Triplett 65-71
 Bernhard Langer 67-69
137 (-7)
 Jarmo Sandelin 68-69
 Vijay Singh 68-69
 Tom Watson 69-68
138 (-6)
 Mauricio Molina 70-68
 Tom Pernice Jr. 70-68
 Marco Dawson 71-67
139 (-5)
 Andre Bossert 71-68
 Brandt Jobe 70-69
 Sandy Lee 73-66
 Colin Montgomerie 71-68
 Paul McGinley 66-73
 Tommy Fleetwood 68-71
 Kenny Perry 68-71
140 (-4)
 David Toms 67-73
 Adam Carron 68-69
 Jesper Parnevik 70-70
 Phillip Price 68-72
 Clark Dennis 68-72
 Fred Marksang 70-70

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BLACKHAWKS



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Patrick Kane slaps hands with fans as he is introduced at the Blackhawks Convention.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

After lackluster season, playoffs on Kane's radar

Hawks star can see rebound after disappointing '17-18

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
AND SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

The Blackhawks have had so much success over the last decade that fans have enormous expectations, even for a team coming off a last-place finish in the Central Division.

Patrick Kane is OK with that.

"Look at a team like Colorado," Kane said. "Finished in last place, and then last year they're one of the hottest teams in the league, they make the playoffs and have a great season. That can happen with any team."

"I think that gives us a little bit of a positive outlook, but as far as the fans go, you want those expectations, you want the fans to expect you to win and that's the culture that has been created for the past 10 or so years. That's a good thing."

There isn't the same concern for Kane as there is for Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook, all of whom are older than 30 and had noticeably subpar seasons. But Kane, who turns 30 in November, had a good season, though he failed to average a point per game for the first time since the 2011-12 season.

After being named tournament MVP while leading Team USA to a bronze medal at the world championships, Kane started to get his body in shape for the upcoming season with an emphasis on lateral movement, speed and explosiveness.

"The way players train now, it's unbelievable the amount of preparation and work that goes into an offseason," Kane said. "But you're definitely going to see results."

DeBrincat's expectations grow: Last preseason, Alex DeBrincat experienced

little fanfare. But at the Blackhawks Convention on Friday, an image of him adorned an elevator door, and fans were quick to recognize No. 12.

"It was a little more low-key coming in as a rookie," he said. "There weren't many expectations for me."

"Now the expectations are there, but those aren't something I'm really looking at. I'm more looking to just improve in any way and be a better player."

DeBrincat, 20, made a strong impression during his rookie season with the Hawks, scoring 28 goals with 24 assists. The 5-foot-7 forward starred at Lake Forest Academy before going on to play with Erie in the Ontario Hockey League. The Hawks selected him in the second round of the 2016 draft.

"I think you just can't let it get to your head," he said. "You keep competing and being a student of the game."

Cheli's Cantina? Aside from his hockey career with the Canadiens, Blackhawks and Red Wings, many Chicagoans remember Chris Chelios' restaurant on Madison Street near the United Center.

The Hall of Famer recently was brought back as a team ambassador. But he already is tossing around ideas about opening a restaurant now that he's back living in his hometown.

In Dearborn, Mich., Detroit and Chicago, he operated Cheli's Chili Bar with the help of his family. He said he's going to switch it up this time.

"I don't have the location, but it's going to be Cheli's Cantina," he said. "I love Mexican food now."

Chelios said he's eager to connect with young players and can see himself giving valuable advice — when asked — to struggling players.

"I would like to think I've done it all and seen it all," he said.

"Hopefully I can add something to the players if they need it."

Crawford still not ready to go

Blackhawks, from Page 1

not there.

Not yet.

"I'm feeling pretty good right now," Crawford said. "I'm not 100 percent, but we have come a long way in the last couple of months and worked really hard to do whatever I can to get better. I'm excited to be here right now and see all the guys and get that feeling of being back in it."

Crawford's injury is believed to be concussion-related, though the Hawks have referred to it steadfastly as an "upper-body injury." When asked specifically what has kept him sidelined, he declined to say.

"We can't disclose that, and I ask you just to respect that," Crawford said. "There have been a lot of rumors — people tend to do that speculation. That's normal. But we're not going to discuss any of that. What's important right now is getting better and getting prepared for the start of the season."

The Hawks' season took a dive when Crawford got hurt. They were 17-13-5 when he was injured Dec. 23 at New Jersey and went 16-26-5 the rest of the way, ending up in last place and missing the playoffs for the first time in 10 seasons.

Crawford thought he was making enough progress in mid-February to join the team for a trip and face shots during a morning skate. He hasn't been back on the ice since.

"We tried that to see where I was at, and it didn't work out," Crawford said. "I would have liked to have come back at that time or even before that, but it really wasn't in the cards to do that. It wasn't smart to do that and maybe create something worse."

Nobody knows how important Crawford is to the Blackhawks more than coach Joel Quenneville, who said he has no doubt the two-time Stanley Cup winner will be back in the net. Returning from a serious injury and having to prove himself again seems consistent with how Crawford has

been perceived over the years.

"He gets counted out a lot of times," Quenneville said. "He doesn't really get the accolades (as) a goalie who has proven he can win at that elite level. We all believe in 'Crow,' and I think he's excited about getting ready and being Crow like we always have seen."

When Crawford got hurt, the Hawks turned to unproven goalies Jean-Francois Berube, Anton Forsberg and Jeff Glass. General manager Stan Bowman didn't want that to happen again and signed veteran goalie Cam Ward, whom he expects to serve as Crawford's backup.

"Now everybody realizes what we have been saying (about Crawford) for six years now," Bowman said. "This guy is overlooked often. When people are talking about the best goalies in the NHL, I never understood why he wasn't in that discussion. Now with him not being here it seems like he is getting noticed for how important he is. We're excited. We're hopeful."

Blackhawks goalie coach Jimmy Waite has been in contact with Crawford during the offseason, texting with him and checking in on his progress. He said Crawford won't return to the ice until he's "100 percent," and he's just not there yet.

"Getting back on the ice, it's not a big deal right now," Waite said. "We're still six weeks away from camp. I think if he can get back on the ice a couple of weeks before camp, maybe he's going to be rusty, but that comes back real quick. He's working in the gym off ice, so he's going to be ready. I'm not worried about it."

Crawford did not seem at ease talking to reporters, choosing his words carefully. In addition to declining to disclose his injury, he also declined to share what types of treatments he was getting.

"It hasn't been easy," he said. "But I'll be back."

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In Memoriam



Lawrence 'Larry' Zoochi
07/28/1956 - 10/08/2007

We will always treasure the memories of your Birthday celebrations with family and friends. Mom, Dad, Dave and Family

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Death Notices

Andrasco, Sally J.

Sally J. Andrasco, age 59, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on July 25, 2018. Loving daughter of Loretta C. Andrasco, nee Madden, and the late Harry E. Andrasco; Dear sister of Nancy, Jerry (Sheila), Mary Lu (Stephen) Wasniewski, Joyce (Harry) Mendez, Karen (Raymond) Lang, Mark (Leslie), Paul, Gene (Kelly), and Janine Andrasco; Fond aunt of Daniel (Jenny), Monica (Sean), Jacqueline, Patrick, Michael, Katelyn, Brian, Ryan, Timothy, Kiley, and Brittany (Dan); Cherished great aunt of Rose; Beloved niece of Lucille M. Madden. Funeral beginning at 9:15 AM on Monday, 7/30, at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W 103rd, Oak Lawn, IL 60453, where we will process to Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church, 10233 Central Park Ave, Evergreen Park, IL 60805, for a 10 AM Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3-9 PM on Sunday, 7/29, also at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to AHCF, 2000 Town Center, Ste 1900, Southfield, MI 48075.



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Bonini, John Louis

Elk Grove Village-John Louis Bonini 72, passed away on May 16, 2018 in Gilbert, AZ. He was the son of the late John and Gilda Bonini. John earned a degree in Liberal Arts from North Park University and went on to obtain an MBA from Kellogg School of Management. He spent his career at Square D/Schneider Electric from 1972 to 2007 where he had extensive experience in Mergers and Acquisitions as well as all aspects of Risk Management. His 35 year career included serving as President and Director of a wholly owned insurance subsidiary. John retired as Director of Risk Management. In his leisure time, John was an avid fisherman, who loved boating, golfing, sport shooting, pickle ball and spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed his winters in Arizona and splitting his time between Illinois and Wisconsin. John is survived by his wife Vivian, son John (Joann) Bonini of Rescue, California, daughter Julie (Paul) Angileri of Gilbert, Arizona and grandchildren Aspen, Mia, Max, John, Piper and Macy. Sister Alice (Tom) Henningsen and brother Allen (Deb) Bonini, niece Rachel and nephew Michael. Contributions can be sent to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. A gathering will be held on August 5th at noon at Pintripes Bistro, 100 W. Higgins Rd. South Barrington, IL.

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Bryant, Cheryl H.

Cheryl L. (nee Anderson) Bryant, of Countryside; beloved mother of Jocelyn Bryant; proud grandmother of Logan Bryant; dear friend of Roy L. Bryant; preceded in death by loving parents Leonard & Leona Anderson. Visitation 4 to 8pm on Sunday, July 29 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Visitation continues Monday, July 30 from 9am until time of funeral service, 10am at the funeral home. Interment St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Hodgkins. Memorial donations in Cheryl's name to the American Diabetes Association are appreciated (diabetes.org). Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Hyzy, Gerald

Gerald E. Hyzy, age 73 of Crete, IL, passed away July 26, 2018. He worked as a railroad engineer and a Chicago police officer. Jerry was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Trinity Council. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents- Joseph and Marie; brothers- Joseph Hale, Donald Hyzy, and James Hyzy; sisters- Diane Allen, and Mary Loretta Hyzy.

He is survived by his loving wife- Sonia; loving children- Laurie Boberek, Stephanie Hyzy (Rick Howard), Janet Rangel (Rick), and Wade Hampton; 11 loving grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; sister- Linda (Charlie) Hissong. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of funeral service at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2018, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com

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Lampert, Benjamin Lawrence

Benjamin Lawrence Lampert, 76. Beloved son of the late Ida and Joseph Lampert; loving husband of Sheila (nee Reitman); devoted father of Joseph (Stacey) Lampert, Brian (Marla) Lampert, and Ilene (Michael) Staunton; cherished Papa "Poppie" of Elizabeth, Megan (Kevin), Matthew, Jonathon, Rebekah, Shane, and Katie Anne; Ben was the best dad and grandfather, as well as being a treasured friend of many. He enjoyed golf, poker, bridge, and bowling. He loved a good cigar and will be deeply missed by many. Funeral service Sunday, July 29, 11 AM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, www.kidney.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Lewis, Julius

It is with great sadness that the family and friends of Julius Lewis share the news that he died on the afternoon of July 25th at his home. Julius was a brilliant lawyer, an astute art collector, and a thoughtful philanthropist. He joined the Art Institute's Board of Trustees in 1990, where he was a fierce advocate for the museum in all its aspects and the long-time chair of the Committee on European Painting and Sculpture. He became President of the Board of Directors of the Alliance Francaise of Chicago in 1991 and served for nine years. He secured a gift from the French government, which permitted the purchase of a second building for the Alliance, ultimately quadrupling its space. Julius came to the University of Chicago when he was 15 and, in spirit and through his philanthropy, he never left.

A graduate of the Yale Law School, he embarked on a legal career, becoming a partner at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in the corporate and securities department. He continued to pursue his lifelong love of art and the French language and culture. He was awarded the Legion of Honor by the French government. In 2007, he helped establish a program promoting exchanges between Art Institute curators and University of Chicago art-history students. Julius' legacy will live on in the galleries of the Art Institute with more than 30 works in the permanent collection credited to his support. Likewise, the multiple endowments he established for acquisitions, exhibitions and educational programs will ensure that the museum, its holdings, and its impact on the field of art history will continue to grow in the years ahead.

Julius, for his friends and family, was a character out of the best novel you could imagine reading. Julius was urbane and cultured. Friendship was his canvas. He delighted in introducing friends to friends. He had a fine wit and a great sense of irony. He shared, to everyone's pleasure, his deep knowledge and passion for art and music, for the social history of Chicago and for the treasures of his favorite cities, especially Paris and Venice. Visiting a museum with Julius was an education in itself. He was a critic's critic and he made his companions look hard and see anew.

Our deep sympathy goes to Julius' family, especially his sister Linda Owen and his nephews, Jonathan and David and David's wife Helena. The family will be sitting shiva at his home, 1524 N. Dearborn Parkway, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00, Saturday, July 28.

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Mallder, William E.

Retired Chicago Police Officer and Navy Veteran, Age 85; Beloved husband of the late Winifred, nee Maher; Loving father of Cynthia (David) Schoenhofen, Deborah (Bruce) Hill, William (Dawn), Michael (Dawn), Winifred "Winnie" (Brian) Kropff; Cherished grandpa of Jennifer, Michael, William, Daniel, Joseph, Andrew, Brandon, Timothy, Taylor, Ryan and the late Thomas and great grand papa of Lillie, Kayden and Austin; Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Bill served over 37 years with the Chicago Police department. Visitation Sunday, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Funeral Monday, 8:30 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Christina Church, 3342 W 111th, Chicago; Mass 9:30 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Polikowski, Phillip K.

Phillip K. Polikowski, a resident of Plainfield, IL, formerly a long time resident of Chicago, IL passed away on July 25, 2018 at his Plainfield home surrounded by his loving family at the age of 70. He was born May 26, 1948 in Chicago to the late Mamie and Joseph Polikowski. Phillip is survived by his wife of 48 years Diane Polikowski (nee Zasadzinski); daughter Amanda; grandchildren Jared, Aubrey, and Haidyn; brother Ken (Roberta) Polikowski; brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends. Phillip worked as a chemical operator for Cabot Microelectronics for 15 years before retiring. He was loved by many and will be deeply missed. Family and friends to gather Monday, July 30 for visitation 3:00-9:00 PM at Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services 15219 Joliet Rd., Plainfield, IL 60544. (Corner of Rt. 30 East & 59 South) The Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, July 31, 10:30 AM at St. Mary Immaculate Parish 15629 S. Rt 59, Plainfield, IL 60544. Interment will be private. For those wishing to leave a lasting tribute to Phillip's memory, donations to the Janet D. Rowley Discovery Fund at donatetocancer.uchicago.edu would be appreciated. For information please call 815/436-9221 or visit www.overman-jones.com



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Vayo, John William

John William Vayo, 78, formerly of Johnsburg, IL, passed away on July 5, after an arduous battle with cancer. He was born in LaPorte, IN on May 8, 1940 to the late Theodore and Helen Williams Vayo. John is survived by his high school sweetheart and devoted wife of 56 years, Carole Joyce Mueller, and their children: Amy (Brian) Fultz, Melissa (Arick) Ellis,

Sarah (Erik Pendry) Vayo; and 8 grandchildren. John will be remembered as a loyal English teacher, coach and mentor by many during his tenure at Richmond Burton Community High School and Marion Central High School. In his most recent years, John was an antique enthusiast, which led him to write "Midgetoy-An All American Toy Company" in 2005. A Celebration of Life will be held, Thursday, August 2, 2018 at the Johnsburg Community Club, 815 West Church Street, Johnsburg, from 4:30-8pm.

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Vesecky, Virginia B.

Virginia B. Vesecky (nee Butzon) age 91, passed away on Thursday, July 26, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Eugene F. Vesecky; loving mother of Thomas (Peggi) Vesecky, Jane Vincent and Donald Vesecky; cherished grandmother of Jennifer, Jeffrey, Jill, Mark, Christopher, Jonathan, Andrea and Kevin; proud great grandmother of Adilyn, Finley, Henry, Zachary, Julie, Sarah, Ryan and Claire. Visitation Sunday, July 29, 2018 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home 4727 W. 103rd St. Oak Lawn. Funeral Monday, July 30, 2018 morning prayers from Blake-Lamb Funeral Home at 8:45 a.m. to St. Linus Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit www.blake-lamboaklawn.com



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Ziegler, Jr., Robert F. 'Bob'

Loving son of Maureen Ziegler (Robert Maxson) and the late Robert F. Ziegler Sr.; Loving husband of Pam Combs. Beloved brother to Jim (Karen Pinkowski), and Robin (Craig) Lepa; Cherished father of Philip (Tiffany Noecker), Pamela (Emil J. Jr.) Simoncelli, Matthew (Jennifer Anderson), Ryan (Carrie Kessler); Special Grandfather of Zena, Patrick, Joshua, Bella, Abigail, and Caleb; Fun uncle to, Gregory, Danielle, Brian, Sam, and Emily; Special great uncle to "niece" Paighton. Bob was an avid Chicago Bears and Blackhawks fan, to honor his memory we ask that you wear your favorite team jersey to his remembrance. Visitation Sunday, July 29, 12:30pm - 9:00pm at Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory 1640 Greenmeadows Blvd (at Barrington Road) Streamwood/Schaumburg. Funeral Monday, 11:00am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the family would be appreciated. Please make any checks payable to Jim Ziegler. For information (630)289-8054 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com



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Project Name: Market Assessment for the East Side/ Downtown Neighborhood; Chicago Heights Choice Neighborhood Plan

Specification Number: 2018-100-032

Proposal Due Date: August 20, 2018 Time: 2:00 P.M.

Contact Person: Deborah O'Donnell Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725 E-mail Address: dodonnell@thehacc.org

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Richard Monocchio, Executive Director

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SATURDAY, JULY 28 NORMAL HIGH: 84° NORMAL LOW: 64° RECORD HIGH: 100° (1983) RECORD LOW: 51° (1984)

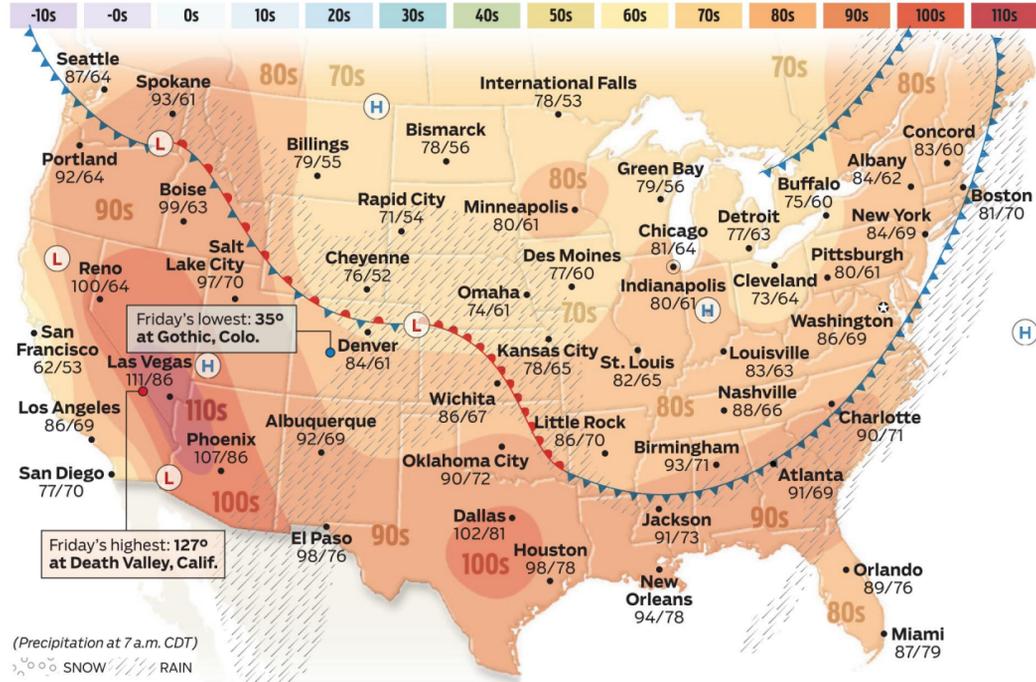
Mild low-humidity air continuing this weekend

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 81 **LOW** 64

■ The center of high pressure will slowly shift east of our area during the next 24 hours.
 ■ Plenty of sunshine but there will be increasing cloudiness from the west and south later in the day into the evening hours.
 ■ Continued mild with afternoon highs in the upper 70s and lower 80s – an easterly lake breeze will keep readings in the lower 70s at the beaches.
 ■ Clouds thicken a bit overnight.
 ■ Winds on the light side – generally out of the west during the day, becoming southerly at night.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The Chicago area should continue in a somewhat-below-normal temperature mode this weekend with high temperatures around the 80-degree mark (cooler near Lake Michigan) and low relative humidity.

High pressure will shift off to the east and low pressure will very slowly move into the lower Ohio River Valley – the low pressure spreading cloudiness and showers over southern and central portions of Illinois and Indiana. So while we will experience some cloudiness, especially along and south of I-80, the precipitation is expected to stay downstate.

Our next chance of significant rain looks to come early next week – as early as Monday night and more likely into Wednesday. Mild temperatures should continue with warmth and humidity returning to northern Illinois later in the week.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

HIGH 81 **LOW** 66

Partly sunny start. Clouds increasing from south during day – showers, t-storms possible south of I-80. Highs 80 to 85. Cooler readings at lake. A chance of showers/t-storms at night. Easterly winds.

MONDAY, JULY 30

HIGH 80 **LOW** 65

Showers/t-storms north, but south of I-80. Mostly cloudy south. High temps mid-70s to lower 80s with readings 70 at lakefront. Clouds. Chance of showers/t-storms areawide overnight. Easterly winds.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

HIGH 77 **LOW** 64

Mostly cloudy with a good chance of showers and a few embedded t-storms. High temps 75 to 80. Clouds and a good chance of showers overnight. NE winds shift to the NW at night.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

HIGH 82 **LOW** 67

Sunny start with increase of mid, high-level clouds from north during the afternoon. Few brief showers possible, mainly north. Highs 80 to 85. Clouds. Chance of showers overnight – best chance north. W/SW winds.

THURSDAY, AUG. 2

HIGH 84 **LOW** 67

Partly cloudy and a little warmer. Highs in the low to mid 80s. Partly cloudy overnight. Southwest winds.

FRIDAY, AUG. 3

HIGH 86 **LOW** 68

Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon/nighttime showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 80s. Southwest winds.

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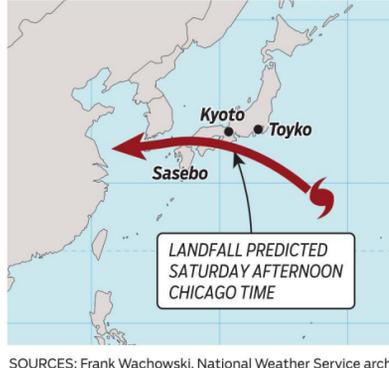


Mild temps here while Typhoon Jongdari approaches Japan

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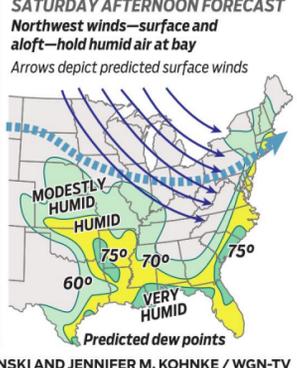
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 Temp departures from normal

DATE	TEMP	DEPARTURE
SAT JULY 28	81	3° BELOW NORMAL
SUN JULY 29	81	3° BELOW NORMAL
MON JULY 30	80	4° BELOW NORMAL
TUE JULY 31	77	6° BELOW NORMAL



MIDWEST CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	cl	83	64	cl	82	64
Carbondale	pc	78	59	pc	79	62
Champaign	cl	78	60	cl	78	61
Decatur	cl	78	60	cl	78	61
Moline	cl	79	59	cl	80	61
Peoria	pc	80	61	ts	80	63
Quincy	cl	78	61	ts	76	62
Rockford	ts	79	58	ts	79	59
Springfield	cl	80	60	ts	78	62
Stirling	pc	78	57	pc	79	59
Indiana	cl	80	59	pc	80	61
Bloomington	pc	82	63	cl	83	65
Evansville	pc	78	59	pc	79	60
Fort Wayne	sh	77	57	pc	79	60
Indianapolis	cl	80	61	cl	80	63
Lafayette	cl	78	57	pc	79	61
South Bend	pc	76	59	pc	78	61
Wisconsin	pc	79	56	pc	81	58
Green Bay	pc	78	59	pc	78	59
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Madison	pc	79	61	pc	80	61
Milwaukee	pc	79	61	pc	80	61
Wausau	pc	77	54	pc	79	55
Michigan	pc	77	63	pc	80	64
Detroit	pc	80	58	ts	81	59
Grand Rapids	su	73	58	pc	75	58
Marquette	pc	74	54	pc	79	56
St. Ste. Marie	pc	74	54	pc	79	56
Traverse City	su	78	58	pc	79	58
Iowa	cl	77	56	pc	76	59
Ames	cl	77	56	pc	76	59
Cedar Rapids	pc	77	55	pc	77	58
Des Moines	ts	77	60	ts	76	61
Dubuque	pc	79	59	pc	79	58

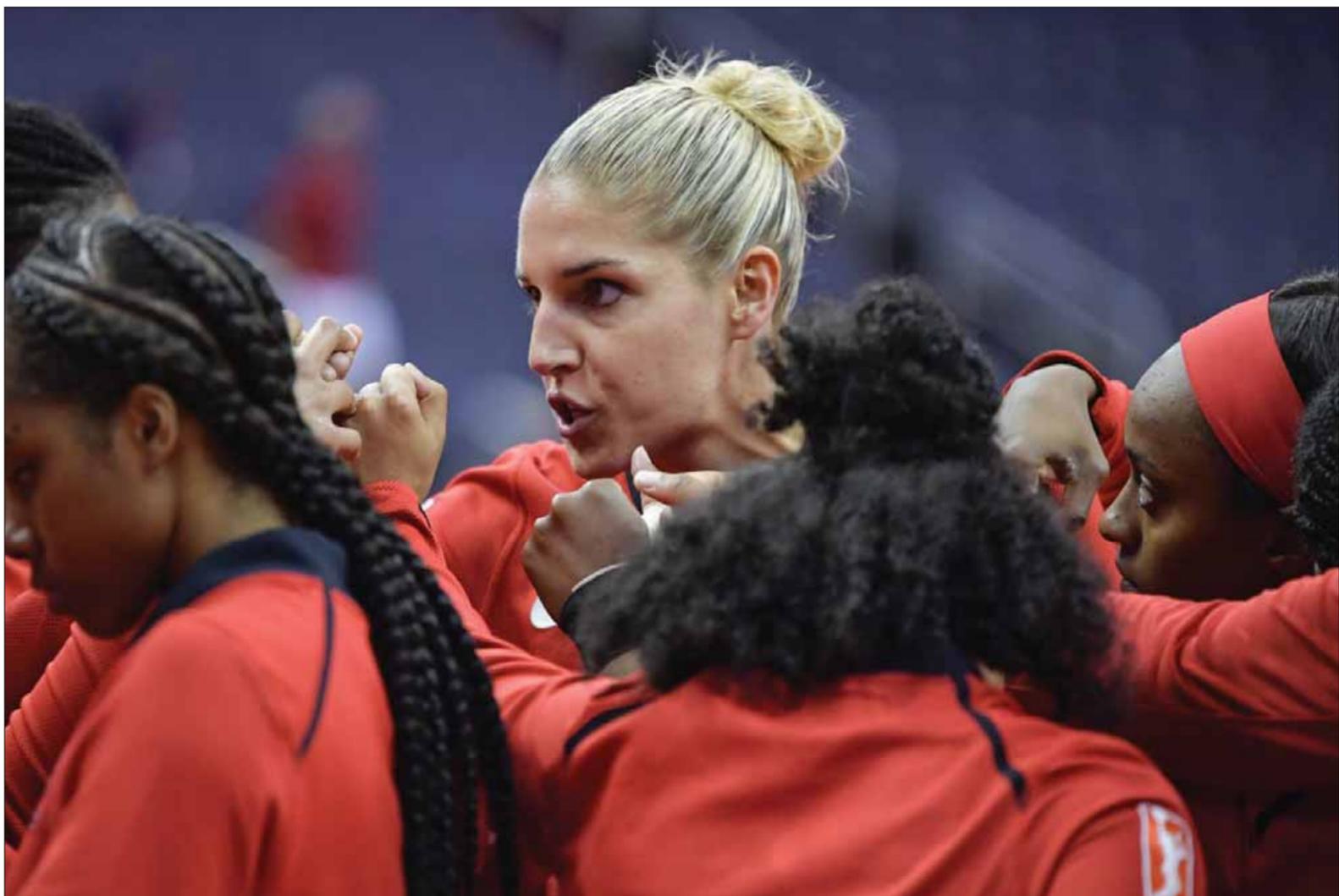
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SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	ts	84	62	pc	83	62
Albuquerque	pc	92	69	pc	96	69
Amarillo	pc	95	67	pc	95	62
Anchorage	cl	65	56	cl	69	55
Asheville	pc	84	62	ts	81	65
Aspen	ts	80	51	pc	81	49
Atlanta	pc	91	69	pc	90	70
Atlanta City	pc	84	67	pc	82	68
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Baltimore	su	87	71	pc	86	71
Billings	pc	79	55	pc	78	55
Birmingham	pc	93	71	pc	92	72
Bismarck	pc	78	56	pc	79	54
Boise	su	99	63	pc	98	66
Boston	ts	81	70	pc	84	68
Brownsville	pc	97	79	pc	98	79
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Barbados	pc	86	79	pc	86	79
Barcelona	pc	84	73	pc	84	73
Beijing	su	92	76	su	92	76
Beirut	pc	85	78	pc	85	78
Berlin	ts	90	65	ts	90	65
Bermuda	pc	83	78	pc	83	78
Bogota	cl	64	49	cl	64	49
Brussels	ts	76	58	ts	76	58
Bucharest	ts	84	68	ts	84	68
Budapest	ts	88	69	ts	88	69
Buenos Aires	sh	56	50	sh	56	50
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Kiev	ts	82	66	ts	82	66
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Elena Delle Donne has evolved into a far more vocal figure in the WNBA: "I'm very comfortable in my own skin, and when I see something that's wrong I feel I need to speak out about it."

WNBA

Her voice is being heard

Delle Donne opens up about WNBA's lack of attention

BY BEN POPE
Philly.com

WASHINGTON — It's not that Elena Delle Donne doesn't like the NBA Summer League.

No, she has nothing against the NBA's biggest offseason diversion, though she doesn't often have the time to watch it during the WNBA's packed schedule. But when summer-league games are played at the same time as WNBA games and only the men's action gets televised, that's when she begins to have a problem.

"You see every single game on TV, all day long," Delle Donne said of the NBA Summer League. "And our games are rarely on TV."

Everything else in Delle Donne's life and career is going well. She is averaging more than 20 points this season for the Mystics, married longtime partner Amanda Clifton this past offseason and has her lifetime Lyme-disease sentence more in check than it ever has been.

But the Wilmington, Del., native realizes that despite her growing legacy in women's basketball, few American sports fans even know her name, much less those of the league's other stars. Delle Donne has identified tangible, fixable reasons for that too, beyond the popular opinion that women's sports just can't hold fan interest.

All 82 games from the NBA's Las Vegas Summer League from July 6 to July 17 were televised on either the ESPN networks (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU) or NBA TV. During that same period only four of the WNBA's 26 games appeared on those channels, even though the league has contracts with both networks.

And on media ranging from social media to newspapers to billboards, WNBA players aren't discussed and promoted as superstars in the same manner as local NBA icons.

All of that has led Delle Donne to voice her concerns.

"We need way more marketing," she said. "There's still a lot of people out there (who) don't know the WNBA exists, don't know when our season is."

"So we've got to get it out there and make people aware that we're here."

Speaking up

Until recently, speaking out this publicly was rarely part of Delle Donne's repertoire.

The 6-foot-5 forward remains quiet on the sidelines and stoic on the court. She has rarely played



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Mystics forward Elena Delle Donne reached 3,000 career points faster than any player in WNBA history.

overseas during the winter, as many of her teammates do, and she first made national headlines a decade ago by forgoing a chance to play at prestigious UConn out of high school, choosing instead to attend nearby Delaware.

So for Delle Donne to step outside her shell to the extent she has over the last six months — authoring an autobiography, making on-camera appearances on ESPN's "Outside the Lines" and embracing her new role as arguably women's basketball's most recognizable player and spokeswoman — is somewhat monumental. She says her decision to do so is driven partially by the realization that the WNBA's audience has not improved nearly as fast as its product has over the last six years and also by a greater sense of her own individual significance.

"Coming into the league, everything is new and you're trying to get a feel for everything, and the veterans were handling stuff like that," she said. "Now, I've grown up; I'm starting to become more of a vet. This is our league, and we have to be the ones to speak out when things just don't feel right."

Delle Donne long ago proved herself one of the sport's brightest stars. As her 29th birthday nears, she said she feels she's just now coming into her prime. That "vet" status has been well-earned by Delle Donne's perennial All-Star status, but its implications about declining production and advancing age don't apply in her case.

After all, Delle Donne is well on her way to a sixth consecutive season — the first four with the Sky, the last two with the Mystics — of averaging more than 17 points. Earlier this month she

reached 3,000 career points faster than any player in WNBA history. She's a captain for Saturday's All-Star Game in Minneapolis (2:30 p.m., ABC-7).

"Every night, she's rolling out there with 20-somethings," Mystics coach Mike Thibault said after Delle Donne's 25-point output in the team's most recent home game. "That's a nice thing for a coach to have in the back pocket."

And yet to say it all comes to her effortlessly, naturally, inherently — all those words so often used to describe the dominance of stars in every sport — would be a false assumption. It doesn't because of what she describes as a "daily struggle" of fighting off the unpredictable symptoms of Lyme disease.

Delle Donne's struggles with the chronic illness have hardly been a secret, especially when a series of flare-ups in the summer of 2014 limited her to nine starts that season. But the fact she continues to battle it — she missed four games earlier this year because of another flare-up — has been less documented. They occur "out of the blue" and leave her fatigued, feverish and dealing with severe inflammation for weeks or months at a time.

"I've gotten better and more aware of when it's coming on and (I'm) not trying to push through it like I used to in the past," Delle Donne said. "I would think, 'Oh, it will just go away.' It won't. The second I'm not feeling too great and not recovering properly, that's when I've got to get going on a treatment plan. ... I have to realize that beating myself up isn't going to make me better."

Through balancing an uncontrollable illness and a professional

athlete's physical duties, working through the social insecurities that come with being a 6-5 gay woman and learning to embrace basketball after once deserting it for college volleyball, Delle Donne has developed the confidence, stature and voice needed to puncture the bubble into which the rest of the sports universe has long relegated the WNBA.

She said she is "speaking out because I want it to be better for the next generation coming through. Knowing how hard we all work and how talented we all are, (we are) not getting the props and the pay we deserve."

Less than 25 percent of total league revenue goes toward WNBA player salaries, compared with about 50 percent in the NBA, and an opportunity to opt out of the current WNBA collective bargaining agreement in 2019 has brought that issue into the spotlight lately.

However, Delle Donne has focused more on the "props" side.

Marketing the WNBA

After NBA Commissioner Adam Silver gave a surprising and critical analysis of his perceptions of the WNBA in a mid-April ESPN segment, Delle Donne responded on Twitter — one of several social media platforms on which she is very active in what is an effort to compensate for her sport's lack of traditional media coverage.

She tweeted that others "continue to cover the negatives of the WNBA as a league, and it's exhausting," then directly called out the NBA for its failure to market the league sufficiently. Silver had noted that six of the WNBA's 12 teams lose money and

that many fans are older men rather than young women (a claim Delle Donne has contested), among other things.

That statement prompted articles on Delle Donne from a variety of national news outlets that otherwise rarely even mention the WNBA star. It also earned her a segment on a much-watched May 2 episode of ESPN's "Outside the Lines" and started a wave of increased attention that has persisted throughout the summer.

Through June, WNBA ratings on ESPN2 were up 39 percent compared with last year and at their highest levels since 2013, albeit still minuscule compared with major men's leagues.

The WNBA is taking steps to expand its visibility, such as hiring brand consultant group Sylvain Labs to evaluate the league's marketing strategy. Sky owner Michael Alter said in June that the league expects to create a more comprehensive long-term marketing plan by this winter, and he highlighted the league's scoring-focused rule changes and nonconference-based playoff format as two recent modifications intended to better engage fans.

But Alter added that the league's efforts are hindered by the "still terrible" lack of media attention the sport receives, and on that note Delle Donne agreed.

"It's tough to be a WNBA fan," she said. "You have to seek out our games, seek out our players, do your research to know about us. But I think once they come to a game, they enjoy it and they come back."

Delle Donne herself might be part of why they do come back, at least in Washington. She has the Mystics a game out of the Eastern Conference lead and is shooting 47 percent from the field. She has increased her assist numbers and decreased her turnover average after an offseason — spent, as always, under the radar in Delaware and Maryland — in which she focused on improving her passing.

Yet Delle Donne also realizes she'll never be able to become the reason they come for the first time, if only because few outside women's basketball circles know who she is. That has never bothered her personally — if anything, her limelight-averse personality appreciates it. Nevertheless, Delle Donne knows that expanding her marketability would be good for the league overall and the star players who follow in her wake five or eight years down the road.

So now, in 2018, in the midst of yet another MVP-caliber season, in this crucial moment when the WNBA's long-term path seems to lie in the balance, that has become motivation enough for her to try to do something about it.

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Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson stretches with teammates during training camp. Russell is working with a new offensive coordinator this season in Brian Schottenheimer.

NFL

Start of new relationship

Seahawks' Wilson set to work new coordinator

BY GREGG BELL
Tacoma News Tribune

Since he and the Seahawks last played, Russell Wilson has been going everywhere, doing everything.

He has played baseball for the Yankees at spring training in Florida. He has been to China, South Africa and England. He has been on red carpets at awards shows in Los Angeles. He has hosted television shows. He has piloted helicopters over potential new homes for a major-league baseball team in Portland in which he's invested.

But when training camp begins this week, the Seahawks quarterback will be doing something new. For the first time since his rookie camp six years ago, it won't be his same old, comfortable summer.

Wilson is going back to the fundamentals of his position. He will be told to focus on his footwork, hounded about hand-offs, picked on about his passing.

He will be getting Brian Schottenheimer.

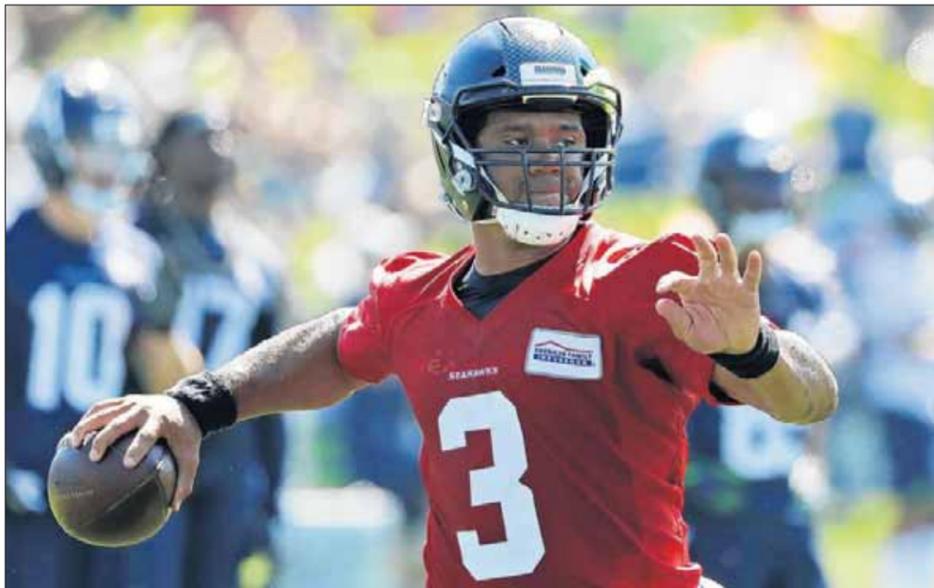
For these next six weeks until the games get real, the Seahawks' most valuable asset is going to be going to school with a new, at times fiery, in-his-face taskmaster. The former play caller for the Rams and Jets is the Seahawks' new offensive coordinator — and Wilson's new driving force.

And we do mean driving. "I love coaching the quarterback position. I've always done it that way. It's just something that's my passion," Schottenheimer said. "I wasn't a very good quarterback, so I've learned that I'm better coaching them and showing them the way to do things rather than doing it."

"I've admired Russell, his play-making ability, the ability to throw the football and create plays when things break down. That's hard to teach. It's hard to teach a guy to run around and make people miss and find an open guy in the end zone. That was something that was really exciting for me, to get here and to work with a guy like that (who) has done so well thus far."

"Just try to coach him up on some new fundamentals and techniques and see what he likes."

Before we get more into Schottenheimer, Wilson wants you to know this about Darrell Bevell. Bevell is the coordinator and play caller coach Pete Carroll fired



Russell Wilson produced the three more prolific passing seasons in Seahawks history in the last three years.

after seven years in Seattle to create this chance for Schottenheimer to school Wilson.

The quarterback's unsolicited endorsement when asked about Schottenheimer shows that his old bonds break hard and that his new one will need all of training camp to form.

"Schotty's been great. (But) first of all, I've got to pay my respects to Coach Bevell," Wilson said of the only play caller he has had in the NFL until now.

Bevell guided Wilson and the Seahawks offense to five consecutive playoffs, two Super Bowls and the franchise's only NFL title four years ago.

"Obviously, we won a Super Bowl. Went to two. Won multiple playoff games. Won a lot of games," Wilson said. "He's a great coach. He helped me, a lot, tremendously. The unfortunate part about the NFL is there always seems to be change, you know. It's just part of the process, I guess."

"You want to continue to grow. Going into Year 7, I've been fortunate to have done a lot of cool things in six years. But there's a lot more to do. I'm excited about that. I love the mental challenge of growing."

Yes, these overhauled Seahawks have crucial relationships to solidify during training camp and through the four exhibition games in August. That is, if they want to get back to the playoffs in January.

Earl Thomas remains estranged from the team. A report Tuesday out of his native Texas said he's "done" with the Seahawks and plans to sell his subur-

ban Seattle home — unless, of course, he gets that new, top-level contract beyond 2018 he has wanted from the only NFL team he has known.

So nothing has changed there. The three-time All-Pro safety is likely to officially begin his hold-out at a potential cost of \$40,000 per day in fines when he doesn't report to team headquarters in Renton, Wash., for camp with the rest of the Seahawks.

Veteran Pro Bowl linebackers Bobby Wagner and K.J. Wright are loving the re-bonding they will be doing in camp with Ken Norton Jr. The coach returned from three seasons as the Raiders' coordinator to return to Seattle as the Seahawks' new defensive coordinator. Norton, the Seahawks' linebackers coach from 2010 to '14, is replacing the fired Kris Richard.

But the biggest bond that training camp will build, the link that may prove to be the most important to the coming Seahawks season and beyond, is between Wilson and Schottenheimer.

Carroll decided in January, soon after the Seahawks' first non-playoff season in six years, to fire Bevell. Justifiably after years of subpar blocking up front, Bevell's game planning and calling had become dependent on Wilson's improvisational play-making and scramble runs for big plays away from failed pass protection. That is how Wilson led the team in rushing last season.

With Bevell calling plays, Wilson also led the NFL with 34 touchdown passes in 2017. That tied Wilson's franchise record he

set in 2015. He has thrown for at least 3,983 yards in each of the last three seasons. Those are the top three passing seasons in Seahawks history.

But Carroll wants to return to the power rushing offenses of 2012 to '15, the ones that controlled games, sealed wins and clinched playoff berths. That is, an offense with running backs as the leading rushers, not Wilson. So Carroll hired Schottenheimer, 44, the former college quarterback at Kansas and Florida and son of former NFL head coach Marty Schottenheimer. Brian Schottenheimer was the Colts' quarterbacks coach the last two seasons.

Wilson has always had Bevell as his play caller and coordinator, Carl Smith as his quarterbacks coach and Tom Cable, the offensive line coach Carroll also fired in January's staff purge, as the running-game coordinator. It was a triumvirate that Wilson had to navigate, balance, then learn and grow.

No more. It's one man. Though former wide receivers coach Dave Canales has the title of quarterbacks coach, Schottenheimer is the actual quarterbacks coach in the meeting rooms and on the field, as well as the coach who will call all plays, runs and passes. Mike Solari will be the line coach, not a running-game coordinator.

And Schottenheimer does more than teach. He yells. He jumps up and down. He windmills his arms. He grabs receivers and pulls them two feet over into a slot position that is just right.

He's conspicuous in a scruffy beard, Seahawks visor pulled low

over his brow and play cards in both his hand and his waistband. He goes down the rows of stretching Seahawks and shakes the hands or slaps the backs of each of four dozen offensive players on the 90-man preseason roster.

The only way the couple thousand fans who will attend Seahawks practices at training camp each day won't notice Schottenheimer is if they have their eyes — and ears — closed.

When asked to describe his coaching philosophy, Schottenheimer used one word.

"Energetic," he said.

"I love to be out there with the guys. I love to jump in and be involved. I'm a fundamentals coach. I believe that fundamentals make a difference. I think when you're going into a matchup and it's the third quarter or fourth quarter and you've got two evenly matched (teams) going up against one another, the one with the better, or more solid, foundation of fundamentals will ultimately win more share of battles than his opponent."

"Those are probably two big things for me. I see myself as a teacher. I love trying to reach different people in the room and say things in a different way."

Schottenheimer has been learning as well as teaching Wilson the last six months. He has had to learn the Seahawks' terminology for plays, formations and pass protections, while also adding his own.

"If you put a number on it, I'd say it's probably 70 percent of what they've done here and then maybe 30 percent of ideas from Mike (Solari) and myself and some of the new guys," he said.

"It'd be crazy to ask some of the guys to learn a completely new system. I've been working extremely hard trying to get up to speed with the way they've done things. They've had so much success here that was easy for me to do. I'm excited about some of the things that we've added both in the run and pass game. I think that'll be something that is noticeably different. It's a comprehensive approach."

Wilson has already noticed. This training camp will be a continuation of his new schooling. "There's definitely added stuff, for sure," Wilson said. "We've always had a lot of information. It's even more."

"But that's OK. I'm ready for more and more, and to see how far we can take it. I think we are going to have a great offense, I really do."

"It's been great. It's time to keep moving on and see how far we can take it."

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The car you keep overlooking, but shouldn't

By Larry Printz, Tribune News Service

If you wanted to escape to one of the most populous cities in the United States for a long weekend, there are some tempting choices. America's 10 largest cities include New York, San Jose, Los Angeles, Phoenix, San Antonio, San Diego, and Chicago, among others.

Then there's Philadelphia. Once the nation's capital and, in Colonial times, the second-largest English-speaking city in the world, it was America's largest city until 1840, and is home to some of its most historic and cultural touchstones like Independence Hall, Rocky Balboa, and cheesesteaks. Now the nation's fifth-largest city, it rarely attracts the attention its more glamorous top 10 associates get.

So it's fitting that one of the city's most famous sculptures is Claes Oldenburg's "Clothespin." By enlarging diminutive everyday objects that you otherwise wouldn't notice, the artist provided a metaphor for Philadelphia's perennial overlooked state, a reputation it's long had. Consider native comedian W.C. Field's barb that he went to Philadelphia "but it was closed." And he grew up there.

And while Philadelphia deserves more consideration, it's not alone. Any number of cities, services, and products go overlooked day in and day out.

Exhibit A: the five-door Volkswagen Golf, starting at \$19,895.

Its more glamorous high-performance cousins, the GTI (\$25,595-\$30,890) and Golf R (\$39,375), grab all the press, not to mention most of this model's sales. In fact, the pair outsold its plainer sibling by nearly 44 percent for 2017. Given the difference in price, you might be surprised to learn that there's still much to love in the base Golf.

Volkswagen has eliminated the two-door Golf, and reduced the number of trim lines to a base S model, and a more lavish Wolfsburg Edition.

All Golfs come well equipped, with the expected power goodies as well as a 6.5-inch touchscreen infotainment system. It's ready for the 21st century thanks to auxiliary-in, an SD card slot, HD Radio, SiriusXM Satellite Radio capability, a USB multimedia interface with Apple iPhone/iPod/Android Auto integration, Bluetooth with audio streaming, and a rearview camera.

Stepping up, the Wolfsburg Edition adds a panoramic sunroof; leatherette

seats; keyless access, push-button start; heated front seats; automatic headlights; rain-sensing windshield wipers; 16-inch aluminum-alloy wheels; forward collision warning with autonomous emergency braking; and blind spot monitors with rear traffic alert. That's a lot of extra equipment for a mere \$2,800.

And let's not forget the Golf's sleek exterior provides 93.5 cubic feet of interior space and 22.8 of cargo space, and that's before you fold the rear seats.

Power comes from a turbocharged, intercooled 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine also found in the Jetta sedan. Rated at 170 horsepower and 199 pound-feet of torque, it's mated to a five-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission. However, choosing the manual reduces maximum torque output to 184 pound-feet, but increases fuel economy by 1 mpg on the highway, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Reaching 60 mph from a standstill takes 7.3 seconds, more than enough for daily commuting. But it's not speed that distinguishes this model; it's the Golf's impeccable demeanor, delivering the sort of nuanced performance that other automakers never master.

Its athleticism allows drivers to enthusiastically tackle corners while its ride remains more compliant than plusher, larger midsize sedans. Its precise steering is quick and its transmission is responsive, making the car a blast to drive. It never feels underpowered, harsh, or like the economy car it is.

Enhancing the experience is a generous list of equipment, and a quiet, well-assembled cabin with soft-touch surfaces, quality materials, and space for four adults and their gear.

It's a car that indulges your automotive passion while satisfying your desire for practicality. In fact, it delivers everything that you need in a car. And it does so at a very reasonable price.

This may not be so come 2018, when a revised Golf arrives with updated front and rear trim, LED lighting, a larger, 8-inch touchscreen, revised instrument cluster and more trim levels, no doubt at a higher price. But mechanically, the car will remain unchanged.

That makes the overlooked 2017 Volkswagen Golf one of the great buys right now. So let everyone else buy an overpriced SUV; smart buyers will get one of these.

It's as smart as taking trip to Philly — maybe even smarter.

8 great traits of the Golf family of vehicles

1. Impressive handling

The Golf and Golf SportWagen provide pleasing levels of responsiveness and refinement, while the Golf R and Golf GTI deliver handling that makes for exhilarating times behind the wheel. With the Golf Alltrack, you get a raised suspension that provides 6.9 inches of ground clearance, and this facilitates athleticism that holds its own on unpaved paths.

2. Good fuel economy

GTI models achieve mileage of up to 25/33 mpg city/highway, while the Alltrack has an EPA rating of 22/30 mpg. And if you want to avoid the gas pump altogether, there's always the electrified e-Golf to consider.

3. Generous cargo capacity

Whether you choose a hatchback or a wagon, the Golf impresses with the amount of room it provides for your gear. Golf hatchbacks offer up to 22.8 cubic feet of cargo space behind the rear seats, and this figure swells to 52.7 cubic feet once the rear seats have been folded. Golf wagons provide 30.4 cubic feet behind the rear seats and 66.5 cubic feet with the rear seats folded.

4. Strong warranty

Volkswagen's Golf family comes with a warranty that has been upgraded for 2018 to provide 6-year/72,000-mile bumper-to-bumper protection. Coverage can be transferred to a new owner if the vehicle is sold while the warranty is in effect.

The warranty covers everything from engines to transmissions to the available all-wheel-drive system. It stands as one

of the most generous warranties in the industry, besting the 5-year/60,000-mile powertrain coverage offered by rivals like Honda and Ford.

5. Premium cabin

The Golf isn't a luxury car, but it offers a cabin that displays similar levels of refinement. An air of European sophistication prevails, with handsome plastics and a sleek aesthetic.

When it comes to cabin design and quality, the Golf can hold its own with many German entry-level luxury models.

6. Superb value

Even in this competitive environment, vehicles in the Golf family stand tall when it comes to value. A Golf hatchback has a starting price of around \$21,000. For that very reasonable sum, buyers enjoy a car that delivers engaging handling, solid utility, and an upmarket cabin.

7. Impeccable crash protection

Earning a perfect 5 stars in overall crash protection from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Golf hatchback is a top pick for shoppers with safety on the mind. Wagon variants also nab a 5-star overall safety rating.

8. Available all-wheel drive

All-wheel drive (AWD) gives you the traction you need to cruise confidently through rain and snow. It's a feature that's not always offered in small cars.

Models like the Golf R, Golf Alltrack and Golf SportWagen are available with AWD. This amenity can make your travels more secure when the road ahead gets slick or icy.

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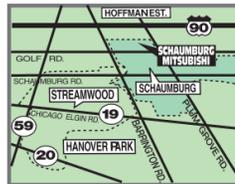
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