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Ald. Willie Cochran won't seek re-election, his lawyer said on the sidelines of a hearing Wednesday.

Cochran drafting guilty plea over graft

Alderman's lawyer hopeful any deal would avoid a trial

By JASON MEISNER
 Chicago Tribune

A lawyer for indicted Ald. Willie Cochran told a federal judge Wednesday that the South Side politician is negotiating a guilty plea to corruption charges rather than take the case to trial.

Cochran, 65, was charged in December 2016 with an alleged scheme to shake down two businessmen for cash in exchange for support on deals in his 20th Ward.

The 15-count indictment also alleged Cochran stole tens of thousands of dollars in charitable donations to the 20th Ward Activities Fund and spent it on college tuition for his daughter, trips to Indiana casinos, accessories for his Mercedes-Benz and other personal splurges.

In a brief status hearing Wednesday, Cochran's attorney, Christopher Grohman, said a plea agreement with prosecutors was being hammered out.

"We've been in negotiations with the government, and we're hopeful we can resolve this short of trial," Grohman told U.S. District Judge Jorge Alonso.

After court, Grohman told the Chicago Tribune that Cochran, who has continued to serve on the City Council while the case is pending for nearly two years, would not seek re-election in February in spite of recent media reports to the contrary.

Shortly after the Tribune first reported the developments online, Cochran, who attended the court hearing with his wife, suggested in a Twitter post that no decision on whether to accept a deal had been made.

"Today I had a status

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20,000 CPS freshman seats unfilled

Declining enrollment tracked in computerized system's 1st year

By JUAN PEREZ JR.
 Chicago Tribune

As of last month, not a single incoming ninth-grader had accepted an invitation to attend Hirsch High School in Chicago's Grand Crossing neighborhood when classes begin in September. Only one rising freshman took an offer to attend Douglass High

School in South Austin. Hirsch and Douglass were part of a new Chicago Public Schools online application that prompted junior high graduates to rank their most desired high schools out of hundreds of programs.

According to a study to be released Thursday from the University of Chicago Consortium on School Re-

search and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the computerized system streamlined the city's complex high school admissions process in its first year. But researchers also concluded years of declining enrollment have left thousands of ninth-grade seats empty.

What's more, the school district's own application numbers and ninth-grade enrollment estimates for the fast-approaching fall semester show a familiar col-

lection of district-operated high schools continuing to struggle with low demand in some of the city's most underserved neighborhoods.

"There clearly are schools that are struggling, there clearly are schools that don't have enough enrollment to offer a comprehensive high school program," said Lisa Barrow, a Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago economist who co-wrote the consortium's study.

Overall, CPS predicts some 26,300 freshmen will enroll in classes when the 2018-19 school year begins next month.

CPS officials stress that enrollment at individual schools is expected to fluctuate after classes begin, because the district predicts some students will enroll in their neighborhood school outside of the electronic application process.

Researchers and com-

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Witness Demetrius Tucker, a reputed gang member, is questioned on the stand during the trial in the fatal shooting of Hadiya Pendleton.

A river of denials, reversals at Hadiya Pendleton trial

Friends of defendants back off their damning testimony in teen's death

By MEGAN CREPEAU, ROSEMARY SOBOL AND PATRICK M. O'CONNELL
 Chicago Tribune

Three friends of the reputed gang members on trial in Hadiya Pendleton's slaying have taken the witness stand only to quickly back away from their previous damning testimony against the two men.

One even flatly denied Wednesday what transcripts showed he said in grand jury

testimony not long after the 15-year-old's shooting in January 2013.

The reversals and shaky memories will leave for jurors to decide which version of the story they find more credible.

Cook County prosecutors moved quickly to try to limit any potential damage by the reversals, reading lengthy excerpts from the three witnesses' grand jury testimony and signed statements to police.

In addition, prosecutors questioned at length

two former assistant state's attorneys who had taken two of the witnesses' handwritten statements and brought them before the grand jury.

Defense attorneys on Wednesday suggested that police years ago threatened the witnesses into saying whatever they wanted to hear.

The trial continued well past 7 p.m. Wednesday, the first full day of testimony in the trial of Micheal Ward and Kenneth Williams at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Prosecutors have charged that Ward fired into Harsh Park, a rival gang's hangout on Chi-

cago's South Side, after Hadiya and classmates from King College Prep High School went there to relax after final exams. Ward fled in a white Nissan driven by Williams, prosecutors allege. Both were alleged members of a gang faction known as SUWU.

The shooting drew national attention in part because Hadiya, an honors student and band majorette, had performed days earlier at President Barack Obama's second inauguration festivities. Her killing took place about a mile from Obama's Chicago

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GOP eyes 'lesser of 2 evils' in Rauner-Pritzker war

'We've got to unite,' governor tells skeptical party

By RICK PEARSON
 Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Republicans celebrated their day at the Illinois State Fair on Wednesday and attempted to overcome internal divisions over President Donald Trump and social positions taken by Gov. Bruce Rauner that threaten his re-election.

"Fire Madigan, Fire Madigan," the fairgrounds crowd chanted at the urging of state GOP Chairman Tim Schneider, emphasizing the central theme of Republican campaigns across the ballot — attacking Rauner's chief political nemesis, House Speaker Michael Madigan, who also chairs the state Demo-

cratic Party.

Beneath the myriad attacks on Madigan and Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker, though, were elements of concern about Rauner's support among socially conservative voters. In his first term, the governor approved expansions of abortion and gay rights as well as a controversial immigration law.

"Republicans now need to come together. We can have issues where we might disagree ... but you know what? We've got to unite. This is the time for everybody to come together," Rauner said.

"We can have our differences on different policy issues, but what really matters is we don't give total control to Madigan, his machine, funded by

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Gov. Bruce Rauner greets supporters Wednesday at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. He urged his fellow Republicans to unite ahead of the November election.

Judge: Don't call McDonald 'victim' during the trial

The ruling, which will allow prosecutors to use the term during closing arguments only, was spurred by the self-defense strategy that Jason Van Dyke's attorneys will use when the high-profile case goes to trial next month.

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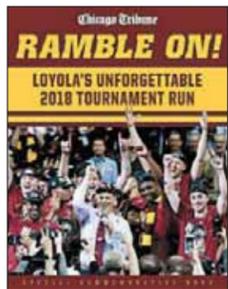
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Chloe Zhao, director of "The Rider," with actor and former bronco rider Brady Jandreau.



JOHN KASS

'The Rider' is a movie that will stick with you

After some movies, you've just got to sit with friends over coffee, maybe a piece of pie, and talk excitedly about that amazing Hollywood blockbuster.

Those fantastic chase scenes. The plot twists. The amazing stunts on the Kashmiri cliffs. And what does Ving Rhames really think of Tom Cruise?

But if you're lucky, there might be a few movies in your life that require something besides chatter and pie: a silence, and the need to go off by yourself for a bit to think on how lucky you were to have seen something that'll stick with you for a long time.

"The Rider," directed by Chloe Zhao, is that kind of movie. It's a stunner.

And I just lucked into it at home, absent flipping through movie trailers on cable. At first, I worried it might be horrible, the way the film based on a fine book by Cormac McCarthy, "All the Pretty Horses," was lacquered up and ruined.

But this one wasn't ruined. "The Rider" is the story of a young horse trainer and rodeo cowboy on a ranch on a Lakota reservation. The film begins after he's suffered a serious head injury. A zipper of stitches runs along the side of his skull.

Zhao doesn't play games, or use tricks, she doesn't sop it up with Western cliches. There is the landscape and a young man, 22, just a boy really, and riding is what he loves.

Life "for a horse is to run across a prairie," he says, "for a cowboy, it's to ride." But he can't.

Riding and training horses are the things he's truly good at. He's a natural champion bronc rider. And he must decide whether to walk away from his dreams or face death.

He takes a job as a stock clerk in a grocery store. A young rodeo fan spots the rodeo champion. When the fan leaves, the cowboy is left to straighten the cans on the shelves. There's heartbreak to it, but it's spare, like the cowboy.

The character Brady Blackburn is played by actor Brady Jandreau, and his real-life expertise with horses convinced Zhao she wanted him for the lead role in her picture.

In an interview I watched on YouTube, she talks of Jandreau in a corral, with almost wild horses. What she noticed was this:

"... he's the father, the mother, the teacher and the friend, the dance partner to that horse, and (he) convinced the animal to trust him. And I figured, maybe he could do that with the audience as well."

Usually when I look for a movie and think it might be worth watching, I first do some research. But not this time. This was a pure impulse buy.

What struck me was how natural Jandreau seemed, as did the autistic sister, the father — a gambler and a drinker — and the friends who love the rodeo life, even if it left one paralyzed. What I didn't know was that it was real people playing themselves.

It turns out Jandreau was himself injured in a riding accident, that his sister in the movie is his sister in real life, his father, and the other Lakota cowboys play themselves.

Zhao met Jandreau before she thought of "The Rider." After she studied him working horses, she could sense there was something there to make a movie.

Then his head was all but caved in in a riding accident. As he healed, she realized that she would write and make a film about him.

People who aren't professionals are revealed. But under Zhao's amazing direction, there's nothing awkward. They trusted her, and what comes of it is all powerful and clean.

"I think maybe because I'm Chinese it was easier for me to be accepted into the community," she said in that interview on YouTube. "I didn't really have any burdens on my shoulders of what a reservation, what 'cowboys,' mean. I didn't learn about Native American history until I was in

college. And, also looking like a Chinese girl, going into a world of cowboys and Indians, they just looked at me. 'What are you doing here?' It's funny to them, and I think it actually helped. I think people ultimately want to relate to those who are unfamiliar to them."

Of the movies I've seen, I can count on my fingers the ones I thought were worth the price, those I thought were worth recommending.

"Mission: Impossible — Fallout" was entertaining, and I'm not out to rip other pictures. I enjoyed the latest "Mission: Impossible," and there are the other superhero blockbusters people line up to see for the thrill ride. There's nothing wrong with it.

But some dramas are too obvious. Sometimes the smell of politics in a film is stronger than that fake butter on your popcorn. You feel the shepherd's goad brushing your shoulders, the prodding, and you know you're being herded.

Not this one. Zhao tells a simple story. At least, her story looks simple, but if you take a minute to think on it, you realize that simple is not easy to do.

I felt this way coming out of "Come Hell and High Water," and earlier with "Winter's Bone."

And "Black Robe," about a Jesuit missionary exploring the wilderness, accused of being "michimindo," a demon, by an angry Native American shaman.

I'll put "The Rider" up with them. They're small movies, not glitzy ones. You don't need coffee and pie immediately afterward. All you need are a few moments alone when they're done.

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Omarosa may have earned back her black card



DAHLEEN GLANTON

C'mon African-Americans, have a heart. Omarosa Manigault Newman desperately wants her black card back. I think we ought to consider giving it to her.

Look, I know we can't take this exclusive membership card awarded to every black person at birth for granted. It takes a lot to get it taken away, and it's only fitting that black people have to jump through a lot of hoops to get it back.

Maybe Omarosa deserves a second chance, just like we gave Sammy Davis Jr.

Davis lost his black card when he endorsed Richard Nixon's re-election in 1972 and hugged him at the GOP convention. He earned it back years later after acknowledging his mistake supporting a president that African-Americans despised and renouncing Nixon for renegeing on promises he had made regarding civil rights.

Omarosa's card was put in jeopardy when she sashayed onto the stage at a Donald Trump campaign rally in Ohio two years ago and criticized Barack Obama for "trying to sell us hope."

"Hope won't fill up the gas tank and hope won't fill prescriptions," she proclaimed before breaking into a chant of "USA! USA!"

African-Americans collectively snatched her card away when she took a job in Trump's White House. After that embarrassing photo op she arranged for Trump with the heads of historically black colleges and universities, black people said, "What the heck, she's a lost cause. We'll just burn it."

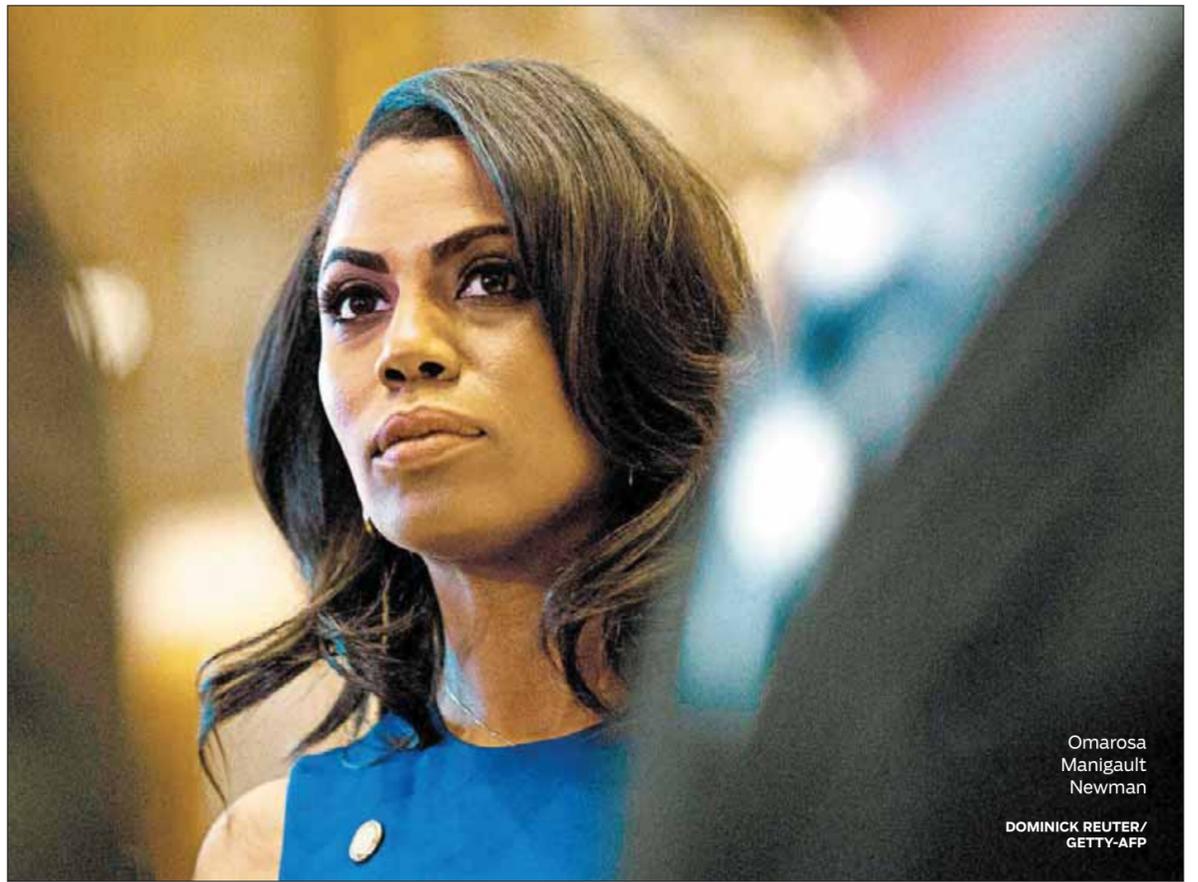
So we tossed her card into the flames alongside Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' card. The difference is that Thomas never noticed, or maybe he just doesn't care. He has never asked for reinstatement.

Now that she's been kicked out of the White House and is promoting a new tell-all book, Omarosa is practically on her knees begging for black people's forgiveness. And she has come bearing gifts.

Surely she expected black people to welcome her back into the fold when she announced that she had actually heard — with her own ears — the rumored audiotape of Trump using the N-word while filming "The Apprentice" reality TV show.

What she didn't realize is that black people don't need a tape recording to know that Trump is a racist. We've known it all along. But when your black card is revoked, I guess it takes a lot more evidence to figure out when someone hates you because of your race.

It took Omarosa a long time to reach the



Omarosa Manigault Newman

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conclusion that Donald Trump is a "con" and "truly a racist," as she described him on NBC's "Meet the Press."

She tried to explain that she had "a blind spot" when it came to Trump. She thought they were friends. She thought she knew his heart. She wanted to see the best in him. In other words, she was a fool.

Black people, let's not pretend we've never been fooled by a white politician. Remember that time we gave Bill Clinton an honorary black card? Though she never meant it as a compliment, novelist Toni Morrison bestowed on him the title "first black president," and we embraced it.

Then Clinton turned on us by signing a "three strikes" crime bill that resulted in locking up tons of black folks for nonviolent crimes and throwing away the key. And in the ultimate betrayal, he accused Obama of playing the "race card" on him in order to win the Democratic presidential nomination over Hillary Clinton.

I get why a lot of people detest Omarosa. They think she's an opportunist who gave up her black card and threw us under the bus in order to get ahead, and she's using her newfound blackness to sell books.

Some folks are demanding that her card

be permanently revoked. Actress Sherri Shepherd, for example, said in an impromptu interview with TMZ that Omarosa tried to "lead black people to the slaughterhouse."

"You tried to sell us out for money. You tried to make us drink the Kool-Aid in the name of Trump ... the almighty God. You said that he was taking names. You bowed down to him. You sold your soul," the former co-host of "The View" said.

There's no denying that Omarosa is a traitor, but perhaps she's not all bad. Maybe we can come to think of her as a whistleblower or an undercover agent who went deep in order to penetrate Trump's White House and get the dirt she thought we needed to kick him out of office.

While she has admitted she secretly recorded conversations to protect herself, those tapes might come in handy when we're trying to light a fire under voters, particularly blacks, to turn out in force and stop Trump from winning a second term.

Maybe she was referring to her undercover work when she reminded us that when she was around, at least there was a black person at the table. Now, she warns, "They are making decisions about us, with-

out us."

Omarosa was lost in Trump's White House. But, just maybe, she really is trying to find her way back home now. What's wrong with black people giving her a chance?

For whatever reason, she decided to go into Trump's hellhole armed with nothing but a tape recorder. Even with all the heat she's been taking, she says she's glad she did it. Maybe we should be glad too.

She's given African-Americans yet another example of what happens every time one of us tries to give Trump a chance. She has forced Trump to reveal on Twitter his downright disdain for African-American women. She has challenged black people not only to think smart but act smart, especially in these troubled times.

Black card or not, Omarosa is still one of ours. She has nowhere else to go.

At the risk of losing my own black card, I'm going to be open-minded about voting "yes" to returning Omarosa's. I'm not ready to welcome her to the picnic, but neither am I ready to ban my sister forever.

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Judge: Don't call Laquan McDonald 'victim'

Prosecutors' label may prejudice jury in cop murder trial

BY STACY ST. CLAIR
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Chicago Tribune

A Cook County judge overseeing the murder charges against Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke for the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald blocked prosecutors Wednesday from referring to McDonald as a victim at trial except during closing arguments.

The ruling—one of about two dozen Judge Vincent Gaughan made — was spurred by the self-defense strategy that Van Dyke's attorneys will use when the high-profile case goes to trial next month.

Unlike typical murder trials in which both sides agree on the victim and argue over who pulled the trigger, a self-defense claim involves an argument over whether the deceased was the aggressor and if his own actions prompted his death.

If prosecutors were allowed to repeatedly refer to the 17-year-old McDonald as the victim, legal experts said, it could prejudice jurors against Van Dyke, whose attorneys will say that he believed the teen posed a serious threat when he walked down the street with a knife and refused commands to stop.

"Someone is a victim when they are killed without legal justification," said Robert Loeb, a defense attorney who is also a former Cook County assistant state's attorney and is not involved in the case. "In a self-defense case, it's the jury's job to determine whether the act was justified and who the victim is."

Gaughan said when making his ruling that McDonald's death would be



Chicago Officer Jason Van Dyke walks out of the Leighton Criminal Court Building following a hearing over the shooting death of Laquan McDonald.

"tragic" but he legally would not be a victim if Van Dyke's actions are deemed justified. However, the judge said prosecutors could use the word "victim" in their closing arguments "if the evidence supports it."

The ruling may seem jarring to the public, many of whom viewed McDonald as a casualty of police brutality since the court-ordered release of a video showing Van Dyke shooting the teen 16 times in October 2014. Mayor Rahm Emanuel publicly apologized for the shooting after the video became public in November 2015, saying "nothing, nothing can excuse what happened to Laquan McDonald."

The city also paid McDonald's family \$5 million before the family even filed a lawsuit, a settlement that suggests McDonald met the threshold for lawsuits of being an excessive force victim.

The judge's ruling is unlikely to be a setback for the prosecution. The jury does not need to hear the exact word to understand that prosecutors believe McDonald is the victim of police brutality, legal experts said.

"It's a distinction without a difference," said Mark Sutter, a former Cook County prosecutor who is now in private practice. "Everyone will understand the defined roles of the

parties involved."

While barring prosecutors from using "victim" throughout most of the trial, Gaughan refused a defense motion to also ban the word "homicide" during the proceedings. The Cook County medical examiner's office ruled McDonald's death a homicide, meaning he was killed by another human.

"It's a death caused by another person," Gaughan said. "I've heard it many times before ... and it's not that prejudicial."

The judge also denied a defense motion to bar evidence that officers on the scene of McDonald's shooting failed to provide him with first aid. Prosecutors said video from the scene

was clear.

"It's going to show lack of first aid," said Joseph Cullen, a member of the prosecution team. "State of mind is the central issue of this case."

Gaughan ruled on about two dozen motions — most which had been kept under seal — during the hourlong hearing as he is pushing to meet the Sept. 5 trial date.

The judge made no decision on a defense request to bar prosecutors from saying that McDonald did not commit a forcible felony the night of his death. The police responded after a report that the teen was carrying a knife and trying to break into trucks on the city's Southwest Side.

"That's what started this whole thing," said Randy Rueckert, one of Van Dyke's attorneys.

Both sides will return to court Thursday morning, when McDonald's mother, Tina Hunter, has been ordered to testify. Hunter failed to appear at an earlier hearing and has not accepted a subpoena requiring her presence.

If she does not appear, Gaughan has threatened to bar her from attending the trial.

The defense wants to call Hunter at trial to testify about McDonald's allegedly violent history.

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Anti-violence protest aims to shut Kennedy Expressway

Lake Shore march organizer plans Labor Day event

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

He organized the shutdown of Lake Shore Drive that snarled traffic earlier this month and now the Rev. Gregory Livingston wants to do the same thing on the Kennedy Expressway, jamming up travel to and from O'Hare International Airport.

Livingston, of New Hope Baptist Church in West Humboldt Park, staged a news conference Wednesday outside Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office in City Hall to announce his plans for an anti-violence march on the Kennedy Expressway — the main thoroughfare to O'Hare — about 11 a.m. or noon on Labor Day.

"We need to get Rahm's attention because we are really following (Mahatma) Gandhi's pattern," Livingston said. "Gandhi said first they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then we win."

He added: "Mayor Emanuel, our No. 1 demand is still your resignation."

Livingston said he is working with a coalition that's also demanding a sit-down meeting with Emanuel to address economic investment on the South and West sides, repurposing the city's shuttered schools and justice for people who have been shot by police.

Emanuel's office says the city is creating jobs for people living on the South and West sides, and that Livingston's protest would harm those who work at airports.

"We all share the goal of continuing to build more jobs in our neighborhoods, but rhetoric that ignores reality won't create a single

job," Adam Collins, a spokesman for the mayor, said in an email.

Collins called Livingston's efforts "beyond ironic," pointing out that the mayor's office Tuesday announced what it said would be hundreds of new jobs at retail and dining businesses at Midway Airport.

Livingston has not spoken to police or anyone from City Hall about his plans, and he said he is willing to be arrested if necessary. He said plans for the march are still being firmed up; it was unclear how many might participate, but Livingston said there will be "enough" protesters to make a statement.

If the march occurs as planned, it will mark the third anti-violence protest to shutter a major roadway in Chicago this year. In addition to the Lake Shore Drive shutdown, the Rev. Michael Pfleger, pastor at St. Sabina Catholic Church on the South Side, led a demonstration on the Dan Ryan Expressway. In both cases, law enforcement patrolled the areas as protesters peacefully made their way onto the roadways.

The Illinois State Police has jurisdiction over the Kennedy. In a statement, state police Lt. Matt Boerwinkle said the agency "will work with community leaders and partner agencies to seek peaceful resolution to find alternative routes for lawful assembly."

"It is against the law for pedestrians to enter the expressway including all on and off ramps," the statement said. "Protests on the expressway endanger neighboring communities by backing up traffic onto other arterial routes, creating extremely hazardous conditions for motorists, which are likely to cause crashes resulting in serious injury and fatalities."

Livingston was one of the main organizers behind this month's demonstration that temporarily shut down Lake Shore Drive, snaked through the streets of Lakeview and ended outside Wrigley Field. He and a couple hundred protesters said they took their anti-violence message to the North Side — a part of the city that organizers say gets more resources than neighborhoods where most of the shootings have taken place — to draw attention to police-involved shootings. Organizers also called for the resignations of Emanuel and Chicago Police Department Superintendent Eddie Johnson.

The relationship between the organizers of the Lake Shore Drive protest fizzled after the demonstration. Last week, Livingston and Tio Hardiman, another organizer of the Lake Shore Drive demonstration, publicly announced they were going their separate ways over a disagreement about the planned Sept. 3 march on the Kennedy Expressway.

The two remain in contact, but Hardiman said Wednesday that he does not plan to participate in Livingston's march because he thinks people will be arrested.

"I'm not against Rev. Livingston; I'm against people going to jail," Hardiman said.

Hardiman said he plans to host an "African-American unity" day in Lawndale on Friday as a way to prevent people from getting involved in violence.

For his part, Livingston has taken his message to the national stage by appearing on Fox News.

"Chicago is out of control," Livingston said on air to Fox News' Martha MacCallum. "Our violence right now is the 21st century version of the Chicago Fire



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The Rev. Gregory Livingston announced his plans for an anti-violence march on the Kennedy Expressway.

of 1871. And Mayor Emanuel and his hand-picked Superintendent Eddie Johnson have admitted ... that they cannot handle what they've been entrusted, voted in (and) appointed to do."

Days after the Lake Shore Drive shutdown, Chicago had one of its most violent weekends since at least 2016, according to data compiled by the Tribune. From the afternoon of Aug. 3 to early Aug. 6, there were 74 people shot, 12 fatally, according to police. During a seven-hour period alone, 40 people were wounded in shootings.

In response, the Chicago Police Department deployed additional officers this past weekend, paying attention in particular to large gatherings in five police districts on the city's South and West sides.

But Livingston says those efforts and others by the mayor's office haven't done enough to address the city's disparities.

"Here's what we know: To reduce this violence, Chicago must desegregate," Livingston said during the news conference. "You must desegregate economic investment, you must desegregate health care assets, you must desegregate how education assets are allocated in our city."

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Metra's BNSF line still being worked on

Officials: AC is better; crowded, late trains not yet

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
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Service on Metra's BNSF Railway line, plagued this summer by overcrowding and air conditioning breakdowns, is improving but officials say there's still work to be done.

On-time performance on the line from Union Station to Aurora has improved from 91.6 percent in July to 95 percent in August, DJ Mitchell, assistant vice president of passenger operations at BNSF Railway, said during Metra's regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday.

A train is considered "on time" if it reaches its destination within five minutes and 59 seconds of its scheduled arrival.

BNSF also has reduced the number of cars with broken air conditioning on the line, from a high of 64 cars — about a third of the fleet — during one day this summer, to four cars, Mitchell said. But he acknowledged that railroad officials still are trying to fix the problem of late and crowded trains. "We're going to do a deep dive into learning why some trains are late multiple times a month," he said.

Board members expressed relief that some problems on the commuter railroad's busiest line are being addressed. "This whole summer has been kind of an embarrassing situation," said board member Steve Messerli.

BNSF and Metra officials have blamed an array of issues for overcrowding and delays. A major cause of the crowding has been air conditioning break-

downs, which lead to passengers on a hot car squeezing into cooler cars.

Implementation of new safety technology called positive train control, which required a major schedule change in June, has been the source of some delays. But capacity issues on the line, which sees 64,000 passengers a day, have long existed, Metra officials say. The route includes stops at Naperville, Hinsdale and Cicero.

BNSF owns the tracks and maintenance facilities and runs and services the trains. Metra supplies equipment but is limited in how much it can do because it needs money for new cars and locomotives, according to Metra officials. The state legislature has not passed a capital bill to pay for transportation infrastructure since 2009.

Also Wednesday, Metra officials reported that ridership across the service fell 77 percent in the first six months of 2018, compared with the same period in 2014. One factor could be a rise in the number of people working on some days from home, said Lynnette Ciavarella, Metra's senior division director of strategic capital planning. The purchase of monthly passes has fallen 16 percent between 2014 and 2018, while 10-ride ticket purchases have risen by 29 percent.

Another factor could be fare increases, Ciavarella said. The average daily fare on Metra has risen 29.3 percent, from \$3.75 in 2014 to \$4.85 in 2018. Metra has said the hikes were necessary because of state cuts, as well as the need to buy new equipment and make repairs.

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International effort targets drug cartels operating in Chicago

DEA, FBI, local cops aiming for leaders in Mexico

By **JEFF COEN**
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Calling Chicago's place in the Mexican cartel network a major cause of the city's stubborn violence problem, federal and local law enforcement promised Wednesday to work closer with their Mexican counterparts to more effectively pursue drug kingpins.

The new effort will include a Chicago-based enforcement group that officials said will focus on cartel leaders in Mexico, in an effort to disrupt revenue streams and hold those leaders accountable for the havoc they cause here.

Brian McKnight, special agent in charge of the Chicago office of the Drug Enforcement Administration, said the new coordination will allow for easier targeting of every player in the drug networks regardless of which country they are in.

"From the local Chicago-based gangs to those who traffic in multiton quantities of heroin and fentanyl ... to those cartel leaders poisoning the neighborhoods of Chicago," McKnight said.

The announcement came at a news conference at the DEA's headquarters in Chicago following strategy meetings with Mexican officials, including leaders of the Mexican attorney general's office and that country's federal police.

The cooperation between the countries' law enforcement agencies comes as strains between the U.S. and Mexico have risen under President Donald Trump, though officials did not address those tensions.

While the Wednesday event was somewhat short on details, Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said he welcomed the help to address what many believe is an important factor in the city's



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Brian McKnight of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Chicago office, center, unveils a plan for targeting Mexican drug cartels Wednesday.

struggles with violence.

"We have a unique gang problem, and with that comes a unique violence problem with the guns associated with that," Johnson said. "We also know that cartels in Mexico are responsible for much of the illegal drugs that are finding their way to Chicago."

Federal investigators have long said that the same factors that make Chicago a national business and transportation center make it an attractive place through which to run an efficient hub-and-spoke system for illicit drugs. Those who addressed the media Wednesday said they are all too aware that cartels work hard to get heroin and other drugs to the city for distribution, and that large amounts of money then flows the other way.

McKnight said that so far

this year, about 300 kilograms of heroin have been seized in Chicago alone, and the city has seen a 50 percent increase in overdose deaths.

"To be crystal clear, the drugs are being manufactured in Mexico, and Mexican cartels control the routes into the United States for distribution," he said.

The problem then moves past Chicago to the rest of the center of the country and beyond, officials said, as the same networks move factory-quantity amounts of methamphetamine to cities such as Detroit, Milwaukee and St. Louis.

Mexican law enforcement leaders who attended the press conference, including Mexico's acting attorney general, Alberto Elias Beltran, said the country's new president, Andres

Manuel Lopez Obrador, backs the new cooperation. Lopez Obrador was elected on a platform that included a call to ease the drug war.

McKnight said the plans include a new local task force involving the DEA, FBI, Chicago police and others to target gangs, as well as the group that will target international cartel members with the help of 10 DEA offices in Mexico and Mexican law enforcement.

Chicago efforts have previously proved important in U.S. attempts to crack down on the cartels.

Sinaloa cartel leader Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was indicted here in connection with his group's vast trafficking network with the help of two brothers from the Little Village neighborhood who recorded the infamous drug boss.

Guzman is expected to be tried in New York in a federal case there, however.

Officials on Wednesday said Guzman's takedown and subsequent extradition to the U.S. sent a message to top traffickers that they would like to repeat. And that effort has created a power vacuum being filled by the likes of Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, known as "El Mencho," who is head of the Jalisco New Generation cartel.

Guzman was the first declared "Public Enemy No. 1" here since the legendary Chicago Outfit boss Al Capone, as decided by the Chicago Crime Commission.

The commission, which first gave Guzman the label in 2013, so far has not applied it to Cervantes or any other would-be replacement, but its director,

Jeff Johnson, did attend Wednesday's announcement. Johnson said his organization is excited to support the new law enforcement efforts.

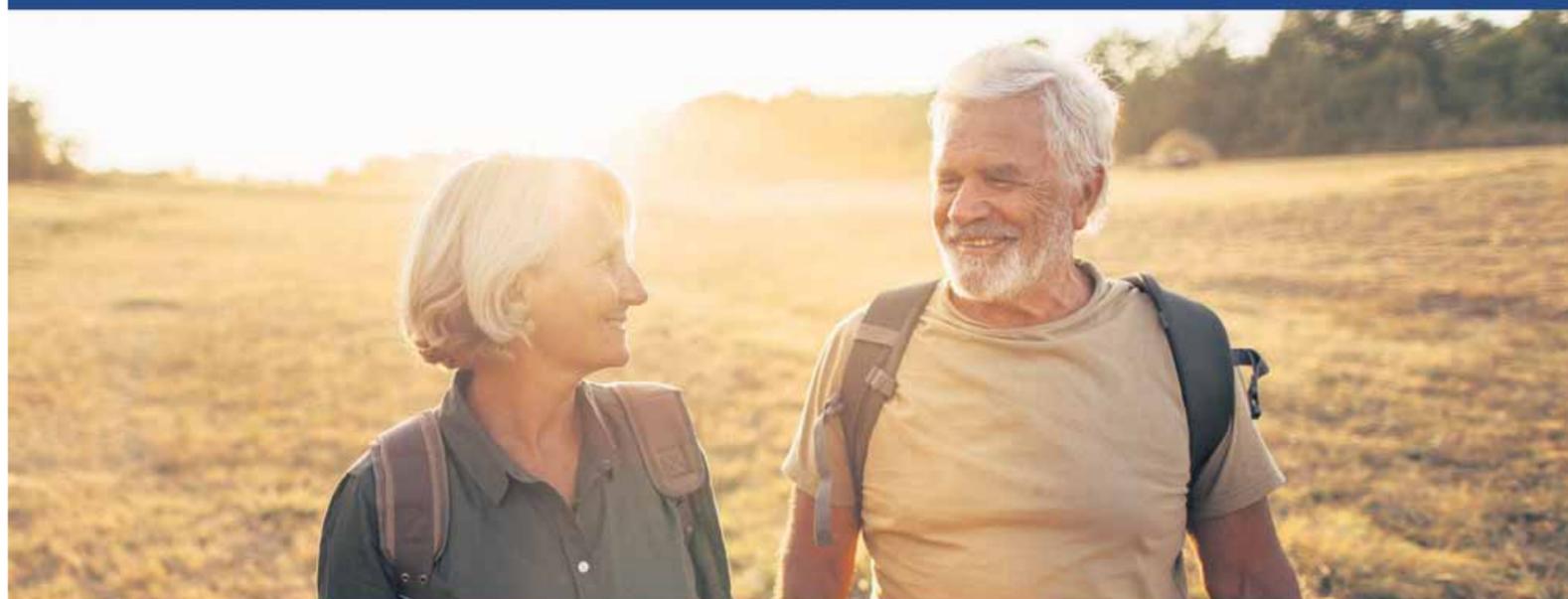
He noted that the news conference was happening not far from the Chicago Board of Trade, an economic powerhouse. Giant illicit drug markets on Chicago's South and West sides operate in stark contrast to that institution, he said.

"The buyers and sellers there don't rely on contracts, they don't resort to courts of law," Johnson said. "When they have disputes, they settle those disputes through intimidation and violence, resulting even in shootings and killings, and we've seen too many of them over the years."

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Suit claims excessive force used in raid

Says cops pointed guns at children at wrong address

By **TONY BRISCOE**
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police officers pointed their guns at two young children while executing a search warrant at the wrong address, according to a lawsuit filed Wednesday in federal court.

Gilbert Mendez is suing the city, saying police used excessive force when officers rammed their way through the front door of his McKinley Park apartment last November, according to court documents. The officers had intended to raid the apartment of Mendez's upstairs neighbor, who was suspected of drug possession. But Mendez, his wife, Hester, and two children Jack, 5, and Peter, 9, were alarmed when police officers barged in with guns drawn, the suit says.

At a news conference Wednesday, attorney Al Hofeld Jr., who is representing the family, accused Chicago police officers of having a routine practice of "unnecessarily using force against or in the presence of young children, which traumatizes them." Hofeld said the accidental raid on the Mendezes' apartment underscores the need for reforms in the impending

court agreement on police practices.

It also coincides with the ongoing debate over whether Chicago police officers should be required to document every instance in which they draw their guns and point them at someone. "If you are out in the neighborhoods and you are talking to people in our city, you will discover that there is like a silent mass trauma of untold numbers of children that experience this ...," Hofeld said. "It's been so normalized by Chicago policing over the decades, and it happens with such regularity, that many of the citizens on the South and West sides that I talk to do not even know that it's illegal policing to point a gun at a child for no reason."

Chicago Law Department spokesman Bill McCaffrey said the city had not yet received the suit and declined to comment.

The question of whether the Police Department will have to report instances in which cops aim guns at people has been a sticking point between Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office and Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration. Madigan's office wants the incidents reported, and city officials apparently do not.

The potential consent decree, which is expected to be submitted to a federal judge by early September, would be one of the most

substantive consequences related to the 2015 release of video of Officer Jason Van Dyke, who is white, shooting black teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times.

Mendez's lawsuit stems from a warrant issued to search an apartment in the 3500 block of South Damen Avenue in McKinley Park that was believed to contain crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

A confidential informant told police the suspects lived in the second-floor apartment — information that police didn't verify, Hofeld said.

Without knocking or announcing themselves, officers burst through Mendez's front door, sending the boys sprinting down the hallway, according to the complaint. Several police officers, many of whom carried rifles, aimed their weapons at the children and their parents, the suit says.

Gilbert Mendez was placed in handcuffs and pinned to the kitchen floor while the children were in a fetal position in the living room with their mother.

After overhearing officers discuss the physical description of the suspects, Hester Mendez told officers they were looking for their neighbors who live on the third floor, the complaint says. Shortly after this, officers appeared to acknowledge they had en-



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Gilbert Mendez sits with wife, Hester, and their children Peter, 9, and Jack, 5. He says the boys have nightmares.

tered the wrong home. However, they continued to search the Mendez home while Gilbert Mendez remained in handcuffs.

The lawsuit, which is seeking an unspecified amount in damages, also alleges unlawful search and false arrest.

"At the moment during the search when officers became aware they were in the wrong apartment — in other words, that they were violating this family's Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable searches and seizures — they were obligated to stop searching, to remove the handcuffs from Mr. Mendez and to retreat from the apartment," Hofeld said.

At Wednesday's news conference, Gilbert Mendez recalled the feeling of helplessness.

"I wouldn't wish this on anyone ...," he said. "My wife was screaming frantically, my babies were screaming, and there was nothing I could do."

About 90 minutes after police entered the apartment, the officers left with-

out offering an explanation or apology, the complaint says. It appears police didn't carry out the warrant on two suspects who were the intended targets of the November raid.

The front door of the Mendezes' apartment, among other things, was broken during the forced entry and search by officers. Their landlord had to pay for the repairs, according to the suit.

Other issues have been harder to fix. Since the episode, the children have had nightmares and suffer from anxiety, prompting the family to consider therapy, the suit says.

Since the incident, Gilbert Mendez said he had to have a conversation with his son, Peter, who had previously said he wanted to be a police officer when he grows up.

"I said, 'Just like with anywhere else, you have good and bad,'" Gilbert Mendez said. "He wants to be the good police officer."

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Insufficient ridership may doom 31st St. bus

Hope fading to save Chinatown, Bridgeport route

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Due to insufficient ridership, hope is fading that the CTA will make the 31st Street bus route permanent.

Speaking at Wednesday's regular monthly board meeting, CTA President Dorval Carter acknowledged the community's desire for the route, which runs between the Ashland Avenue Orange Line station and 33rd Street and King Drive.

But Carter said ridership on the pilot bus route need to be higher for the agency to support it, and he is continuing to look for financial subsidies. The test run will expire in September unless the agency decides to extend it.

"Our options are very limited in terms of what we need to continue this service," Carter said.

The No. 31 serves residents of the Bridgeport and Chinatown neighborhoods, and connects with Guaranteed Rate Field, Lake Meadows Shopping Center and the Illinois Institute of Technology. The 31st Street bus route was discontinued in 1997 over lack of ridership.

The pilot bus route was launched in 2016, and runs 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays. The CTA has extended the term of the pilot several times to see if the route could get to the goal of 830 daily rides. In July, the route saw an average of 298 daily rides, or about 14 rides per hour, one of the lowest rates of CTA's 128 bus routes, the CTA said.

Representatives of Bridgeport and Chinatown community groups and Mercy Hospital spoke to CTA board members in support of not only keeping the route but expanding it to weekends and morning rush hour, and lengthening the run to Mercy Hospital's main campus and Lake Michigan. Supporters of the route have complained that its current limited service is hurting ridership.

Debbie Liu of the Coalition for a Better Chinese American community, told the board that Chinese seniors have trouble taking the "L" because it goes underground. "They are accustomed to taking the bus," Liu said.

"The role of the CTA is to provide for the public good ..." said Quade Gallagher of the Bridgeport Alliance. "We want it to act accordingly."

Deciding which bus routes to keep can be difficult for the CTA, which does not want to run empty buses but gets backlash when service is cut. Seniors are particularly affected by cuts in bus service.

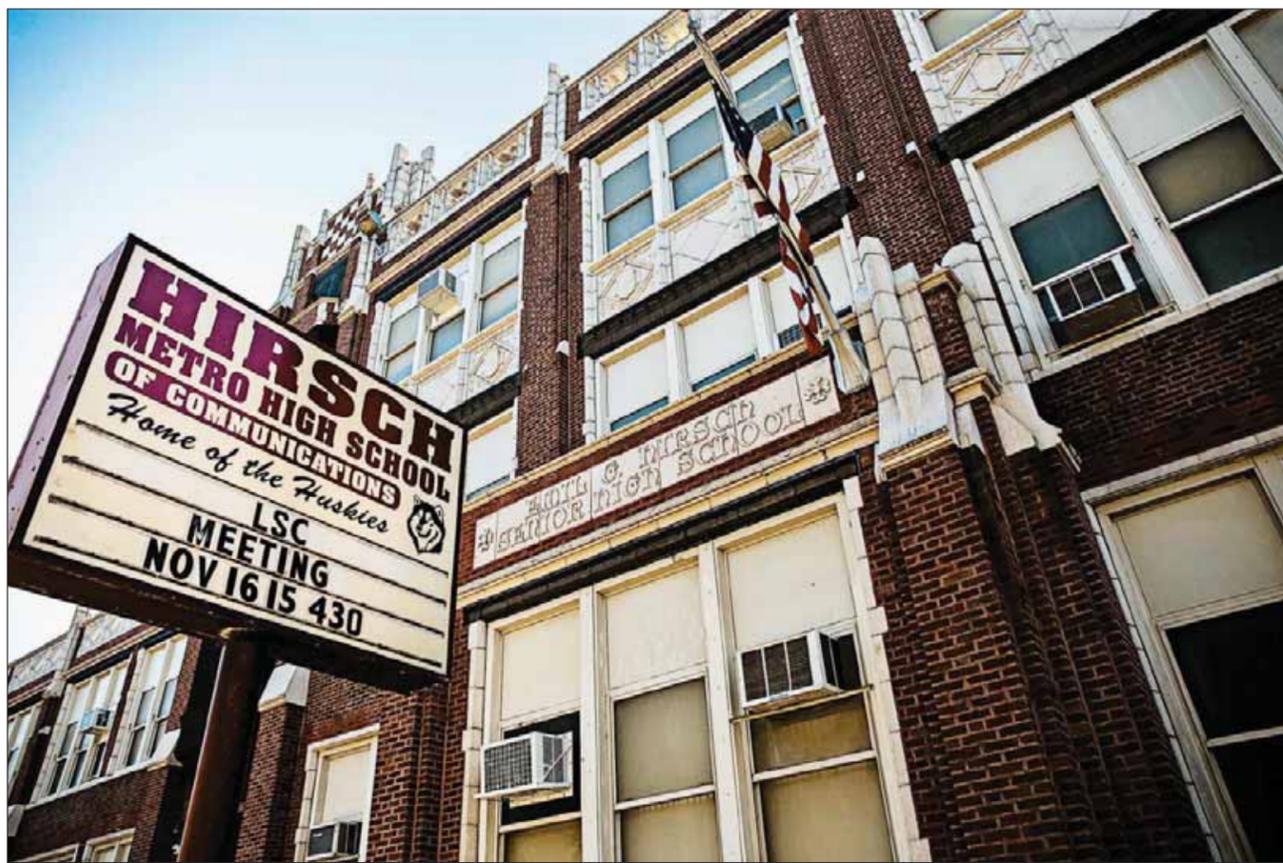
Also Wednesday, the board approved spending nearly \$30 million to fix up 1950s-era subway stations at Grand Avenue, Chicago Avenue and Division Street along the Blue Line. The board awarded the contract to the construction firm of F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, which has handled other CTA projects.

The CTA plans to start work in 2019 that should take about a year and a half. The work will include improvements to street-level entrances, mezzanines and platforms; better floors; new lighting; and repairs to glazed tile walls. The agency also plans to waterproof and paint tunnels, replace escalators, install new security cameras, and power wash and repaint surfaces.

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Chicago Public Schools predicts only 50 freshmen will enroll in classes at Hirsch High School, an already desperately underenrolled South Side school.

'We have to think hard about where the seats are'

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community groups are also awaiting more detailed data that'll arrive after the start of classes to better determine how many students actually enroll in neighborhood-based programs, how far they travel and how frequently they transfer in and out of schools.

All that means a full picture of enrollment trends is still developing. But the early figures illustrate one consequence of the city's decision to dramatically expand the number of high school options that families can choose from, amid more than a decade of plummeting overall enrollment.

"The preliminary findings from this report are encouraging: families are highly engaged and making important decisions about their children's education," CPS spokeswoman Emily Bolton said in a statement. "This research is providing us with an unprecedented look into families' choices, programs, and trends, and we look forward to receiving additional research and insights after students enroll in the fall."

CPS predicts a scant 50 freshmen will ultimately enroll at Hirsch, a desperately underenrolled South Side school that already only offers a bare-bones

curriculum to its predominantly African-American students. And CPS expects just 12 ninth-graders will enroll at Douglass this year.

Each school has roughly 300 general education seats available to freshmen, according to the district.

"Twelve students is too small for one class, let alone a suite of high school courses in terms of staffing," Barrow said.

Researchers concluded more than 90 percent of incoming CPS freshmen used the district's GoCPS electronic application to choose from more than 270 programs housed in roughly 130 high schools that are open to freshmen this fall.

Researchers also estimate roughly 20,000 ninth-grade seats remain unfilled in programs across CPS.

About 7,000 students are expected to enroll in their neighborhood schools, perhaps because they rejected high school offers provided through the electronic application or did not participate in the process.

Still, researchers said approximately 13,000 seats will remain empty, "reflect excess capacity in CPS due to several years of declining enrollment," as opposed to problems with the GoCPS system.

"I think it highlights the probability that CPS needs

to reduce capacity, or drum up a lot more business," study author Barrow said.

"But we are probably coming to the point where we have to think hard about where the seats are, where the population is, and how we can make a better match between the capacity we have and the number of students that are actually enrolling. Hopefully these data will help CPS make good decisions about that."

CPS officials launched the online high school application system in 2017 as part of a stated effort to simplify an often frustrating and opaque process for students and their families.

Under the system, students who want to attend either a charter school or a district-operated building — other than the one they're assigned based on where they live — file an electronic application that ranks their preferences.

Students receive a single offer to attend a school that corresponds with their choices, qualifications and available seats. Once a student accepts an offer, he or she won't be considered for admission elsewhere.

Students who filed a separate application to enter one of the district's competitive academic programs receive up to two offers — one for the selec-

tive school and one for a nonselective school. Students who are not happy with their offer can file another application. Rejecting the second offer would send students to their designated neighborhood high school.

Researchers' initial findings show that arts programs, career and technical education programs and schools with high district performance ratings tended to have higher demand. General education and military programs or schools with low performance ratings were more likely to have low demand.

"I think this kind of data hopefully will prompt CPS to think about what it's doing for those underperforming schools that are always going to attract some students," said Beatriz Ponce de Leon, executive director of the Generation All education advocacy group, which has called for efforts to salvage traditionally operated neighborhood high schools.

"Rather than jump to close a school because it's underenrolled or because of declining enrollment — in some cases it might be inevitable, but how do you have that conversation with communities in a more honest and transparent way so you can make decisions about what that looks like?"

she said.

Ponce de Leon pointed to data that showed half of low-performing, special education or English-learning students ranked general education high school programs as their top choices.

"I think what this shows is these more vulnerable students, first of all, are choosing general education programs more, and they're choosing and ending up matched to them more," she said. "Does that mean that we are clustering these students in schools even more so than before?"

Earlier this year, CPS said 129 schools that have suffered sharp enrollment declines and struggled to provide a basic education will share an additional \$10 million to \$15 million to protect against staff or program cuts.

Overall, though, researchers were confident the online application process has worked as designed.

"You can argue about elements of the system you might think are not fair or shouldn't be set up that way," Barrow said. "But it basically took what were all of the requirements for eligibility and requirements and executed the match the way CPS said they were going to do it."

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Gov. Bruce Rauner speaks to supporters at the Governor's Day event on Wednesday at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

Social conservatives urged to unite

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Pritzker. More corruption. Higher taxes. More job losses. That's what they'll bring," he said.

But the concerns over the potential lack of unity persisted among some Republicans. Asked by a reporter if the best way to sell Rauner to social conservatives was positioning him as the lesser of two evils compared with Pritzker, GOP state comptroller candidate Darlene Senger of Naperville agreed.

"That's pretty much what it is," said Senger, a former state lawmaker. She added that the need to have a say in redrawing legislative and congressional districts following the 2020 federal census outweighed Rauner's social moderation.

"What choice do you have? Do you want to wake up tomorrow and look at Illinois with J.B. in office, knowing the map's going to get redrawn, thinking that there's probably no chance to ever change (the legislation Rauner signed to expand taxpayer-funded abortions), and know that your taxes are going up? If I had to wake up the morning the day to vote, think about that. I would seriously think about that," she said.

At a morning breakfast of top GOP officials, Schneider said the race "could be that" lesser of two evils theme for social conservatives.

"We could also talk about redistricting reform and term limits, which the Democrats don't want anything to do with. We need a seat at that table for redistricting because in 2020 if we don't have a seat at the table, they're going to redraw our congressional districts to lean Democrat," he said.

An added element of discomfort for Rauner backers is the third-party candidacy of Republican state Sen. Sam McCann of Plainville, who is running for governor under the new Conservative Party banner.

Rauner and Republicans have sought to paint Mc-



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Adam Miller, 13, of Gridley, holds on tight to Taco, the grand champion steer.

Rauner drops some cheese on prize steer named Taco

Gov. Bruce Rauner is the proud owner, once again, of a prize-winning steer after offering the top bid for it Tuesday at the Illinois State Fair.

Rauner ponied up \$60,000 for Taco, the grand champion steer, a fair spokeswoman said. But it wasn't the highest winning bid the wealthy governor has made at previous fairs.

Two years ago he dropped a record \$104,000 on David L, a 1,324-pound crossbreed, at the fair in Springfield, topping the auction's previous top purchase of \$100,000.

There were problems collecting the money for that record-breaking bid, the Tribune reported. One of the donors to Rauner's winning bid, R.J.

D'Orazio, initially refused to pay the \$20,000 he committed because he thought he had not gotten sufficient recognition.

The prize cattle typically are slaughtered, and in the past the governor has donated the meat to the University of Illinois, according to reports. Proceeds of the sale this year will go to 4-H clubs, the Illinois Future Farmers of America and the individual exhibitor, according to a news release.

The governor also bought ice cream, flavored chihuahua cheese, brie cheese and honey at the fair, the spokeswoman said.

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Cann as a "plant" by Madigan and Pritzker to siphon votes away from the governor. McCann repeatedly has denied it.

McCann being on the ballot is "going to be a factor. There's no question it'll be a factor. And so (the question is) how it settles and do enough Republicans recognize what his candidacy is?" asked Jim Dodge of Orland Park, the Republican state treasurer candidate.

There's also the Trump factor.

At the state fairgrounds a year ago, Rauner lashed out at Trump's rhetoric following a rally of white supremacists in Charlottesville, Va., that turned deadly.

On Wednesday, Rauner didn't mention Trump until reporters asked about the president, and he gave an endorsement of White House trade and jobs policies.

"The president is doing important work to cut taxes. That's outstanding. Cut the red tape and regulations on business. That's

outstanding. He's fighting hard to get fair trade. You know what? America has been taken advantage of by other nations for years. We've lost American jobs because he's fighting to get fair trade. That's awesome. The president's doing great work and I support that," Rauner said.

But Rauner also dismissed Trump's labeling of his former White House aide Omarosa Manigault Newman as a "dog" on Twitter after she wrote a tell-all book.

"That's appalling rhetoric and that rhetoric has no place in public discourse," Rauner said.

Erika Harold, an African-American who is running for the seat being given up by Democratic Attorney General Lisa Madigan, said she thought it was "important to focus on the things, the positive things, that are occurring" under Trump's presidency, but she called Trump's "dog" tweet "obviously inappropriate."

"I think it's important that anyone who is running for office or holding office uses that very powerful social media vehicle in a very appropriate way because people are paying attention, and obviously calling anyone that kind of a word is derogatory and inappropriate," she said.

U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood of Peoria made the first mention of Trump at the fair's GOP day. "We are lucky to have Donald Trump as president of our United States," he said to a standing ovation from the Republican State Central Committee and county chairs.

The question of how close a Republican statewide contender should get to Trump reflects the state's geographic and political diversity. Though Democrat Hillary Clinton won the state in 2016 by 17 percentage points, Trump prevailed by sometimes wide margins in the less-populated Downstate. Clinton won Chicago as well as all but one of the traditionally GOP-leaning populous collar counties where moderate suburban women remain a key in deciding statewide elections.

"We have two Illinois," said Schneider, the GOP chairman. "We have Downstate Illinois that really embraces Donald Trump and the northern half of the state, they are less confident in his abilities and don't like his rhetoric, and I think that we have to deal with that."

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Biden ill, forced to cancel Ill. stopover

Ex-vice president won't attend party's day at state fair

By Rick Pearson
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An attempt by Illinois Democrats to generate a blue wave for the November election hit its first rocky shore when party officials announced former Vice President Joe Biden won't attend the party's traditional day at the state fair Thursday because of an illness.

Biden was supposed to keynote the Democratic County Chair's Association annual brunch, and he was the biggest name that the event has drawn in years. But Doug House, the Rock Island County chairman who also heads the statewide county chair's group, said Biden wouldn't make the trip, which had included fundraisers on Wednesday for Democratic candidates.

"Everyone who knows Vice President Biden knows that he gives our party and our country his all, but unfortunately he is sick and is under doctor's orders not to travel," House said in a statement.

"The cancellation is of course disappointing, but it

"We all hope he gets well soon and I'm sure he'll be back campaigning for Democrats ... in no time."

— Doug House, head of the Democratic County Chair's Association

is clear that the circumstances are simply unavoidable. We all hope he gets well soon and I'm sure he'll be back campaigning for Democrats in Illinois and across the country in no time," he said.

Biden's planned visit sparked high interest in the event, which features speeches from major Democratic candidates and officeholders. Several thousand people were signed up to attend.

House is part of the "Blue Wave Illinois" program created along with Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker. It's aimed at funneling money to Democratic candidates across the Nov. 6 ballot.

House said that while Biden won't appear, the brunch and program will continue without him. House subsequently announced that South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg would replace Biden as the brunch event's keynote speaker.

"We remain excited for what will be the largest brunch in our history and look forward to hearing from our incredible slate of Democratic leaders who are ready to energize our party and lead us to victory up and down the ticket," he said.

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Longtime client held in death of attorney at Hobart home

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Post-Tribune

A defense attorney was fatally shot outside his Hobart home Wednesday morning when a "longtime friend and client" came to get documents, police said.

An 83-year-old man from Cedar Lake was in custody Wednesday at the Hobart City Jail in connection with the death of T. Edward Page, 64, said Lt. James Gonzales, Hobart police spokesman.

The Lake County coroner's office ruled Page's death a homicide. An autopsy was scheduled for Thursday morning, Gonzales said.

Investigators planned to file charges with the county

prosecutor's office Thursday or Friday, according to Gonzales.

Page was shot outside his home in the 1200 block of West Fourth Street, police said. The man, a "longtime friend and client" of Page's, came to collect documents from Page, Gonzales said.

Police are still determining what the documents are related to, but Gonzales said Page was expecting the man to come to the house.

An off-duty officer who lives in the area notified dispatch on his police radio after he heard multiple gunshots, screaming and yelling, and a person asking for help, according to Gonzales. Shortly after, Lake County dispatch received a 911 call of shots fired to the residence, he said.

Police arrived, and the suspect was immediately taken into custody without incident, Gonzales said.

The suspect's two daughters, who were at the scene, were interviewed at the Hobart Police Department and released, Gonzales said. Page's husband was interviewed at the scene and also released, he said.

During the incident, Page's husband "tackled and disarmed" the suspect, Gonzales said. Police recovered a firearm at the scene and will conduct ballistics tests, he said.

Gonzales said they are investigating the homicide as an isolated incident and no other suspects were being sought.

Police did not release information about a motive,

citing the "fluid investigation."

Prosecutor Bernard Carter said Wednesday that the suspect was a current client of Page's from a civil case.

"On behalf of the Hobart Police Department, we would like to express our deepest condolences to Judge Page's family, his Lake County prosecutors and Lake County public defenders family and to his friends," Gonzales said at a news conference Wednesday afternoon at the Hobart Police Department.

"Judge Page was a well-respected judge, attorney and resident of Hobart, and he will be sorely missed by all."

Gonzales said he had interacted with Page in the past and called him "very

respectful and very fair."

Page, an attorney with Thiros & Thiros in Merrillville, worked as a Lake County public defender for the past 10 years, said Marce Gonzalez Jr., chief public defender.

"We are all so deeply saddened and in shock," he said.

Page submitted his notice of retirement Tuesday and was planning to finish out the month, Gonzalez said. "He was going to work through the last day of this month and then spend his time teaching and as a senior judge."

Page served as a magistrate in Lake Superior Court from 1984 until 2000.

Lake County Bar Association President Steven Seric said, "Our community is

shocked and saddened at Ted's tragic passing."

"He was known as a lawyer's lawyer, a very compassionate person and a good man."

Calvin Bryant, who lives across the street, called Page a perfect neighbor. Bryant said he was at work when the shooting took place. "We won't find another neighbor like him. We never will."

Bryant also said Page worked with the Boy Scouts and was a local troop leader.

Page's death is the second homicide in Hobart in 2018, Gonzales said.

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Defendant Micheal Ward at his trial in the fatal shooting of Hadiya Pendleton at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago on Wednesday.

Suspects' friends retract testimony

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home.

The defense has emphasized that no physical evidence links either defendant to the shooting. A murder weapon was never recovered.

Among the prosecution's most critical evidence was 2013 testimony by reputed gang members Ernest Finner and Demetrius Tucker that they were in a car with Ward and Williams shortly after Hadiya's slaying.

According to their grand jury testimony, both said that Williams appeared nervous and told them he and Ward had just done "a drill" — slang for a shooting.

Ward told Williams to quit talking, both told police not long after the shooting.

Separately, a third witness, Jarod Randolph, testified to the grand jury in February 2013 that Ward had confessed to him in the days after Hadiya's slaying. Ward said he had "popped out" of a car and opened fire but that he felt "bogus as hell" and regretted the shooting, Randolph said at the time.

But over the last two days, all three took the



Cleopatra Pendleton and Nathaniel Pendleton Sr., parents of Hadiya Pendleton, attend the second day of the trial.

stand at trial and tried to distance themselves from their grand jury testimony more than five years ago.

Tucker went so far as to deny he ever made such a claim to police and prosecutors even when prosecutors on Wednesday showed him his signed statement and grand jury testimony.

"I never heard anyone say anything, sir," the soft-spoken Tucker said.

"Nobody said a word in that car?" Assistant State's Attorney James Papa asked.

"No one said a word," responded Tucker, who was wearing a brown Cook County Jail uniform.

Court records show he faces separate charges for a 2018 robbery and a 2017 attempted robbery.

Also Wednesday, Randolph claimed not to remember making any damaging statements about Ward.

Randolph, 28, repeatedly said he did not recall giving those answers before the grand jury and did not remember whether any of that had occurred.

"You're having a lot of memory problems, aren't you?" Julie Koehler, Ward's lead attorney, asked Randolph during cross-examination.

"I do a lot of drugs," replied Randolph, drawing

laughter from the courtroom gallery.

Randolph acknowledged Wednesday, though, that he used to be a SUWU gang member and knew Ward and Williams, but he said he did not know if they were members of the same gang.

On Tuesday, Finner said he had similar memory issues.

The standing-room-only crowds that packed the courtroom for opening statements a day earlier lightened Wednesday, but Hadiya's family and friends still filled three rows near the front of the gallery in Judge Nicholas Ford's courtroom. Supporters of Ward and Williams sat on the room's opposite side.

Cleopatra Pendleton, Hadiya's mother, sat still and perfectly silent on the wooden bench as prosecutors displayed photos of her daughter's body on a large television.

As a closeup of Hadiya's face flashed on the screen, a woman sitting behind Pendleton reached out and touched her back with her fingertips in a gesture of comfort.

When the display switched to photos of the exit wound of the bullet that killed Hadiya, Pendle-

"You're having a lot of memory problems, aren't you?"

— Julie Koehler, Micheal Ward's lead attorney

"I do a lot of drugs."

— Witness Jarod Randolph, drawing laughter from the courtroom gallery

ton in turn reached her arm out to comfort a young man sitting beside her, drawing her hand across his back as he hunched over.

The photos were displayed to jurors to aid the testimony of Dr. Lauren Woertz, who conducted Hadiya's autopsy. She was young and healthy, Woertz said, and had been shot in the back, through and through.

"Cause of death, gunshot wound to back," Woertz testified matter-of-factly. "Manner of death is homicide."

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Records reveal new details of charges

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hearing," Cochran posted on his official Twitter account. "We were in court. Told the judge we were in negotiations and all parties agreed to continue to negotiate and return in 30 days with a decision. That was the sum of our conversation."

Cochran, a former Chicago police officer, was elected in 2007 after his predecessor, Ald. Arenda Troutman, was arrested by the FBI on bribery charges alleging she solicited donations from developers seeking to do business in the ward. Troutman was convicted in 2008 and later sentenced to four years.

If Cochran pleads guilty, he would become the 30th Chicago alderman since 1972 to be convicted of crimes related to official duties. The most recent, Isaac "Ike" Carothers, pleaded guilty in 2010 to bribery and tax charges for accepting \$40,000 in home improvements for backing a developer's controversial project in his 29th Ward.

Last November, Cochran announced that he would not run for a fourth term but said his decision to step away from the City Council wasn't tied to the pending criminal charges or a health scare two weeks earlier.

Cochran was charged with 11 counts of wire fraud, two counts of extortion and two counts of bribery. The most serious

counts carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison if convicted, though he would likely face far less if he admitted guilt.

According to the indictment, Cochran took a bribe from a liquor store owner — identified as Individual B — in 2015 in exchange for his support of an ordinance amending the municipal code to allow liquor sales in a two-block stretch of South Cottage Grove Avenue in the 20th Ward. The owner wanted to sell the business, but the area had since gone "dry," and the amendment was needed for the buyer to continue to sell liquor there.

An FBI affidavit made public last year said Cochran at one point demanded \$5,000 from the store owner, writing in a text message, "I need your help, whatever you can do." Shocked by the amount the alderman was requesting, the owner instead took \$3,000 in cash from his business safe and drove to Cochran's ward office, according to the affidavit.

When the store owner pulled up, Cochran came up to the passenger-side window, took the cash and stuffed it in his front pocket, the affidavit alleged. The alderman told the FBI the owner said simply, "Thanks."

The amendment was passed by the City Council in April 2015. Then, while Cochran was being investigated, the alderman proposed a new ordinance to



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Ald. Willie Cochran and his family and friends walk through the lobby of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago in 2016 following his arraignment on corruption charges.

again prohibit the sale of packaged liquor on that same stretch of Cottage Grove. The council approved that change in October 2016, records show.

In addition to details about the alleged bribe from the liquor store owner, the search warrant records revealed new information about how Cochran spent tens of thousands of dollars he allegedly stole from charitable contributions meant for poor children and seniors in his ward.

Cochran used a bank account tied to the ward fund to buy tires and a chrome fog lamp bumper ring for his Mercedes as well as vases, lamps and artwork from Z Gallerie, the records show.

According to the affidavit, Cochran also used the ward fund's accounts to buy "herb scissors" and a

"compact juice fountain" from Crate & Barrel, a \$600 iPad from Walmart and \$67 worth of compact discs at Best Buy — including hits by Usher and Rihanna and an album titled "Call Me Irresponsible."

Cochran entered into negotiations with prosecutors after the judge in June denied several motions to dismiss the more serious counts against him.

Grohman had argued in court papers that the FBI improperly put pressure on the liquor store owner, who first testified before a grand jury that Cochran never asked him for anything in exchange for the alderman's help with the ordinance change.

Weeks after the grand jury appearance, agents confronted the store owner and told him he would "be in trouble if he didn't come clean," Grohman wrote in a

32-page motion. The man was then brought back before the grand jury and testified that Cochran had, in fact, demanded \$5,000 via a text message.

"It was only ... after continued interrogation and threats from the FBI, that he changed his tune and said he did feel some pressure from (Cochran) to donate money," the motion said.

Another alleged victim — an attorney who donated to Cochran's campaign after receiving letters of support from the alderman for a real estate project in the ward — told the grand jury he never felt threatened or feared repercussions if he didn't give Cochran the money, according to the motion to dismiss.

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Winnetka man, 66, charged in shooting

'Accomplished' attorney, 72, killed in Northfield home

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A Winnetka man has been charged with shooting and killing a prominent attorney in his Northfield home, officials said.

John Gately III, 66, was charged Wednesday night with homicide and attempted homicide in the death of Stephen Shapiro, 72, according to a news release from the Northfield Police Department.

Authorities have not confirmed the relationship between the men but had earlier characterized the shooting as a domestic altercation. Earlier published reports indicate Shapiro has a brother-in-law with the same name as the suspect, and his widow's maiden name is Gately.

Shapiro, an attorney for the Mayer Brown law practice who has argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, was shot around 7:20 p.m. Monday in his Northfield home, police said. He suffered multiple gunshot wounds, officials said.

On Monday night police tracked a suspect to a Winnetka apartment, where he barricaded himself inside, spurring a response of about 90 police officers and a SWAT team. He was taken into custody around 10 p.m.

Authorities have not said what led to the shooting or the reason for the attempted homicide charge.

Shapiro, a former federal deputy solicitor general, was known for what colleagues called his brilliant legal mind. A statement from his law firm, where he founded its Supreme Court and appellate court division, called him "one of the most accomplished lawyers in the United States."

His family said Shapiro grew up on the North Shore and attended New Trier High School.

Shapiro married Joan Gately in 1982, and the couple had two children: Dorothy Lund, a lawyer and law school instructor, and Michael Shapiro, a stand-up comedian in Chicago who died in 2015 at age 26 of heart failure, according to an online obituary.

John Gately is to appear for a bond hearing Thursday at the Cook County courthouse in Skokie.

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Orland Park businesses seek OK for video gaming

At least seven Orland Park businesses have filed paperwork with state regulators seeking to offer video gambling since the village board voted Aug. 6 to lift a longtime ban, according to filings with the Illinois Gaming Board.

Businesses seeking to have the video gambling terminals installed need approval from both the state and the village.

The village would restrict video gambling licenses to restaurants and bars that have Class A liquor licenses, a full restaurant menu and in business for 18 consecutive months.

The village initially intends to limit those with video gambling to 30 percent of Class A license-holders, or 21, according to a letter sent by the village to eligible businesses.

Businesses filing so far with the state are Coach's Corner Sports Bar & Grill, Fatties Pub, Indoor Golf Links of America, Mackey's Pub, Orland Bowl, Paddy's Restaurant & Pub and Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant, according to the gaming board.

— Mike Nolan, Daily Southtown

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NATION & WORLD

Trump pulls ex-CIA chief's clearance

President weighing same action against 9 former national security officials — all critics

BY ELI STOKOLS
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced he was revoking the security clearance of former CIA Director John Brennan, a frequent critic, citing what the president called his “erratic conduct and behavior.”

White House Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders made the announcement at the start of a previously unscheduled media briefing at the White House. She said Trump is also considering taking the same unusual action against nine additional former national security officials — all Trump critics — who served in the Barack Obama or George W. Bush administrations, or both.

“Any benefits that senior officials might glean from consultations with Mr. Brennan are now outweighed by the risks posed by his erratic conduct and behavior,” Sanders said, reading from a statement by the president.

That statement also alleged that Brennan “has recently leveraged his status as a former high-ranking official with access to highly sensitive information to make a series of unfounded and outrageous allegations — wild outbursts on the internet and television — about this Administration.”

It continued: “Mr. Brennan’s lying and recent conduct, characterized by increasingly frenzied commentary, is wholly inconsistent with access to the

Nation’s most closely held secrets and facilitates the very aim of our adversaries, which is to sow division and chaos.”

Brennan responded on Twitter: “This action is part of a broader effort by Mr. Trump to suppress freedom of speech & punish critics. It should gravely worry all Americans, including intelligence professionals, about the cost of speaking out. My principles are worth far more than clearances. I will not relent.”

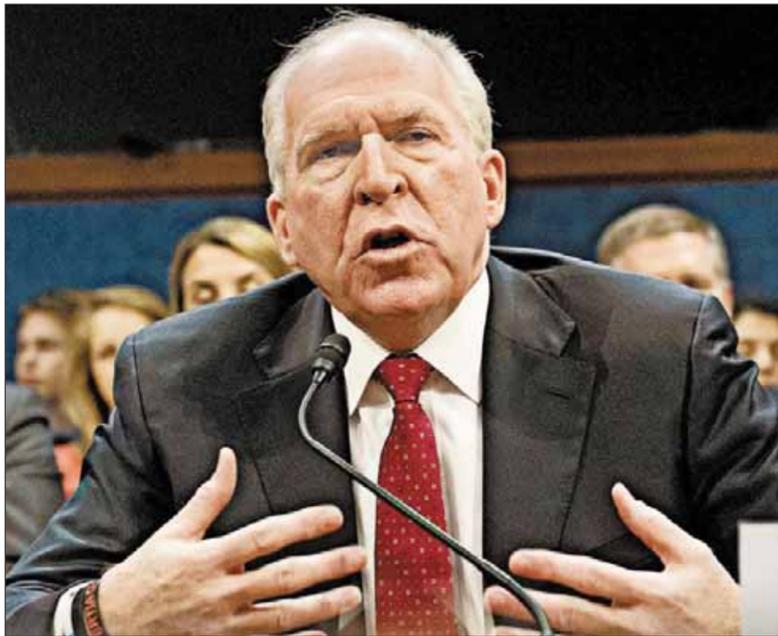
Many of the additional former officials on Trump’s target list said that they already had relinquished their clearances.

Sanders named nine more individuals whose clearances are also under review: James Clapper, former director of national intelligence; former FBI Director James Comey; Bush national security adviser Michael Hayden; former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates; President Obama’s national security adviser, Susan Rice; current Justice Department official Bruce Ohr; former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe; former FBI agent Peter Strzok; and former FBI attorney Lisa Page.

Comey, McCabe, Strzok and Yates were fired by Trump. Only Ohr remains in the government.

At least two of the former officials, Comey and McCabe, do not currently have security clearances, and none of the eight receive intelligence briefings.

Former national security officials often retain clearances to enable them to



Former CIA chief John Brennan said the president’s action should “worry all Americans.”

continue advising the White House and Congress, or to maintain helpful ties to foreign officials.

Brennan’s tenure as CIA director capped a quarter-century career at the agency, including postings in Asia and as the station chief in Saudi Arabia. He is fluent in Arabic. As Obama’s Homeland Security adviser, before becoming CIA director, Brennan was central to the covert effort that ended with the killing of Osama bin Laden.

Appearing on MSNBC after Trump’s action, Brennan said: “I’ve seen this type of behavior and actions on the part of foreign tyrants and despots and autocrats in my national security career. I never thought I would see it here in the

United States.”

In what could have been his final provocation for Trump, late Tuesday on MSNBC, Brennan called Trump “dangerous to our nation” and “the most divisive president we have ever had,” who has “badly sullied the reputation of the office of the presidency.”

Sanders denied that the action against Brennan was retribution or an infringement of his free speech rights, contending instead that the decision was a matter of protecting classified information.

“The president has a constitutional responsibility to protect classified information,” she said.

Sanders cited as a rationale for the president’s action Brennan’s denials, as CIA

director, that agency employees in 2014 had improperly searched Senate computer files amid the Senate intelligence committee’s investigation of the Bush-era program for harshly interrogating terrorism suspects. Ten CIA officials did get access to the files, and Brennan later apologized to the committee.

The president’s statement on Brennan was dated in late July, just after Sanders first told reporters that Trump might revoke the clearances of several of the critics named Wednesday, including Brennan. By waiting weeks to release it, the administration was widely seen as trying to shift the public’s focus: This week the White House has been

rolled by attention to the

president’s feud with former aide Omarosa Manigault Newman, who has called him a racist and released secret recordings of conversations with him and others, and by news from the trial of Trump’s former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort.

“This might be a convenient way to distract attention, say from a damaging news story or two,” Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, the lead Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee, tweeted. “But politicizing the way we guard our nation’s secrets just to punish the President’s critics is a dangerous precedent.”

California Rep. Adam Schiff, the ranking Democrat on the House intelligence committee, tweeted, “An enemies list is ugly, undemocratic and un-American.”

Several Republicans also weighed in, with Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., saying, “Unless there’s something tangible that I’m unaware of, it just, as I’ve said before, feels like a banana republic kind of thing.”

Hayden, the former Bush adviser, told the Los Angeles Times, “It’s disappointing that the president would do this. I do think he’s trying to change the narrative because it’s not been a really good week so far.”

“Denying someone a clearance because they criticize the president isn’t warranted, although the president has absolute authority to grant or not grant,” Hayden said. “I just think it’s another example of using authority in a way that’s not productive.”

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ANALYSIS

Once again, Trump a big winner — for now

BY AMBER PHILLIPS
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Primaries in four states Tuesday — Connecticut, Minnesota, Vermont and Wisconsin — set up competitive governors, Senate and House races across the country in November.

But even before then, these primaries identified some clear winners and losers that reinforced trends we’ve been seeing all year. Here they are:

Winners

Trump: In Minnesota’s governor’s race, GOP voters nominated a relative outsider, Jeff Johnson, over a former governor, Tim Pawlenty, as Pawlenty struggled to get out from under the fact he called Trump “unhinged and unfit” during the campaign. (Johnson has his own past problems with Trump, which we’ll get to in the loser section.)

“The Republican Party has shifted,” Pawlenty said as he lost. “It is the era of Trump, and I’m just not a Trump-like politician.”

Trump’s riskiest endorsement yet, in last

week’s GOP Kansas governor’s primary, paid off Tuesday, too. Kansas Gov. Jeff Colyer conceded an ultraclose race to Secretary of State Kris Kobach, who helped lead Trump’s voter fraud commission.

Diversity: For the first time, voters of a major party nominated an openly transgender woman for governor. Christine Hallquist won the Democratic nomination for governor in Vermont (though she’ll have to work hard to make that race against GOP Gov. Phil Scott competitive).

In Connecticut, Democrat Jahana Hayes won her primary for Congress and is set to become the first black woman to represent New England in the House.

In Minnesota, Democrat Ilhan Omar is one of two candidates who won primaries in the past two weeks vying to become the first Muslim woman elected to Congress.

Arrest records and alleged #MeToo perpetrators: 2018 is proving that politicians can be accused of — or admit — behaving badly and win elections. The felon on the ballot

Tuesday, a Connecticut mayor running for governor, didn’t win.

But in Wisconsin, a drunken driver did. Democrat Randy Bryce, an iron worker who trying to take the seat of retiring GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan, won his primary. In Minnesota, Rep. Keith Ellison won his Democratic nomination for attorney general while denying accusations that he abused a former girlfriend.

Connecticut Republicans: It sounds counterintuitive to say a governor’s race in Connecticut would be among the most competitive races in the country this November.

But that is what appears to be shaping up after Tuesday.

Both Democrats and Republicans nominated the candidates they wanted for this open seat (Democrat Ned Lamont and Republican Bob Stefanowski, both wealthy businessmen). Outgoing Democratic Gov. Dan Malloy is one of the most unpopular politicians in America, so Republicans feel like they have a shot to seize the governor’s mansion.



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GOP gubernatorial candidate Jeff Johnson, a relative outsider, beat former Gov. Tim Pawlenty in Minnesota. Johnson said he has come around to supporting President Trump.

Losers

GOP consistency on Trump: Any Republican on the ballot Tuesday who didn’t particularly like Trump in 2016 needed to pivot quickly. In Wisconsin, state Sen. Leah Vukmir did just that as she won her primary to challenge Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis. She called him “offensive to everyone” during the campaign but endorsed him after he won the primary.

And the night’s big winner, Johnson in Minnesota’s GOP governor’s primary, had attacked Trump as a “jackass” during the campaign. But he successfully argued that he came around to supporting the president. GOP Gov. Scott Walker

, who didn’t have a competitive primary Tuesday but will have a competitive reelection in November, has twisted himself into a pretzel on whether he supports Trump’s tariff policy, which has ensnared Wisconsin’s Harley-Davidson.

GOP chances in governor’s races in Minnesota and Kansas: The Trumpier candidate won in each of these races, but that’s not necessarily a good thing for Republicans.

In Kansas, Washington Republicans aren’t happy that Kobach won. They feel that his inflammatory politics gives Democrats a leg up to take that governor’s mansion. They’re even less thrilled with Minnesota’s results. The Republican

Governors Association had reserved \$3 million to \$4 million in ads for the general election, but that could be in jeopardy now that a lesser-known candidate, Johnson, is the nominee.

Billionaires: In Wisconsin’s Republican Senate primary, both candidates were boosted by billionaires willing to throw millions at the race.

In the end, someone had to win (Vukmir). The loser was Kevin Nicholson, a former Democrat who paradoxically was boosted by one of the most conservative billionaires active in U.S. politics, Richard Uihlein. Some \$8 million in spending for Nicholson’s failed election can be tied back Uihlein.

3 accused of child abuse at N.M. compound await release

BY MORGAN LEE
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TAOS, N.M. — Three people accused of child abuse at a ramshackle desert compound were awaiting release Wednesday in New Mexico, where security was boosted at a courthouse amid threats against the judge who cleared the way for the defendants to leave jail.

The ruling by District Judge Sarah Backus sparked a political uproar and backlash on social me-

dia. Officials evacuated several administrative court offices Tuesday in Taos County as a precaution.

The offices reopened Wednesday while the threats were being investigated.

The decision to release three of the five extended family members being held in the case came despite assertions by prosecutors that the group was training children to use firearms for an anti-government mission and should remain in jail pending trial.

In her written ruling, Backus said she was bound by an “extremely high standard of proof” and that prosecutors failed to present clear and convincing evidence regarding dangers the defendants might pose to the community.

“From this meager evidence the court is requested by the state to surmise that these people are dangerous terrorists with a plot against the country or institutions. The court may not surmise, guess or assume,” she wrote. Prosecutors and defense

attorneys referenced the group’s Muslim faith during the hearing, but Backus wrote in her order that the court does not take into consideration faith when determining dangerousness.

In all, 11 children were taken into custody at the squalid dwelling near the Colorado border during an Aug. 3 raid by authorities who returned three days later and recovered the body of a boy.

Medical examiners have yet to determine whether

the body found at the site outside Amalia was that of Abdul-ghani — the disabled missing son of compound resident Siraj Ibn Wahhaj. Other relatives have told authorities that the remains are those of Abdul-ghani.

Wahhaj will remain in jail pending a warrant for his arrest issued in Georgia involving accusations that he abducted his son from the boy’s mother in December and fled to New Mexico.

Another defendant, Jany Leveille, was transferred to the custody of federal immi-

gration authorities, Taos County Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe announced. The 35-year-old native of Haiti is the mother of six children taken into state custody during the compound raid.

Defendants Lucas Morton, Subhannah Wahhaj and Hujrah Wahhaj were awaiting release.

Amid the threats, authorities had yet to find adequate nearby living arrangements for the three defendants in the town with only a handful of Muslim households.

Pelosi at center of GOP attack ads

Younger Dems say she's in the way of a generational shift

BY MIKE DEBONIS
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WASHINGTON — While Democrats grow optimistic about their chances of taking control of the House in November, they are increasingly anxious that the presence of their longtime and polarizing leader, Nancy Pelosi, is making it harder for many of their candidates to compete in crucial swing districts.

Republicans, clinging to a 23-seat majority in the House, have made the House minority leader a central element of their attack ads and are portraying many of their opponents as tied to the California liberal. At the same time, some Democrats are expressing alarm that she is standing in the way of the next generation of leaders.

The tension was apparent recently, when Rashida Tlaib became at least the 27th Democratic House candidate to decline to say whether she would support Pelosi. Some Democrats fear that anti-Pelosi attacks aimed at the Democratic candidate in the special election in an Ohio congressional district helped push the Republican to a narrow lead.

The dynamic creates a conundrum for Democrats, many of whom rely on Pelosi's fundraising prowess and admire her political savvy and status as one of the country's most influential female leaders. But some also are beginning to speak out about how allowing Pelosi to remain in charge of the caucus could reduce the size of a Democratic wave in November or worse, imperil their ability to win the majority.

"People pretend that it isn't a problem, but it's a problem that exists," said Rep. Brian Higgins, D-N.Y., who said he heard from



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Democratic candidates are being pressed about whether they support House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

frustrated colleagues concerned that the anti-Pelosi messaging cost Democrats in Ohio.

The tension is exacerbated by a growing generational rift in the Democratic caucus, with younger candidates and members looking to assert themselves against a leadership team that includes Pelosi, 78, and her top lieutenant, Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, 79, of Maryland. Among the Democratic candidates who have declined to endorse Pelosi is Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the 28-year-old Democratic Socialist from the New York City borough of Queens who has become a national star of the party's left wing.

Tlaib, of Michigan, said it was time for a generational change, telling CNN that her constituents "don't feel like they're being heard, and I think that starts at the top with leadership."

Republicans say Pelosi, who is well-known among voters from her four years as House speaker starting in 2007 and who wants to reclaim the job, continues to

be a reliable shorthand for a liberal Democratic agenda.

About a third of Republican ads in the Ohio race mentioned or depicted Pelosi, and GOP strategists argued that Democratic candidate Danny O'Connor's last-minute equivocating on the Pelosi question was a factor.

Pelosi and her allies pointed to the top-line reality of Ohio: A district that voted for Trump in 2016 by 11 points and for Republican congressional candidates by much bigger margins swung decisively to Democrats. The GOP's reliance on anti-Pelosi messages, they say, reflects an inability to find any other effective issue — and to the extent she is a factor at all, her role is dwarfed by that of the president.

Pelosi has long touted her ability to navigate the complex internal politics of her caucus. "I think I'm worth the trouble, quite frankly," she said last year after Democrats narrowly lost a Georgia special election where she was a centerpiece of GOP attacks.

Still, Democratic candidates across the country are being pressed about whether they support Pelosi, and regardless of how they answer, they are being subjected to GOP attacks tying them to her.

Ken Spain, a Republican political consultant, said Democrats are "going to leave seats on the table" as long as Pelosi remains a viable face of their party.

Even if Democrats win the House in November, he added, "it could be the difference between having a razor-thin majority and a governing majority. It's a lot easier to move legislation when you have a cushion of votes to work with."

In the Ohio race, outside Republican groups aired ads on a variety of themes — taxes, opioids, education, health care and seniors. But Pelosi ads dominated.

O'Connor said early on that he did not support Pelosi remaining as the top Democrat in the House — echoing the stance of Conor Lamb, the Pennsylvania Democrat who won a March special election in a GOP-

leaning district.

But GOP attack ads targeting O'Connor still highlighted Pelosi, and he gave those attacks oxygen a week before Election Day when, under questioning during an MSNBC interview, he conceded he would vote for Pelosi as speaker if the choice were between her and a Republican.

Higgins said Democratic candidates are trying to "customize their appeal" to their particular races, and the Pelosi questions complicate that task: "They are stuck with that question, and they do not deal with it well. You equivocate, and it jams you up, and it costs you votes," he said.

Jesse Hunt, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee, said GOP officials saw no evidence in Ohio that Pelosi attacks have lost their potency. "When Nancy Pelosi becomes a central part of the discussion in any race, that is something we're winning on because we're not just talking about her, we're talking about her policies," Hunt said.

Asked by CNN last week if Pelosi had hurt his campaign, O'Connor returned to his preferred way of discussing the Democratic leader: As a figure from the past who needed to move aside.

"It tells me that folks are ready for a new generation of leadership," O'Connor said.

Republicans have gotten little political traction from their tax cuts, as other economic changes — rising gas prices and blowback from Trump's tariffs — have offset any financial lift. Instead, as a three-month sprint to November begins, Republicans are focusing on the fear of "open borders," tax increases, the MS-13 gang, and Pelosi back in charge, overseeing a liberal caucus.

Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, D-N.M., chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said that whether trained on Pelosi or any other issue, the Republican message has failed to resonate with voters.

"Republicans are on the brink of losing the House, and they are flailing," he said.

Pelosi has been careful recently to keep her party's message focused. She has not embraced calls for Trump's impeachment; nor has she offered any actual support for a growing campaign on the left to eliminate the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. But Republicans say that, in the eyes of voters, Pelosi's name is shorthand for extreme liberal policies — even those she does not personally support.

"To the average American — not the average Republican, the average American — Nancy Pelosi and her San Francisco liberal values are completely removed from reality," said Corry Bliss, executive director of the Congressional Leadership Fund super PAC, citing focus-group research.

Democrats pour money into races

Midterm elections are on pace to shatter spending records

BY PAUL J. WEBER
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HOUSTON — Thara Narasimhan, who hosts a Hindu radio program in Houston, has already given \$1,200 to a Democrat running against Republican U.S. Rep. Pete Olson, who once drove around his solidly conservative Texas district with a "NEVER HILLARY" bumper sticker on his pickup. Her plans to donate even more bewilder friends.

"It's not the question of why I have to support a failing candidate," said Narasimhan, mingling at a fundraiser for Democrat Sri Kulkarni on a sweltering Texas summer night. "Unless you put some faith in it, you're not going to make it work."

The November midterms are on pace to shatter records for political spending. While more than \$1 billion raised so far nationally is helping finance battlegrounds that are poised to decide control of Congress, restless donors aren't stopping there — they're also putting cash into races and places they never have before to help underdog Democrats.

Examples include: a district home to the Dallas Cowboys' stadium and held by the GOP since 1983; the South Carolina district of outgoing U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford; and a reliably Republican Southern California district that President Donald Trump won by 15 points.

All are places where Democrats are outraising their Republican opponents — a feat that while perhaps not changing the conventional wisdom about their chances, is succeeding in giving their campaigns unusual viability. In Texas, 15 Democratic challengers running in Republican-held districts have so far raised at least \$100,000. In 2014, only one cracked six figures.

The average cost of winning a House seat is more than \$1 million. And in Texas, some candidates still lag substantially behind despite their early hauls in places where Republicans have been invincible.

But driving donors' eagerness to open their wallets to longshot candidates, supporters say, is a mix of anti-Trump enthusiasm and optimism following upsets like Democrat

Doug Jones' last year in a Senate race in Alabama. Campaigns, meanwhile, say donors are simply responding to finally having better candidates in historically lopsided districts that previously attracted only fringe contenders who made little effort to professionally fundraise or run hard.

At a crowded house party in suburban Austin for Democrat MJ Hegar, Jana Reeves found a seat on a kitchen bench that was a long way from her own Hill Country home that isn't even in Hegar's congressional district. Hegar has raised more \$1.7 million in large part due to a polished six-minute campaign ad called "Doors" that got attention online and enticed donors like Reeves to give her a hand.

"Even though it's hopeless? You know why?" Reeves said of the giving to Hegar and other Democratic challengers. "Even though maybe my paltry money can't do much, I still want to support these people in the deep red districts, because the Democrats (at party headquarters) aren't going to do it."

In few places is the surge of money more evident than



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Thara Narasimhan, left, talks with Democratic House candidate Sri Kulkarni in Houston.

in Texas. At the top of the ticket, Rep. Beto O'Rourke is outraising Republican Sen. Ted Cruz in a state where Democrats have not won a statewide race since 1994. Seven Democrats also outraised their GOP opponents between April and June in districts held by Republicans, bolstered by primary runoffs that forced campaigns to double down on fundraising.

Hegar is among the most successful. The military veteran is running against Republican Rep. John Carter, who was re-elected to an eighth term in 2016 by 20 points over a Democrat who only raised \$16,000 total.

Now she has the attention of Trump's campaign team, which last month announced it would financially help Carter along with roughly 100 other Republican House and Senate candidates.

For her part, Hegar doesn't inveigh against Trump while passing the hat: She didn't even mention his name while speaking to a living room of about 50 supporters at the Austin fundraiser. She said afterward that she understands Trump was motivating some of the donors but she preferred to talk to them about other issues.

"They want to fight against racism. They want

to fight against bullying and intimidation and things like that. And they're labeling those things with a person's name," Hegar said.

Near Fort Worth, Democrat Jana Lynne Sanchez has raked in more than \$358,000 and has campaigned through summer with more money than her heavily favored Republican opponent, Ronald Wright. They're both running to replace GOP Rep. Joe Barton, who abandoned plans for re-election after a nude photo of him circulated online.

"People who say, 'Money doesn't vote,' have never run a campaign," Sanchez said.

'NOT A BOMB!' message on NASA weather device sets off scare

BY ELI ROSENBERG
The Washington Post

A mysterious package with a message for President Donald Trump set off alarm last week after falling from the sky into a field of solar panels south of Bedminster, N.J., where the president was vacationing.

The package, a square white box attached to a red parachute, landed in the field in Kendall Park on Tuesday just before noon —

about 20 miles as the crow flies away from the president's golf course.

If that weren't strange enough, the package had a handwritten message scrawled on the side: "NASA Atmospheric Research Instrument NOT A BOMB! If this lands near the President, we at NASA wish him a great round of golf."

And it was making a hissing sound, police said.

Employees at the solar panel field told officers that

they were concerned.

"We just had a package — I'm not making this up — parachute onto my site," one of the callers said in a recording published by NBC 4. "There's a note on the side that I find disturbing. It references something about the president."

The site was quickly evacuated as a bomb squad was sent to the area, according to NBC. The Secret Service also investigated.

But the inquiry revealed a

curious fact: The box had been sent into the sky by NASA. It was a weather-monitoring device, police said, one of six that scientists released in the area Sunday. Photographs show that it had red and black wires inside.

"The weather researchers were apologetic for any concerns they had raised by the handwritten note on the device," the South Brunswick Police Department said in a statement.

In a statement, NASA spokeswoman J.D. Harrington explained the mishap.

The box contained a weather balloon instrument for measuring ozone and had been launched as part of an air-quality study from a site owned by Rutgers University, which was not involved with the research.

"Because the instruments are often found after they float back to Earth, they include notes informing the public of their re-

search purpose," Harrington said. "In this instance, a summer student employee, not affiliated with Rutgers, added extra text, in a misguided attempt to be light-hearted."

Only 1 of 6 other weather instruments has been recovered, NBC reported.

The student was removed from the project, Harrington said, as the agency worked to standardize the labeling process for such instruments.

Prosecution: Manafort's lies at heart of case

Defense attorneys cast guilt on others in closing arguments

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Paul Manafort lied to keep himself flush with cash and later to maintain his luxurious lifestyle when his income dropped off, prosecutors told jurors Wednesday in closing arguments at the former Trump campaign chairman's financial fraud trial. Jurors will begin deliberations Thursday.

In his defense, Manafort's attorneys told jurors to question the entirety of the prosecution's case as they sought to tarnish the credibility of Manafort's long-time protege — and government witness — Rick Gates.

The conflicting strategies played out over several hours of argument that capped nearly three weeks of testimony in the first courtroom test for special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation. The verdict, now in the hands of 12 jurors, will provide a measure of the special counsel's ability to make charges stick.

In the closing arguments, prosecutor Greg Andres said the government's case



Paul Manafort's defense attorneys Kevin Downing, from left, Jay Nanavati, Richard Westling, Brian Ketcham and Thomas Zehnle arrive at the Albert V. Bryan courthouse in Alexandria, Va., for closing arguments Wednesday.

boils down to "Mr. Manafort and his lies."

"When you follow the trail of Mr. Manafort's money, it is littered with lies," Andres said as he made his final argument that the jury should find Manafort guilty of 18 felony counts.

Attorneys for Manafort, who is accused of tax evasion and bank fraud, spoke next, arguing against his guilt by saying he left the particulars of his finances to

other people, including Gates, his former deputy.

Neither Manafort nor Gates has been charged in connection with their Trump campaign work. But Mueller's legal team says it discovered Manafort hiding millions of dollars in income as a result of the ongoing investigation.

Defense attorney Richard Westling told jurors that the fact that Manafort employed a team of account-

ants, bookkeepers and tax preparers shows he wasn't trying to hide anything. The lawyer appeared to be trying to blunt the effect of testimony from some of the people who handled Manafort's finances, including his bookkeeper, who said he concealed offshore bank accounts and lied to them.

Westling said the evidence against Manafort has been cherry-picked by Mueller's team and doesn't

show jurors the full picture.

"None of the banks involved reported Manafort's activities as suspicious," he said.

Westling questioned whether prosecutors had shown criminal intent by the former Trump campaign chairman, and pointed to documents and emails that the defense lawyer said may well show numerical errors or sloppy bookkeeping but no overt fraud.

Manafort chose not to testify or call any witnesses in his defense.

Referring to charts compiled by an IRS accounting specialist, Andres told jurors that Manafort declared only some of his foreign income on his federal income tax returns and repeatedly failed to disclose millions of dollars that streamed into the U.S. to pay for luxury items, services and loans. In 2012, Manafort's most successful year during his Ukrainian work, he reported \$5.3 million. But he told the government nothing about \$9.2 million more that went to pay for loans and other items, prosecutors said.

The prosecutor said Manafort should have been well aware each time he signed tax and financial documents indicating that he had no foreign accounts to declare. "Mr. Manafort was willful," Andres said.

In a brief rebuttal after defense arguments, Andres said the defense "wants to make this case about Rick Gates," but hasn't explained "the dozens of documents" Manafort's name is on.

Leaving the courthouse, defense lawyer Kevin Downing said he felt "very good" about Manafort's chances of being acquitted.

"Mr. Manafort was very happy with how things went today," Downing said.



A trucker had to brake when a car zipped past just before the Morandi Bridge collapsed.

Genoa death toll jumps to 39 in span collapse, official says

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Associated Press

GENOA, Italy — Italian prosecutors focused their investigation into the Genoa bridge collapse on possible design flaws or inadequate maintenance, as the death toll rose Wednesday to 39 and Italian politicians looked for someone to blame.

Fears mounted that another part of the Morandi Bridge, which was carved in two by the collapse of its midsection during a storm Tuesday, could also come crashing down. That prompted authorities Wednesday to widen an evacuation zone around the bridge, forcing some 630 people out of apartments in nearby buildings.

Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Danilo Toninelli raised the possibility that the evacuees may never again live there, saying the need to rebuild a new bridge on the city's key artery could require the destruction of nearby residential buildings.

On Tuesday, just as many Italians were driving to vacation destinations on the eve of Italy's biggest summer holiday, a 260-foot-long stretch of the bridge collapsed, sending

over 30 cars and three trucks plunging up to 150 feet to the ground.

Still dazed or shaken, survivors Wednesday recounted their brushes with death.

One truck driver provided a dramatic account, including a description of how a green truck stopped just short off the abyss and of police heroism as the 51-year-old bridge crumbled.

The trucker, identified only as Idris, said the green truck was saved after a car passed, forcing its driver to brake slightly. The car then plunged into the chasm.

"That truck driver is the luckiest in the world," Idris told Sky TG24.

Idris credited police for arriving quickly and moving some 150-200 people who were on the bridge to safety in a tunnel.

As this crippled Mediterranean port city of 600,000 reeled from the tragedy, about 1,000 rescue workers kept up the search for victims, picking through tons of broken concrete slabs, smashed vehicles and twisted steel. At least two bodies were pulled out.

The tons of debris that rained down from the bridge landed in a dry stream bed, along a railroad track or crashed down close to apartment buildings.

At one point, Sky TG24 said, residents were temporarily blocked from even returning to their homes to grab documents, medicine or other necessities.

After the search for bodies ends, tons of debris needs to be cleared away.

Genoa is a flood-prone city, and authorities warned that the concrete could become a dam within hours of heavy rains.

Civil protection chief Angelo Borrelli confirmed Wednesday that 39 people had died and 15 were injured.

Genoa Prosecutor Francesco Cozzi told reporters the investigation into the collapse was focused on human causes.

A \$22.7 million project to upgrade the bridge's safety had already been approved, with public bids to be submitted by September. According to the business daily Il Sole, the improvement work involved two weight-bearing columns that support the bridge — including one that collapsed Tuesday.

The 1967 bridge, considered innovative in its time for its use of concrete around its cables, was long due for an upgrade.

One expert, Antonio Brenich at the University of Genoa, had previously called the bridge "a failure of engineering."

48 dead in blast targeting Shiite students in Kabul

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber struck a private education center in a Shiite neighborhood of Kabul on Wednesday where high school graduates were preparing for university entrance exams, killing 48 men and women and leaving behind a scene of devastation and tragedy.

The bombing, blamed on the Islamic State group, was the latest assault on Afghanistan's Shiite community, which has increasingly been targeted by Sunni extremists who consider Shiites to be heretics.

It also showed how militants are still able to stage large-scale attacks, even in the heart of Kabul, and underscored the struggles of the Afghan forces to provide security and stability on their own.

The attack comes amid a particularly bloody week in Afghanistan that has seen Taliban attacks kill scores of Afghan troops and civilians.

It was not clear how the bomber managed to sneak into the building, used by the Shiite community as an education center, in the Dasht-i Barcha area of Kabul.

The spokesman for the public health ministry, Wahid Majroh, said 67 people were wounded in the bombing and that the death toll — which steadily rose in the immediate aftermath of the bombing — could still rise. He did not say if all the victims were students and whether any of their teachers were also among the casualties.

Dawlat Hossain, father of 18-year-old student Fareba who had left her class just a few minutes before the bombing but was still inside the compound, was on his way to meet his daughter and started running when he



Bystanders take in the tragedy Wednesday after a suicide bomber targeted students in Kabul, the Afghan capital.

heard the explosion.

Hossain recounted to The Associated Press how when he entered Fareba's classroom, he saw parts of bodies on desks and benches.

"There was blood everywhere, all over the room, so scary and horrible," he said. After finding out that his daughter was safe, he helped move the wounded to hospitals.

Fareba was traumatized that so many of her friends were killed, but Hossain said she was lucky to be alive.

The explosion initially set off gunfire from Afghan guards in the area, leading to assumptions there were more attackers, but officials later said all indications were that there was only one bomber.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack, but Jawad Ghawari, a member of the city's Shiite clerical council, blamed Islamic State, which has carried similar attacks on Shiites in the past, targeting mosques, schools and cultural centers. In the past two years, there were at least 13 attacks on the Shiite community in Kabul alone, he said.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani condemned the "terrorist" attack that "martyred and wounded the innocent" — students at-

tending class — and ordered an investigation into the attack.

"By targeting educational and cultural centers, terrorists have clearly shown they are against all those Islamic principles (that strive) for both men and women to learn and study," Ghani said in a statement.

The head of the U.N. children's agency denounced the attack, saying it's "deplorable" that children continue to be hardest hit in the growing violence across Afghanistan.

"Children are not, and must never be the target of violence," said UNICEF's executive director Henrietta Fore.

Meanwhile, a Taliban assault on two adjacent checkpoints in northern Afghanistan late Tuesday killed at least 30 soldiers and policemen.

The attack took place in Baghlan province's Baghlan-I Markazi district, said Mohammad Safdar Mohseni, head of the provincial council.

Dilawar Aymaq, a parliamentarian from Baghlan, said the attack targeted a military checkpoint and another manned by the so-called local police, militias recruited and paid by the Interior Ministry.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault.

Tourists find a section of Berlin Wall under vegetation, officials say

BY ERIK KIRSCHBAUM
Special to Los Angeles Times

BERLIN — Nearly 30 years after it was toppled, a 20-yard-long section of the Berlin Wall has been discovered — hidden behind bushes, weeds and overgrown trees that over the years slowly obscured a remnant of one of the Cold War era's most divisive symbols.

Officials confirmed Wednesday that the 11-foot-high cement slabs found in the heart of the German

capital had formed part of an inner security barrier to keep East Germans from even getting close to the outer wall to West Berlin. The discovery was both a fresh reminder of the Iron Curtain that once seemed to split the world and an illustration of how neglected parts of Berlin still are, even three decades after the wall fell in 1989.

Just a day after Berlin marked the anniversary of the wall's construction in 1961, Germans were taking stock of the curious find of

the semi-concealed gray cement blocks with the same fervor of an archaeological discovery.

Local authorities quickly placed the graffiti-strewn wall under monument protection status.

"I was totally surprised that there were still undiscovered pieces of the Berlin Wall left," said Ephraim Gothe, a local city leader in an interview with a German news agency after the latest discovery.

The graffiti-covered remnant was discovered in

June by a group of tourists wandering through the thick underbrush in the area just north of the government quarters and near the new headquarters of Germany's BND intelligence agency.

Its authenticity as a piece of the Berlin Wall, however, was only confirmed this week.

Another longer piece of the wall, about a 260-foot section, was discovered in a similar fashion in January in a northern district of East Berlin in a forest area.



German officials said Wednesday that the 11-foot-high cement slabs found in the capital are of the Berlin Wall.

Nativist wave roiling an Indian state

Fraught politics of citizenship leave millions in limbo

By RISHI LEKHI
Associated Press

MAYONG, India — The rice farmer doesn't know how it happened. Abdul Mannan just knows a mistake was made somewhere. But what can you say when the authorities suddenly insist one of your five children isn't an Indian? What do you do when your wife and daughter-in-law are suddenly viewed as illegal immigrants?

"We are genuine Indians. We are not foreigners," said Mannan, 50, adding his family has lived in India's northeastern Assam state since the 1930s. "I can't understand where the mistake is."

Neither can nearly 4 million other people who insist they are Indian but who now must prove their nationality as the politics of citizenship — overlaid with questions of religion, ethnicity and illegal immigration — swirls in a state where such questions have a long and bloody past.

Today, nativist anger churns through the hills and plains of Assam state, just across the border from Bangladesh, with many here believing the state is overrun with illegal migrants.

"India is for Indians. Assam is for Indians," said Sammujjal Bhattachariya, a top official with the All Assam Students Union, which has been in the forefront of pushing for the citizenship survey. "Assam is not for illegal Bangladeshis."

"We need a permanent solution," he added.

On Friday, some of the 3.9 million residents left off Assam's draft list of citizens began picking up forms to file their appeals, wading into a byzantine legal and bureaucratic process that many fear could lead to



Abdul Mannan, left, reviews paperwork he hopes can confirm citizenship for some family members in Mayong, India.

detention, expulsion or years in limbo.

Mannan, his two daughters and two of his sons were all listed on the citizenship list released in July. But his wife, a 17-year-old son and his daughter-in-law were nowhere to be seen. No explanation was given.

"We are worried that the names are not there," said Mannan, who lives with his family in a bamboo-walled hut, supporting them on about \$150 a month in farming income. "How will we live? What will we do? How will we stay in Assam?"

For decades, fears of widespread movement across the porous border with Bangladesh have triggered tensions between the state's majority ethnic group, Assamese-speaking Hindus, and its Bengali-speaking Muslims.

In the 1980s, that erupted into violence, with hundreds of people killed in Assam amid waves of anti-migrant attacks. New Delhi

eventually ruled that anyone who could prove their family had lived in India before Bangladesh's 1971 war of independence, which drove millions of Bangladeshis to flee across the border, would be considered an Indian citizen.

But proving that can be complicated in a region where basic paperwork — birth certificates, marriage certificates, leases — has only recently become commonplace in many rural villages.

State officials insist they have done everything possible to make the procedure fair.

"It's been an extremely exhaustive process," said Prateek Hajela, the coordinator of the citizenship project that involves 52,000 officials, visits to 6.8 million families and countless hearings to examine the details of family trees.

But the politics of religion and ethnicity have been on the rise in India since 2014, when the Hindu

nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party was swept to power in national elections. The party quickly pushed to update the citizenship registry in Assam, where politicians have eagerly grabbed hold of the issue.

"First our target is to segregate the foreigners. What steps we will take against them will come next," Assam's top elected official, Sarbananda Sonowal, told the Times of India this year. "They will have only one right — human rights as guaranteed by the U.N. that include food, shelter and clothing."

"For almost 40 years our people have been living in a state of confusion and uncertainty," he told the newspaper.

Today, hundreds of Bengali-speaking Muslims with suspect nationality are already living in a half-dozen detention camps in Assam.

Assam has a population of roughly 33 million, with a little over one-third of them Muslims.

"The concern over illegal migration is indeed genuine," said Akhil Ranjan Dutta, a political analyst and professor at Gauhati University in Assam. "But unfortunately, political parties have always tried to score brownie points on the issue purely to gain votes."

Few deny there has been widespread illegal migration into Assam, often by poor Bangladeshis in search of work as farm laborers. The state's demographics have shifted dramatically in recent decades, with the percentage of Bengali-speakers jumping from 22 percent in 1991 to 29 percent in 2011, and the percentage of Assamese-speakers declining. Many analysts, however, say those numbers in part reflect the higher birth rates among Muslims. Estimates on the number of illegal immigrants vary wildly, from a few hundred thousand to many millions.

While Muslims appear to dominate the 3.9 million

people left off the citizenship rolls, they aren't the only people now facing a bureaucratic gauntlet.

"I don't know about politics. I am a poor man. I work all day, eat, and sleep at night. I don't go anywhere else," said Khitish Namo Das, 50, a rail-thin Hindu farmer who insists he was born in India and whose family of eight — except for one daughter-in-law — are now considered illegal.

"When the names did not appear on the list it made me worry," he said, then reassured himself: "I have the documents so I don't think I need to worry too much."

It's not clear what will happen to people who, once their appeals are used up, are still not listed as citizens. Detention is a strong possibility for some, but impoverished Bangladesh insists it will not accept mass expulsions back into its territory. Activists worry many could be left in limbo for years, perhaps decades, stateless wanderers like Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims.

Even some of those who support the citizenship survey say the migrants are a significant part of the economy.

"Those immigrants play a very important role in supplying your labor economy. So if those people are given work permits, minus political rights, they could be very valuable in Assam," said Nani Gopal Mahanta, an Assam-based political analyst.

But he defends the survey: "It's a question of sovereignty, it's a question of the security of this country."

Officials insist that the process will be open and trustworthy.

"It's going to be a fair procedure," Hajela, the project coordinator, said last week. "We will ensure that no genuine citizen gets left out, and at the point in time, ensuring that the ineligible don't find their names there."

Nicaragua police hunt 'terrorists'

Students suffer arbitrary arrests, abuse, prison

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN
Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — The 21-year-old agricultural economics student, nearly two months pregnant, had hoped to escape Nicaragua with her boyfriend, but a police officer on a motorcycle blocked their path as they were getting into taxis with other students to go to a safe house.

Five police trucks loaded with masked and armed men dressed in civilian garb surrounded them. Uniformed officers began to search the students' backpacks. One pulled out a blue-and-white Nicaraguan flag.

"These are the terrorists who killed our fellow police," the officer shouted, using President Daniel Ortega's term for those who have protested against his government since mid-April.

The young couple and their friends joined the ranks of more than 2,000 people arrested in Nicaragua in nearly four months of

unrest and official crackdown. At least 400 are thought to still be in jails, prisons and police stations, and some consider them political prisoners, the non-governmental Nicaraguan Human Rights Center says.

The others were held for days or weeks incommunicado, brutally interrogated to give up names and threatened with terrorism charges before being released without explanation as Ortega's government seeks to extinguish the resistance.

"They crushed my fingers, and hit me in the ribs and the stomach," the pregnant student said. "When I was on the ground, they kicked me."

The Associated Press separately interviewed four of those arrested and released, all of whom are in hiding. They agreed to speak only on condition of anonymity out of fear of retaliation.

"Right now, without exaggerating, Nicaragua is a prison," said Vilma Nunez, the rights center's president and a former supreme court vice president under Orte-

ga's first Sandinista government in 1979.

She called Ortega's systematic search for those involved in the protests a "human hunt."

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights recently said its monitoring team in Nicaragua found that detainees were abused, not informed of their rights or any charges, and taken into custody without warrants.

Ortega for weeks denied that paramilitary squads and Sandinista youth groups that have clashed with or attacked protesters were working with the police. But when asked in a recent TV interview how demonstrators picked up by masked paramilitaries ended up in jails, he said: "We have volunteer police who cooperate with the police."

He has accused protesters and opponents of trying to stage a coup.

The unrest began as protests to social security cuts. After a deadly crackdown, students became the vanguard of a broader push demanding Ortega step



ARNULFO FRANCO/AP

A Nicaraguan university student shows a tattoo a police officer scarred with a lit cigarette.

down.

The young woman from the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua was among nearly 200 students who dug in at the Managua campus, only to be driven out in mid-July by paramilitaries under heavy gunfire that killed two people.

A short time later, she and others were taken to a police processing center and lined up with their hands behind their necks.

"I told (one) I was pregnant," she said. "Ah," he says, "great. We've got a pregnant one."

"One of the paramilitaries came and punched me in the stomach," she said. "Now we're going to get it out of you," he said. "And you're going to eat it

alive."

The men and women were separated and interrogated individually. The men were stripped naked.

A 20-year-old business administration student said he was punched in the stomach and kicked in the testicles. A police officer ripped out his eyebrow piercing, and a cigarette was put out on a tattoo on his shoulder.

Police and masked civilians asked the same questions in the interrogations: Who were the student leaders? What political party was financing their movement? How much were they being paid?

The pregnant student was taken to a room to stand with her hands spread out

on a table. The interrogators began hitting her in the stomach again, she said, and an officer cut off half her toenail.

When she again told them she was pregnant, they told her: "The pain is what we feel fighting for the country. You all just want to see the country destroyed."

Midway through her five-day incarceration she started to bleed. She was beaten again.

When the students were released they were warned to stay out of sight.

The next day she went to a hospital, where a doctor told her there was nothing they could do.

"They told me to prepare myself for the news," she said. "I lost my baby."

Xi orders military to get into fighting shape

Bloomberg News

China's military has been ordered by President Xi Jinping to stop running kindergartens and other businesses and focus on fighting, as he attempts to overhaul the world's largest army.

Xi said during a recent meeting of the Communist Party's 25-member Politburo that the armed forces should cease commercial activities by the end of the year, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

China's military is involved in running businesses ranging from kindergartens to property rental services, it said.

"The progress of this work has prompted the army to focus on war preparation and fighting ability," Xi said, according to Xinhua. The change would be of "great significance to the building of the People's Liberation Army into a world-class military in all respects," he said, adding it would facilitate "the consolidation of the party's ruling

status and the long-term stability of the country."

The move is Xi's latest attempt to curb corruption in the PLA as he attempts to follow through on a pledge to build a world-class military that can fight and win wars across all potential theaters by 2050. Purges of generals and other top officers have helped Xi push through the biggest military overhaul in 60 years.

Xi, who heads the party's Central Military Commission, said his order allowed for "no exception, discount

or makeshift compromise."

China's cash-strapped military went into business for itself shortly after reform kicked off in the late 1970s, a phenomenon that led to corruption and raised questions about the PLA's effectiveness. The party has struggled to convince the military to end its hunt for profit, though. Calls for China's armed forces to close their businesses go back to at least 1998.

Xi first pledged to end the military's "paid services" three years ago.



ANTHONY KWAN/GETTY

China's Xi Jinping has ordered the military to stop running businesses as he tries to reform the world's largest army.

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U.S. sanctions shipping firms over North Korea trade

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration imposed sanctions Wednesday on three foreign companies it says are helping North Korea with illicit shipments of goods to fund its nuclear program. The Treasury Department said it was taking action against the companies, which are based in China, Russia and Singapore, as well as the head of the Russian firm. The move blocks any assets they may have in U.S.

jurisdictions and bars Americans from doing business with them. It comes as the U.S. presses for full compliance with international sanctions against North Korea while it talks with the North on ending its nuclear program. The new targets are the China-based Dalian Sun Moon Star International Logistics Trading Co. and its Singapore-based affiliate, SINSMS Ltd., along with Russia's Profinet Ltd.

Refugee held in connection with Iraqi policeman's slaying

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A refugee from Iraq was arrested Wednesday in Northern California on a warrant alleging that he killed an Iraqi policeman while fighting for the Islamic State organization. Omar Abdulsattar Ameen, 45, and other members of ISIS killed the officer in June 2014, according to documents. He was arrested by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force at a Sacramento

apartment building based on a warrant issued in May by an Iraqi federal court in Baghdad. U.S. officials plan to extradite him back to Iraq under a treaty with that nation, and he made his first appearance in federal court in Sacramento on Wednesday. Ameen could face execution for the "organized killing by an armed group" according to Iraqi documents.

Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones muzzled by Twitter for a week

NEW YORK — Twitter joined other tech companies in muzzling Alex Jones, the right-wing conspiracy theorist who's used their services to spread false information. Late Tuesday, Twitter said it had "limited" Jones' personal account for seven days because he had violated the company's rules. Jones won't be able to tweet or retweet. The company would not comment on what the offend-

ing post said. But in a video posted Wednesday to the Twitter account of Jones' "Infowars" show, Jones said the company suspended him because he violated its rules by posting a "video I shot last night saying (President Donald) Trump should do something about the censorship of the internet." Later Wednesday, Twitter put the "Infowars" account on a timeout.



A police car sits outside of Parliament in London on Wednesday, a day after the attack.

British police seek motive of suspect in crash at Parliament

LONDON — Detectives searched several properties as they built up a profile Wednesday of a Sudanese man who authorities say crashed a car outside Britain's Parliament in what police are treating as an act of terrorism. Police are trying to determine what was in the mind of Salih Khater, 29, who they say swerved a Ford Fiesta across a road and plowed into cyclists and pedestrians, injuring three, before smashing into a security barrier. All of the three people injured have been released from the hospital.

Khater, a British citizen of Sudanese origin, was arrested at the scene of Tuesday's crash on suspicion of "the commission, preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism," police said. Police said later he was also suspected of attempted murder. British authorities do not name suspects until they are charged but media and neighbors said the arrested man was Khater. Police confirmed the suspect was a 29-year-old British man originally from Sudan. They said he was not previously known to counterterrorism officers

or the intelligence services. Police said they had finished searching an apartment where the suspect had lived in the central England city of Birmingham, as well as another property in the city and one in Nottingham, about 50 miles away. They also are searching a third property in Birmingham, 100 miles northwest of London. Coventry University in central England said Khater had studied accounting there between September 2017 and May 2018 but had failed his first-year studies and was no longer enrolled.

Report: SEC subpoenas Tesla about buyout plans

SAN FRANCISCO — The Wall Street Journal is reporting that government regulators have subpoenaed Tesla as they dig deeper into CEO Elon Musk's recent disclosure about a potential buyout of the electric car maker. The subpoena from the Securities and Exchange

Commission demands information from Tesla's nine directors. The Journal cited an unnamed person familiar with the issue. Fox Business News was first to report the SEC's action. Tesla and the SEC declined to comment Wednesday. The SEC opened an in-

quiry shortly after Musk surprised investors with an Aug. 7 tweet revealing that he lined up the financing to buy all the Tesla stock from shareholders willing to sell. The subpoena signals regulators have opened a formal investigation into whether Musk was telling the truth in his tweet.

Baker who won at high court sues in new bias case

DENVER — The Colorado baker who wouldn't make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple and won a limited ruling at the U.S. Supreme Court is suing the state over another discrimination allegation. In a lawsuit filed Tuesday, lawyers for Masterpiece Cakeshop owner Jack Phillips allege that Colorado is on a "crusade to crush" him because of his religious beliefs. The Supreme Court sided with Phillips in June, saying comments by a member of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission displayed an anti-religious bias. It didn't rule on whether business owners can invoke religious objections to refuse service to LGBT people. Less than a month later, the commission found probable cause that Phillips discriminated against someone by refusing to make a cake marking a gender transition.

Ethics probe: The Pentagon's chief spokeswoman is being investigated by the department's inspector general after allegations that she misused her authority with her staff, U.S. officials said. Dana White is alleged to have routinely used employees to run errands, pick up her laundry and lunch, and help with other chores.

Electoral discord: Brazil's The Workers' Party registered jailed former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva as its candidate for president Wednesday, forcing a showdown with electoral authorities. Da Silva is serving a sentence for a corruption conviction, but he continues to lead polls for October's election.

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ACROSS

1 Golf club with a large head

5 Synagogue leader

10 Goes bad

14 Trick

15 Sore as ___

16 Hawaiian island

17 Circle portions

18 Old clunker

20 Letter from Greece

21 Platter

22 Ship poles

23 Unwilling

25 Deep hole

26 Swank or Duff

28 Steve and Tim

31 Give a speech

32 Drew or Mariah

34 This month: abbr.

36 Word of disgust

37 Punctuation mark

38 Recipe verb

39 Suffix for valid or decor

40 Wild felines

41 Actor Michael ___

42 Run away

44 Funeral speech

45 Gore and Pacino

46 Inexperienced

47 Task

50 Cookware

DOWN

1 Envelop

2 "___ is not to reason why..."

3 Moves back & forth, like a fan

4 ___ Moines

5 Uncommon thing

6 Embarrass

7 The one and the other

8 Chomped down on

9 Sick

10 Turn

11 Boatmen's needs of disgust

12 "___ does it!"; cry

13 Has dinner

19 Post or Procter

21 Show courage

24 Dinner in the barn

25 Tearful request

26 Bat mitzvah dance

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EDITORIALS

Will Chicago's Ald. Cochran be Convict No. 30?

It's hard to know what passes through the mind of an alderman contemplating acts of public corruption that could land him in prison.



Cochran

We wonder because Ald. Willie Cochran's lawyer told a federal judge on Wednesday that the South Side politician intends to plead guilty to corruption charges rather than take the case to trial.

Prosecutors charged Cochran in 2016 with an alleged scheme to shake down two businessmen for cash in exchange for support on deals in his 20th Ward. Cochran also allegedly stole tens of thousands of dollars in charitable donations to the 20th Ward Activities Fund and spent it on college tuition for his daughter, trips to Indiana casinos and accessories for his Mercedes.

Appalling factoid: If Cochran pleads, he will be the 30th alderman since 1972 to be convicted of bribery, fraud or other breaches of the public trust.

The 30th.

So what was he thinking?

Recall that Cochran, a retired Chicago police sergeant, was elected in 2007 after his predecessor, Arenda Troutman, was charged with soliciting cash from developers to support projects in her ward. Her infamous declaration, uttered after she promised to smooth the way for a business development: "What do I get out of it?"

Troutman also issued this pithy observation about her colleagues: "Most aldermen, most politicians are hos."

But we digress. Someone in Cochran's shoes might have thought, what's the chance that federal prosecutors will look again for corruption in the 20th Ward? A former cop might have thought, hey, I know how law enforcement works. I'll sniff out an investigation before I get caught.

Or a newcomer to the City Council could have mused that prosecutors had lost interest in City Hall malfeasance since no alderman had been convicted of corruption since 2010. That's when Isaac "Ike" Carothers became Convict No. 29, pleading guilty in federal court to bribery and tax charges. (Trivia note: Carothers' guilty plea came 27 years after his father, William, a former alderman, was convicted and sentenced to three years in prison for his own criminal behavior.)

Yes, there has been a lull in the pattern of aldermen trudging off to jail. In 2008, after a similar interlude, we speculated that maybe aldermen had shed their sense of entitlement, their "Where's mine?" attitude. Or maybe they'd finally wised up after decades of seeing their colleagues and predecessors in handcuffs. Or maybe, as some cynics theorized, they'd grown craftier at hiding their criminal activities.

Apparently not.

No. 30 — again, if he does plead — could soon have plenty of time in the exercise yard to think about his squandered political career. We hope this dismal, decadeslong streak comes to an end. But that depends on what Cochran's colleagues in the Chicago City Council are up to.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Back when it was still being sold as an official presidential library, the city of Chicago took steps to allow the Obama Center project to be built in Jackson Park. Under a deal approved by the City Council in May, the Obama Foundation will lease 19.3 acres in perpetuity for \$1.

A nonprofit group called Protect Our Parks has filed a federal lawsuit alleging that this violates state law. The suit calls the Obama Center a "bait and switch," since the "public purpose" of a presidential library no longer exists. ...

(The) state's appropriation for roadway and transit fixes is serious cash. Imagine the cries of corporate welfare if Chicago lured a big company to town with direct infrastructure spending of \$174 million.

So why no fuss about ponying up to help the Obama Center? There are two answers.

The first is that Illinois's machine politicians dropped the appropriation this summer into a 1,246-page budget bill, which was then presented to rank-and-file legislators only hours before the vote.

The second is that after a few Republicans objected to spending state money for the Obama Center, they were told not to fret: Federal reimbursements were on the way. "We were assured by Republican leadership not to worry," state Rep. Jeanne Ives told me, "since 80 percent of the cost would be picked up by the federal government."

Mark Glennon, *The Wall Street Journal*



SHAWN THEW/EPA

President Donald Trump and the White House press corps in March. Trump has called journalists "the enemy of the people."

Trump and the press

You may have read that, this week, scores of U.S. newspapers are responding in independently written editorials to President Donald Trump's many attacks on journalists as enemies — his word — of the American people.

As this became a national news story, we at the Tribune Editorial Board had two choices: We could stay silent and leave you wondering what message to read into that, or we could explain in our own words the dangers the president's incitement has created. We chose Option 2 even though we generally avoid group editorial efforts.

We haven't written at length about Trump's vilification of journalists. Journalism isn't supposed to be about journalists. But Trump has made us part of news stories so often that we'll take time to talk with you about that.

Nineteen months ago, Donald Trump swore an oath to defend the U.S. Constitution. One protection in its First Amendment is the stated guarantee of a press free from government dictates, and an implied responsibility for journalists to be a check on that government's enormous powers.

Rather than defending or at least respecting that guarantee and that responsibility, Trump has escalated from criticism to incitement: At public appearances he demonizes the reporters who cover his speeches and his crowds. He routinely insists that journalists intentionally craft false reports. As he put it in a July speech to a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Kansas City, "Don't believe the crap you see from these people, the fake news. Just remember —

what you're seeing and what you're reading is not what's happening."

America's news media — the reporting that journalists promulgate and the decisions they make — aren't beyond fallibility or reproach; every day journalists get some things right and other things wrong. Tension between presidents and reporters is a staple of most administrations: Journalists rightly objected when President Barack Obama's Department of Justice, determined to halt leaks, spied on reporters and repeatedly invoked the Espionage Act against their sources.

But Trump's rants pose a much different, more dangerous threat. He is toying with the power of the presidency in order to provoke one part of the American public against another. At some point such verbal assault encourages ideological extremists to take action. It threatens journalists' personal safety. And it undercuts that responsibility for a press that's supposedly free of government control to act as a watchdog on public officials.

Presidents play an outsized role in American life as elected leaders but also as caretakers of liberty. What a president says, how a president shows respect or disrespect, sends signals across the country and around the world. When Trump portrays journalists as saboteurs of truth, he's not taking on critics or sparring with adversaries. He's using the force of his office to embolden people who object to robust news coverage.

The Tribune Editorial Board faulted Trump as a candidate, then as a president, for his boorish behavior and divisive language. His attacks on journalists exemplify his tendency to bully and

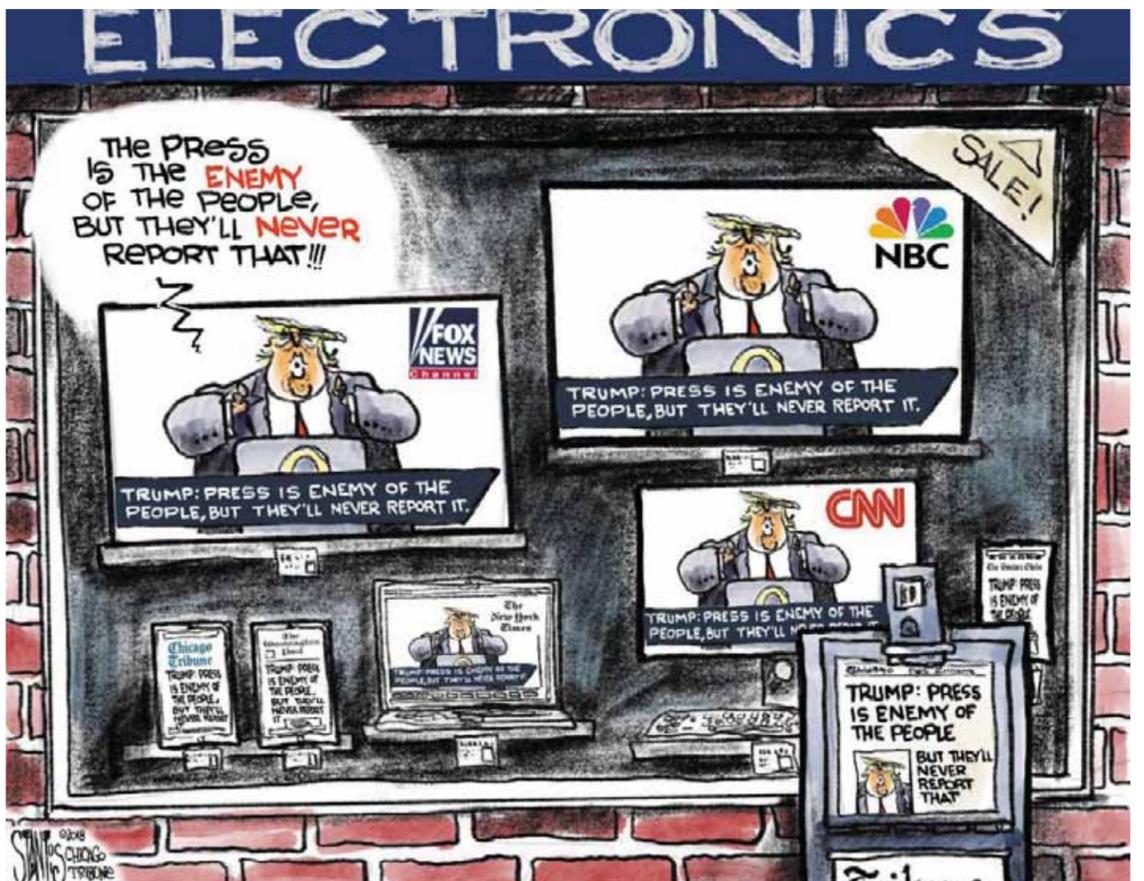
humiliate. There's a direct line between his reluctance to shame white supremacists, his insertion of himself into other people's disputes (the national anthem at football games?) and his relentless attacks on the press: His primary concern is his own popularity, his control of the moment.

In our criticism we've distinguished between Trump's tongue and Trump's work — between this president and his presidency. We're more interested in judging his actions on major issues than in dissecting loopy tweets du jour: We've criticized Trump on his immigration bungling, his tariffs that imperil Midwest jobs and his assault on special counsel Robert Mueller. We've also credited Trump on his pro-growth tax policies, his nomination of qualified Supreme Court justices and his engagement with a menacing North Korea. Along the way, we've ignored many outlandish things he's said because they have little bearing on the country and are soon forgotten. Don't like what Trump brays? Wait a few minutes and you might hear something else you don't like.

In sum: We aren't the reflexive resistance Trump evidently imagines when he hears the word "journalists." We aren't enemies of the American people. But many of us have fielded enough angry threats — in the streets, on our phones and at our computers — to chafe when a president calls us that.

That's why we're adding our voices to those of other journalists nationwide. Our role is to serve as a check on government. The president ought to get used to it.

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PERSPECTIVE



RICK LOOMIS/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Ron Stallworth, a police officer in Colorado who infiltrated a branch of the Ku Klux Klan in 1979, with his membership card. "BlacKkKlansman" is based on his story.

I went undercover to expose THE KU KLUX KLAN

BY DICK LEHR

Spike Lee's powerful new film, "BlacKkKlansman," tells the true story of Ron Stallworth, an African-American police officer who infiltrated a local branch of the Ku Klux Klan in 1979.

That year, I also signed up to join the Klan. And at a secret meeting I even met the Grand Wizard himself, David Duke, the same Klan leader featured in Lee's film.

I was a rookie Klansman at the time, and I'd been recruited to join the cause.

Sort of.

Like Stallworth, I wasn't a true believer and had a very different agenda from the Klan's.

The Klan descends on Connecticut

It was the fall of 1979, and I was a first-year reporter at the Hartford Courant when Duke launched a recruiting effort in, of all places, Connecticut. His "Klan calling cards" and his newspaper, The Crusader, started appearing in factory parking lots, restaurants, high schools and college campuses.

To cover the story for the state's largest newspaper, I was teamed with veteran reporter Bill Cockerham. We called Duke's headquarters in Metairie, La.

Duke was 29 at the time — an educated, clean-cut Klansman campaigning for a seat in the Louisiana state Senate.

Duke was happy to talk. He made plain his aim to recruit young people and to remake the Klan into a gentler, kinder brand of bigotry. He wasn't anti-black or anti-Jewish, he said. "We are simply pro-white and pro-Christian.

"It's the white majority that are losing their rights, not the blacks or the Jews," he insisted. "We're the ones being attacked on the streets, and they call us haters when we fight back for our rights and heritage."

It was vintage Duke. He was trying, as one expert told us, to be "everybody's Klansman," using his considerable marketing skills to sugarcoat racism.

He told us his recruiting efforts had struck a chord in the Nutmeg

State, claiming more than 200 new members and several hundred more associate members. While no statewide organization was in place, there were, he claimed, a number of robust, local dens. He did mention a statewide organizer, but when we requested repeatedly to speak to him, Duke balked.

The KKK was a secret organization, he explained. He couldn't do that. But because he was the face of the organization, we could call the Metairie office any time — he'd be happy to talk Klan.

Getting access

The front-page article in the Courant appeared a few days later — "Klan Unit Attracting New Members: New Recruits Join Klan Through Mail" — and local radio and television stations pounced on the story.

Duke was suddenly a newsmaker, and the news media and public struggled with the idea he could be successfully establishing a footprint in Connecticut, given that the Klan was mostly associated with the South.

Of course, no one knew whether Duke's numbers were accurate; the story reported his claims of a groundswell of support.

Which is why I clipped out an application from a copy of his Crusader in our newsroom, filled it out using a false identity and mailed it to Metairie along with the \$25 entry fee. (The use of deception in reporting is another story altogether, a matter regularly discussed in journalism ethics courses.)

My goal was to get inside Duke's local outfit, identify his local leader and either verify or debunk his head count of followers. In the mail, I soon received my Klan membership card, a certificate of Klan citizenship and a Klan rule book with a picture of Duke in his fancy Grand Wizard robe telling me to buy a robe for \$28. Just like that I had joined the Klan.

Then I waited. I figured it wouldn't take long for my compatriots to reach out and bring me into the fold, where I'd get the inside story. That was the game plan, and when I occasionally called down to Duke's office in Metairie, using my new identity, I

was assured I'd be hooked up with like-minded Connecticut racists in short order.

But nothing happened. Weeks went by. Meanwhile, Duke continued to reap regular coverage in Connecticut media, with the imperial wizard claiming huge success in his statewide recruitment.

My break came in early December 1979. Duke announced he'd decided to travel to Connecticut and two other New England states. The trip would be a kind of climax to his fall membership drive. He would visit several Connecticut cities and speak with the news media at each stop, before holding a private rally at night with his Connecticut Klansmen.

And that's when I got the call — all hands were summoned for the secret mass meeting on Friday, Dec. 7. I was told that for security reasons the location would not be disclosed until the actual day but to be on call.

The moment of truth

Teamed again with the veteran reporter, I spent most of that Friday afternoon on the move. I was instructed to call Metairie and was directed to head west from Hartford.

While Duke staged a news conference at a Waterbury motel, I waited in a local bar, where Duke's local point person finally contacted me. He directed me to Grange hall in Danbury, which they'd rented posing as a historical group.

I left my colleague behind and was met in a rear parking lot by three "enforcers." They asked for my Klan ID card, and then waved me through. I walked into the dimly lit room on the second floor and looked around. The hall was nearly empty, except for about two dozen men quietly mingling.

That's when it dawned on me why I'd never heard a peep from any other Connecticut Klansmen: There was no real organization, or presence, to speak of.

While most were dressed in leather and jeans, the sandy-haired Duke wore a three-piece suit with a Klan pin on his lapel. He introduced himself to each attendee, showing off a three-ring binder with Connecticut newspaper clip-

pings about him and the Klan.

Duke's idea for a meeting was a simple one — a screening of D.W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation," the 1915 blockbuster about the Civil War and Reconstruction. (In Spike Lee's movie, a Klan meeting also involves a showing of the film.)

To Griffith, a Southerner, the robed Klansmen were heroes, riding to the rescue and saving the South from the lawlessness and chaos of Reconstruction.

That night in Danbury, Duke used the film as a teaching tool, turning the darkened Grange hall into a classroom for a course on white power. Standing next to an American flag, he read aloud the film's subtitles and then added his own bigoted commentary. When a group of Klansmen on horses dumped the corpse of a black man on a front porch, Duke began to clap his hands — a firm clap that grew louder as others in the room joined in to applaud the death of a black man on screen.

I left that meeting with the story we'd been after for months — the identity of the Connecticut leader and, more important, the actual numbers in Duke's much-ballyhooped statewide Klan. It wasn't several hundred but closer to two dozen. Duke's run of media coverage in Connecticut dried up immediately.

We exposed Duke as the con man who'd bluffed his way into a run of free publicity to spew his pro-white nonsense — a transparently perverse message that somehow has regained currency today. The imperial wizard's rhetoric of 1979 is parroted almost verbatim by a new generation of haters who are attracting plenty of media coverage.

I never spoke to Duke again, but I did receive a Christmas card from him that holiday season — addressed to my Klan alias, apparently mailed before the article was published.

The red card featured two Klansmen in robes holding a fiery cross. The caption read: "May you have a meaningful and merry Christmas and may they forever be White."

The Conversation

Dick Lehr is a journalism professor at Boston University.

PERSPECTIVE

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

A head start

New data show that, last year, 3 of every 4 Illinois kindergartners arrived “unready” for kindergarten in one way or another. Your editorial board chose to lay blame at the feet of parents. As a parent of a 9-year-old, I think you picked the wrong target.

As a parent, if I’m taking the time to read your editorial, it’s very likely I’m doing all the things you suggest. And if I’m not, there’s probably a good reason why just telling me to do something won’t actually get me to do it. For example, you suggest that I can help my child “identify and start to manage her feelings.”

Personally, it took me a good five years of family therapy to really learn how to build all the skills that lie beneath that simple phrase. And I am a relatively advantaged parent: white, middle-class and with health insurance that supported me in getting the help I needed.

Your editorial complains that the new data could become an excuse for “experts” to “tout programs to spend money the state doesn’t have” to boost results. This misses the point entirely. There are many more important questions. Here’s one: Can families with young children make ends meet without sacrificing time with them? Not when more Americans are working two jobs to make ends meet, and few can take advantage of paid parental leave after a child is born.

Your editorial did not ask whether what we now require of children by the end of kindergarten — most notably, reading — is developmentally appropriate. You didn’t ask about the quality of care and experiences available to children between birth and age 5, or what we can do to improve them. Nor did you ask whether our K-12 schools are set up for success when children enter kindergarten — do they have the time and adults available to support children no matter how “far behind” they start?

The central question isn’t, “Is my child ready for kindergarten?” I would suggest the real questions we need to answer are: “Are we ready to help all families support their children to learn and grow?” and “Is kindergarten ready to take all kids, wherever they are, and help them learn and grow? Or are we writing some kids off before they even get started?”

— Maureen Kelleher, Chicago

The greatest hypocrisy

It’s hard to be a Catholic. In response to the recently released Pennsylvania grand jury report on some 300 priests accused of abuse, let it be known — let it be shouted from the rooftops — that those warped, vile, disgusting clerics who have violated children over the past several decades have made victims not only of the children but of all Catholics everywhere. Their victims number tens of millions.

As a churchgoing Catholic, I have found nothing more maddening over the last couple of decades than recurring revelations of priestly abuse and the church’s attempts to hide it. I think of the donations, which the faithful give at Mass every week, going now not to maintain churches, pay staff or upgrade schools, but to compensate plaintiffs in sexual abuse cases and enrich the lawyers who represent them. Why should I give?

I think of the harm to the church’s moral credibility on matters such as the roles of women inside and outside the church, gay marriage, gender dysphoria, in vitro fertilization and embryonic stem-cell research. How can an institution that has harbored so much sexual abuse over so many years purport to instruct others on anything involving sex?

I must suspect that the requirement that its clergy be celibate — a requirement that among religious organizations seems all but unique to the Catholic Church — not only disqualifies many otherwise capable men from the priesthood but, more ominously, tends to select in favor of men who lack healthy libidinal drives.

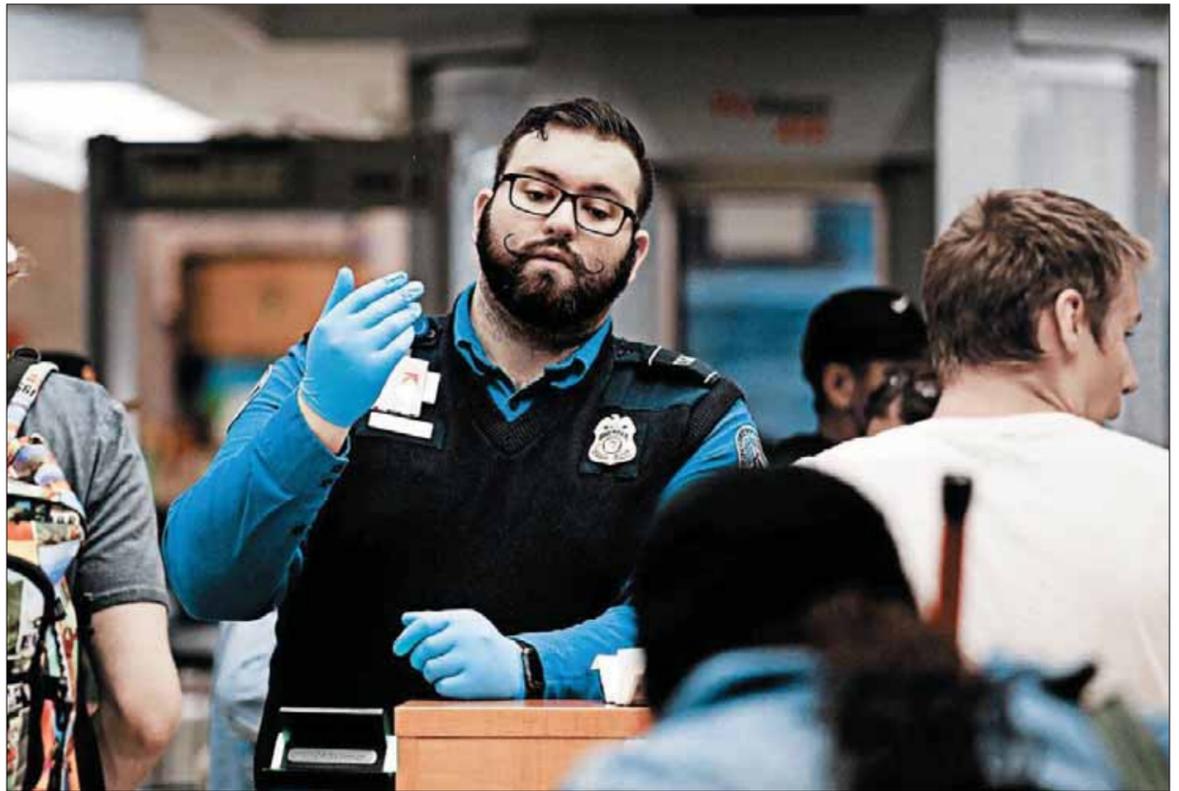
— Michael W. Drwiega, Wilmette

Caption correction

Above Kristen McQueary’s fine piece on a grateful Holocaust survivor (“The woman in the bungalow,” Aug. 14), the Tribune placed a photograph that seems to depict several emaciated Jewish inmates leaving Auschwitz at the time of their liberation. With amazing euphemistic license, the photo caption described them as “people living at the Auschwitz concentration camp.” Someone should inform your caption editor that no one “lived” in Auschwitz. It was a death camp where innocent people “existed” until they were beaten, shot, tortured, worked to death or gassed.

— Rabbi Michael A. Myers, Chicago

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ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

A TSA agent calls passengers forward for screening last week at Sea-Tac International Airport in Seattle.

The TSA searches me every time I travel. Is it because I’m Muslim?

BY ZAINAB MERCHANT

I realized my life had entered a new phase while crossing into the United States from Canada in September 2016.

“You both have to come inside,” the border officer said to my husband and me. “Inside” was an empty and cold warehouse with rows of wooden benches. They confiscated our keys and phones, and when I asked for my baby’s diaper bag from our rental car, they escorted my husband as they spoke into their radios: “Suspect is approaching car.”

I had already been detained on the same trip from my home in Orlando, Fla., including during a layover in Los Angeles that caused us to miss our flight to Portland, Ore. I had rationalized those stops: They’re just doing their job; maybe it’s a random search like they said.

But this time, they kept us overnight. As the hours passed in that warehouse, my 6-month-old baby howled and shivered. After we left, we went straight to the airport, only to endure extra screenings again on the return trip.

I started researching the Transportation Security Administration’s “secondary security screening selection” process to understand why I was being stopped every time I got on a plane or came back home to the United States after a foreign trip. Nearly two years later, I am still being stopped and searched, and I still don’t know why.

I’m a graduate student at Harvard University, and missed flights and travel anxiety were beginning to affect my schoolwork. So with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, I have filed a formal complaint with the Department of Homeland Security asking that I be allowed to

travel freely, which is my constitutional right.

Am I being stopped because I am Muslim, or because my family once traveled to Iran to visit a holy shrine? Is it because of my criticism of U.S. policies on the multimedia website I run to raise awareness about injustices around the world? Maybe it’s all three. Federal officers have asked me about my writing and religion, both of which are protected by the First Amendment.

I’ve tried using DHS’ “redress” process. I’ve applied to the TSA’s PreCheck program and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s Global Entry program. And I’ve written to members of Congress. All my efforts have failed.

In response to my redress inquiry, DHS sent me a frustratingly unhelpful letter: “(We) can neither confirm nor deny any information about you which may be within federal watchlists or reveal any law enforcement sensitive information. However, we have made any corrections to records that our inquiries determined were necessary.” It added: “We cannot ensure your travel will be delay-free.”

Now I have a routine every time I travel: Arrive at the airport more than three hours early. Explain to the airline agents at the help desk that they must call Washington to clear me for travel — a process that can take an hour. Try to be patient when TSA officers escort me from the boarding area to the gate for a private security check. Allow them to rummage through my things and grit my teeth as they pat me down multiple times. Don’t bother telling them about parts of my body that are sensitive from surgery, since they’ll be rough regardless. Run to the boarding area and don’t make a scene as they pat me down

again, trying not to feel embarrassed as other passengers watch. Stay as brave as possible.

And above all, be prepared for something new. Once, they brought the explosives unit — several armed men — because of sticker residue on the back of my computer. Another time, they brought a team of dogs to search me. Once, they took my crying 2-year-old through the screening process by himself because he clung to my husband during a pat-down search. Recently, they took me to a private room and forced me to open my pants and show them my underwear. They hid their badges when I asked for their names.

My husband and I bonded over our love for travel when we got married, but now our adventures have been greatly diminished. What once was a dream to take our children around the United States and abroad has been reduced to short car trips. I’ve contemplated many times giving up my studies at Harvard because of the anxiety and humiliation that come with the inevitable harassment on my flights to and from Boston.

America is my home. It’s where I was raised, got married, had my children and built a life. Its greatest qualities of freedom, liberty and opportunity have undoubtedly shaped the person I am today. But these values are slowly diminishing, and those liberties are being taken away from us little by little. I fear one day we will be unable to recognize it as the place we called home.

The Washington Post

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Trump’s failure to condemn the bigots of the alt-right scars his presidency

BY MARC A. THIESSEN

How can a president as successful as Donald Trump be so unpopular?

Fueled by his historic tax reform and an unprecedented regulatory rollback, the economy grew by an annualized rate of 4.1 percent in the second quarter. The unemployment rate is just 3.9 percent — near the lowest it has been in nearly two decades — and The New York Times reports, “Job growth is on a record streak (and) American factories ... are hiring at their fastest rate in two decades.” The African-American and Hispanic unemployment rates are at near-record lows. And the unemployment rate for women is the lowest it has been since 1953.

Virtually everyone is doing better thanks to the Trump economic boom. Yet the president’s approval rating is stuck at 42 percent. Even worse, his disapproval rating has risen 11 points since his inauguration. When asked if Trump is doing an “excellent,” “pretty good,” “fair” or “poor” job as president, a stunning 45 percent say Trump is doing a “poor” job.

Part of the disapproval is driven by the intensity of the Democratic “resistance,” and the ongoing investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller has certainly taken its toll. Others are put off by his tweet storms and the chaotic nature of an administration that produces self-inflicted wounds such as family separations at the border.

But ultimately, what makes it impossible for many Americans who approve of Trump’s policies to also approve of Trump’s presidency is his failure to definitively reject and ostracize the bigots who inhabit the fever swamps of the

alt-right. A year after Charlottesville, Va., Trump has still not explicitly condemned them. “Riots in Charlottesville a year ago resulted in senseless death and division,” Trump tweeted Saturday morning. “We must come together as a nation. I condemn all types of racism and acts of violence. Peace to ALL Americans!”

Sorry, that’s not good enough. Not all types of racists were marching in his name in Charlottesville. Not all types of racists held a rally after his election in which they shouted, “Hail Trump!” Not all types of racists continue to claim to be a part of Trump’s coalition.

The fact that the Unite the Right rally in front of the White House on Sunday fizzled does not let Trump off the hook. His defenders will argue that there are always protesters outside the White House and none of his Republican or Democratic predecessors were expected to comment on them. Why should Trump have to do so? The answer is simple: because the ethno-nationalists of the alt-right have embraced him, and Trump has failed to make clear he does not accept their support.

This is not hard. After some white nationalists praised a recent monologue she delivered, Fox News host Laura Ingraham went on the air and blasted them, declaring to “all white nationalists ... you don’t represent my views, and you are antithetical to the beliefs I hold dear.”

Why can’t Trump bring himself to say the same thing?

Trump’s failure to reject the bigots of the alt-right not only tars his presidency, it also tars his supporters. The overwhelming majority of people who voted for Trump are not racists. They are good,

decent, patriotic Americans who were sick and tired of being ignored by the political establishments of both parties in Washington. They had legitimate grievances that were not being addressed, from the opioid crisis to an economy that was not giving them the chance to work and pursue lives of dignity. Trump’s election finally gave them a voice. But his failure to condemn the alt-right allows his critics to dismiss his supporters’ valid concerns and lump them in with the tiny minority of bigots who have embraced the president.

His failure to condemn the alt-right has also prevented him from expanding his support beyond his core supporters. With his record, he should be winning over millions of Americans who did not vote for him in 2016 but whose circumstances have markedly improved under his presidency. Instead, his support is stagnant and his disapproval numbers are growing. He would gain far more supporters by rejecting alt-right bigots than he would lose.

The fact is, many Americans support Trump’s policies — from his outstanding Supreme Court picks to his bold economic reforms — but don’t support him for one simple reason: They don’t want to be associated with a man who seems to have so much trouble telling the white nationalists of the alt-right that they don’t represent his views and are antithetical to the beliefs he holds dear.

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PERSPECTIVE

The double standards of postmodern justice

BY VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

The New York Times recently hired as a writer and editorial board member Sarah Jeong. The Times knew that in recent years Jeong had posted a series of unapologetically racist anti-white tweets.

Yet when the Times discovered less graphic versions of such tweets from newly hired technology writer Quinn Norton earlier this year, the newspaper immediately fired Norton.

The message of disparate treatment was that what bothers The New York Times is not racism per se, but who is the racist and who are her targets.

Over at The Atlantic, there are also no ostensible rules concerning who is and is not fired, and for what reason. Essayist Kevin Williamson was allegedly dropped by The Atlantic for his prior incendiary suggestion that abortion might warrant the death penalty.

Fine, it is a free country, and private companies can fire whomever they chose. But The Atlantic had no problem hiring writer Julia Ioffe. She been let go at Politico for tweeting that President Donald Trump might have engaged in incest with his daughter Ivanka. Again, the impression conveyed is that The Atlantic is not so concerned with inflammatory speech as with calibrating at whom the venom is directed. If Ioffe had tweeted the same perversities about Barack Obama and his daughters, The Atlantic surely would have fired her immediately.

The American people are losing confidence in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation not just because after 15 months, he has not charged anyone with Russian collusion — the original reason he was ap-



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pointed. Instead, the pushback is due to the growing sense that rules are made up ad hoc.

Mueller is investigating suspects for lying to federal officials, improperly lobbying foreign interests, obstructing justice and violating federal statutes. Yet his team seems concerned with those crimes only to the degree that Donald Trump might be implicated. Otherwise, Mueller appears to have little interest in violations by FBI or Department of Justice officials who likely violated the law out of their worry over, or hatred for, Trump.

We know that members of the FBI and DOJ misled the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court by hiding critical facts about the

Steele dossier.

We know that John Brennan, James Clapper and James Comey all gave false or misleading testimony to Congress.

No doubt former Trump associate Paul Manafort deserves the scrutiny of the Mueller investigation. But he was in the same questionable business as his liberal counterpart, Tony Podesta (brother of Hillary Clinton campaign adviser John Podesta). Both wheeler-dealers have been mentioned in media reports of Russian collusion and have a long history of leveraging their political contacts for foreign cash. But only one so far has been indicted (and not for collusion). Mueller has searched in vain

for obstruction of justice. But we know Clinton aides Cheryl Mills and Huma Abedin deliberately misled FBI officials about Clinton's illicit email server, as did former Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe.

If Mueller can't find evidence of any Trump collusion with a foreign nation, perhaps he might find such collaboration right under his nose.

Clinton and her campaign team paid for research done by a British citizen, Christopher Steele, working for Fusion GPS, to smear Trump. Steele claims he enlisted Russian sources to gather gossip on Trump in an attempt to sway the 2016 election. Members of the FBI, CIA

and DOJ improperly helped to ensure that Steele's unverified accusations and innuendoes were conveyed to the media.

Again, the impression is that likely foreign collusion involving Clinton's campaign is not worth investigating in the same manner that Mueller is investigating Trump.

This same sort of asymmetry also applies to social media. Facebook, YouTube and Apple claim that they wish to cleanse their platforms of hate speech and have removed Alex Jones' Infowars channels.

But so far they have shown no interest in doing the same with a number of radical left-wing extremist sites, such as "antifa's," or with those of Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan. The impression again is that the acceptance of hate speech depends on who is hating whom. The social media exemption given to the racist rants of Sarah Jeong illustrated that well enough.

In these polarized times, Americans are not so much angry that newspapers and magazines fire reporters, or that Robert Mueller indicts those under suspicion. What bothers them is that our guardians of morality do not offer any principles to explain why some people's lives are harmed or destroyed, and others' lives are not.

When there is no blind code of justice, people suspect that our institutions define wrong behavior and bad words as those in service to the wrong political agenda. And they are right.

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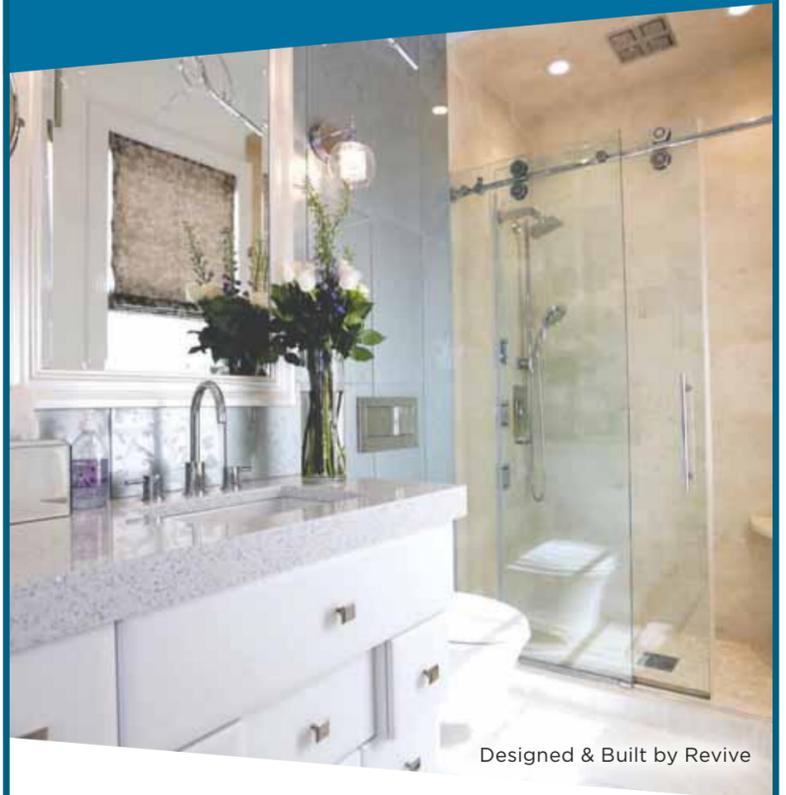
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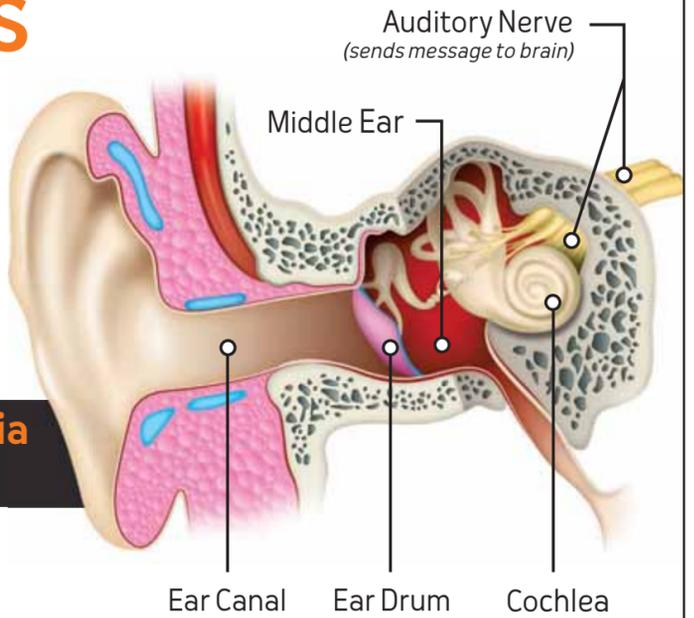
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Chicago accounting firm sued by FDIC

Feds seek audit documents to shed light on bank's collapse

By **ROBERT CHANNICK** | Chicago Tribune

Hoping to shed light on the sudden failure of Bridgeport-based Washington Federal Bank for Savings in December amid \$61.5 million in bad loans, federal regulators are suing the bank's Chicago accounting firm for audit documents.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. filed the lawsuit this week in federal court in Chicago against Bansley and Kiener, which served as the bank's auditor from 2012 until its closure. The accounting firm refused to comply with a February subpoena, citing confidentiality under Illinois law, according to the lawsuit.

Thomas Falkenberg, a Chicago attorney representing the accounting firm, said Wednesday that the firm will respond to the lawsuit within 60 days and intends to stand its ground.

"They're covered by the accountant-client privilege," Falkenberg said. "Nothing should be read into the nature of the work at

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ESL Investments has sent Sears a proposal to buy its Kenmore appliance brand.

Sears CEO makes bid to buy Kenmore

By **LAUREN ZUMBACH** | Chicago Tribune

The hedge fund run by Sears CEO Edward Lampert has sent the ailing retailer a proposal to buy its popular Kenmore appliance brand and a piece of its home services division.

Hoffman Estates-based Sears Holdings Corp. began formally exploring the sale of pieces of the business after Lampert's ESL Investments expressed interest in acquiring them earlier this year.

ESL's proposal valued Kenmore at \$400 million, excluding the impact of cash or debt, according to a letter from ESL to a Sears board committee that was filed Tuesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A separate proposal valued the Sears Home Services division's home improvement business at \$70 million, with a potential extra \$10 million if the company met certain financial benchmarks.

In both cases, ESL proposed a cash acquisition and said the proposals are nonbinding.

"As noted in our letter to the Special Committee of the Board of Directors, our proposal is intended to contribute to a comprehensive solution to create a viable and healthy Sears Holdings," ESL said in an emailed statement. "Completing the acquisitions of Kenmore and (the home improvement business) will enable Sears to improve its debt profile and liquidity position, creating the runway to help continue its transformation, and allow these businesses to unlock their considerable potential by further expanding their presence in the marketplace."

ESL said it is "prepared to move as quickly as possible" and could enter into definitive agreements as soon as Aug. 24 and close on the acquisitions within 60 to 90 days.

Lampert's fund's initial letter offering to buy certain Sears assets and break up the company also included the Sears Home Services Parts Direct business and certain Sears real estate assets. According to the letter, ESL is still considering Parts Direct and plans to work with outside investors on a real estate deal, but wanted to move ahead with the proposal for Kenmore and the home improvement division.

Sears declined to comment.

Since 2015, the retailer has spun off the Lands' End brand, sold the Craftsman tools more than 200 stores to real estate investment trust Seritage Growth Properties, in which Lampert holds a stake and serves as chairman of the board.

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An AP investigation shows that using Google services on mobile phones allows the company to record your location.

Google is always watching you

Apps store your location data regardless of privacy settings

By **RYAN NAKASHIMA**
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google wants to know where you go so badly that it records your movements even when you explicitly tell it not to.

An Associated Press investigation found that many Google services on Android devices and iPhones store your location data even if you've used a privacy setting that says it will prevent Google from doing so.

Computer-science researchers at Princeton confirmed these findings at the AP's request.

For the most part, Google is upfront about asking permission to use your location information. An app like Google Maps will remind you to allow access to location if you use it for navigating. If you agree to let it record your location over time, Google Maps will display that history for you in a "timeline" that maps out your daily movements.

Storing your minute-by-minute travels carries privacy risks and has been used by police to determine the location of suspects — such as a warrant that police in Raleigh, N.C., served on Google last year to find devices near a murder scene. So the company lets you "pause" a setting called Location History.

Google says that will prevent the company from remembering where you've been. Google's support page on the subject states: "You can turn off Location History at any time. With Location History off, the places you go



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A mobile phone displays a user's travels Aug. 8 in New York.

are no longer stored."

That isn't true.

Even with Location History paused, some Google apps automatically store time-stamped location data without asking. (It's possible, although laborious, to delete it.)

For example, Google stores a snapshot of where you are when you merely open its Maps app. Automatic daily weather updates on Android phones pinpoint roughly where you are. And some searches that have nothing to do with location, like "chocolate chip cookies," or "kids science kits," pinpoint your precise

latitude and longitude — accurate to the square foot — and save it to your Google account.

The privacy issue affects some 2 billion users of devices that run Google's Android operating software and hundreds of millions of worldwide iPhone users who rely on Google for maps or search.

Storing location data in violation of a user's preferences is wrong, said Jonathan Mayer, a Princeton computer scientist and former chief technologist for the Federal Communications Commission's enforcement bureau. A researcher from Mayer's lab confirmed the AP's findings on multiple Android devices; the AP conducted its own tests on several iPhones that found the same behavior.

"If you're going to allow users to turn off something called 'Location History,' then all the places where you maintain location history should be turned off," Mayer said. "That seems like a pretty straightforward position to have."

Google says it is being perfectly clear.

"There are a number of different ways that Google may use location to improve people's experience, including: Location History, Web and App Activity, and through device-level Location Services," a Google spokesperson said in a statement to the AP. "We provide clear descriptions of these tools, and robust controls so people can turn them on or off, and

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5 things to know about Inc. 5000 companies

By **ALLY MAROTTI**
Chicago Tribune

Chicago-based meal kit company Home Chef is the third-fastest-growing private company in the country, according to the Inc. 5000, a ranking released Wednesday.

Home Chef led the 240 Illinois companies that made this year's list, up from 239 last year. The company's growth did not just catch the eye of Inc. magazine: In May, Kroger Co., the largest supermarket chain in the U.S. and the parent of Mariano's, announced that it would pay up to \$700 million to acquire Home Chef, and the CEO promised further growth at the young company.

The Inc. 5000 is released annually, and this year's list is ranked according to the percentage of revenue growth when comparing 2014 with 2017. The companies on the list must have been private, for-profit and independent as of the end of last year. Here are five things to know about Illinois companies in the rankings.

1. Home Chef's growth

Founded in 2013, Home Chef develops meals and delivers the ingredients and recipes to its customers. It added about 830 employees between 2014 and 2017, according to Inc. 5000 data, and last year made more than \$255 million in revenue. That's more than 600 times its revenue



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Home Chef is ranked No. 3 on the Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies.

from 2014, thrusting the company toward the top of the list.

Home Chef's founder and CEO Pat Vihtelic has said the company will add more employees to help with the rollout of its meal kits to Kroger's stores. Kroger paid \$200 million to acquire Home Chef.

The deal, which closed in June, includes future "earn-out" payments of up to \$500 million over five years, contingent on achieving milestones such as meal kit sales growth.

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Corona brewer extends pot bet with \$3.8B investment

BY ERIC PFANNER, KRISTINE OWRAM AND JEN SKERRITT
Bloomberg News

Constellation Brands is spending C\$5 billion (\$3.8 billion) to boost its stake in Canadian cannabis grower Canopy Growth Corp., betting legalization of the drug will continue to gain traction in the U.S. and around the world.

Constellation, the brewer of Corona beer, will raise its stake in Canopy to 38 percent in what the companies described as the biggest investment in the burgeoning marijuana industry yet, according to a statement Wednesday. The agreement, which could eventually give the Victor, N.Y.-based beverage company control, follows an initial purchase of about a 10 percent stake last year. Canopy shares jumped 33 percent to C\$42.95 at 9:53 a.m. giving it a market value of C\$9.36 billion. Constellation fell 7.2 percent to \$205.79 in New York.

"This is rocket fuel," Canopy Chief Executive Officer Bruce Linton said of the investment of on the company's earnings call on Wednesday. "We're going to be way more global."

Makers of alcoholic beverages are looking to cash in on the growing use of cannabis around the world as their traditional business slows. Molson Coors Brewing Co. has started a joint venture with Hydropothecary Corp. to develop non-alcoholic, cannabis-infused beverages for the Canadian market. Heineken's Lagunitas craft-brewing label has launched a brand specializing in nonalcoholic drinks infused with THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

Canada will become the first G-7 country to legalize pot for recreational use on Oct. 17, while states from California to Colorado have already made the drug legal and medical use of cannabis



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

The parent company of Corona beer is expanding its partnership with a Canadian pot producer.

continues is growing globally.

Legal sales in Canada are expected to reach \$4.9 billion by 2022 and consumer spending globally will hit \$32 billion, triple current levels, according to a report by U.S. cannabis research firms Arcview Market Research and BDS Analytics this week. The U.S. legal cannabis industry is gaining economic and political clout, employing more than 200,000 workers, while the market for listed firms has exploded in Canada. The BI Canada Cannabis Competitive Peers Index counts 74 companies with a market value of C\$61 billion.

Canopy, based in Smiths Falls, Ontario, doesn't currently have any operations south of the border, where marijuana is banned federally. Entering the U.S. may create issues for its listing on the Toronto Stock Exchange, as the bourse has said it may delist marijuana companies that run afoul of U.S. federal law. Canopy is also listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

But both companies said they have no plans to sell cannabis products in any market unless it is permitted at all applicable government levels.

"Canopy Growth remains committed to not entering the U.S. market in any manner that would

contravene U.S. federal laws," the company said in a statement.

Linton added on the call, however, that it may become legal federally in the U.S. "sooner than people think" and that Canopy is doing everything that's fully federally lawful to get ready.

Under the deal, Constellation Brands is buying new shares at C\$48.60 a share, a 38 percent premium to Canopy's five-day volume-weighted average on the Toronto Stock Exchange, and a 51.2 percent premium to the Tuesday close. Constellation will also receive 139.7 million warrants that can be exercised at a price of C\$50.40 over the next three years. If Constellation exercises all its existing and new warrants, it could increase its stake to more than 50 percent.

Constellation, whose beer business is based in Chicago, will be able to name four of Canopy Growth's seven directors. Canopy will continue to be led by its existing management.

"Over the past year, we've come to better understand the cannabis market, the tremendous growth opportunity it presents, and Canopy's market-leading capabilities in this space," Constellation CEO Rob Sands said in the statement.



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Americans spent more on cars, clothes and appliances in July, boosting the economy.

Shoppers drove up retail sales 0.5 percent in July

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans shopped at a healthy pace in July, buying more cars, clothes and appliances, evidence that consumers are helping drive robust economic growth.

Retail sales rose at a 0.5 percent annual rate in July, after a 0.2 percent increase the previous month, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. June's increase, though, was revised lower from a previous estimate of a 0.5 percent annual rate.

Consumers appear to be feeling upbeat and are in overall solid financial shape. The unemployment rate is near an 18-year low. And economic growth, along with hiring, has accelerated. On average, Americans are saving more, which may encourage future spending.

Sales last month rose at auto dealers and grocery stores and jumped at clothing shops. Americans boosted their spending at restaurants and bars at a 1.3

percent rate in July from June. Gas station sales increased at a 0.8 percent annual rate from a month earlier.

Spending at restaurants and bars has jumped nearly 10 percent from a year earlier. That's a bigger increase than for online shopping, which rose 8.7 percent from a year ago.

It also bolsters the notion that many Americans feel they have enough money to spend on non-necessities.

"Restaurants are a highly discretionary category, and continued strength suggests that households are not too worried about higher gas prices and that tax cuts are providing a cushion against higher expenses at the pump," Ellen Zentner, an economist at Morgan Stanley, said in a research note.

Department stores, which have suffered falling sales and bankruptcies for much of the past two years, reported a sales gain of 1.2 percent. Macy's said Wednesday that sales at stores that have been open for at least a year rose

unexpectedly in the quarter that ended Aug. 4, its third straight quarterly gain.

The solid spending figures coincide with other data suggesting that American households are in decent financial shape. The government last month revised the savings rate sharply higher, to 7.2 percent in the first quarter from 3.3 percent. And fewer people are falling behind on their loans.

"It gives us comfort that consumers are nowhere near to being as overstretched as they were in the years heading into the Great Recession," Michael Feroli, an economist at JP-Morgan Chase, wrote in a research note.

The savings rate is the difference between all Americans' income and spending and is skewed higher by greater saving among higher-income households.

Still, U.S. households are facing some headwinds. Higher gas and housing costs lifted inflation to an annual rate of 2.9 percent in July, highest in six years.






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Turkey slaps tariffs on some U.S. goods

\$533 million move escalates feud amid currency crisis

BY SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey said Wednesday that it is increasing tariffs on some U.S. products, such as cars, alcohol and coal, a move that is unlikely to have much economic impact but highlights the deteriorating relations with the U.S. in a feud that has already helped trigger a currency crisis.

The Turkish government said tariffs on U.S. cars will be doubled to 120 percent while those on alcoholic drinks will be hiked by the same rate to 140 percent. Overall, the duties will amount to \$533 million, a relatively small sum meant as retaliation for President Donald Trump's recent decision to double tariffs on Turkish steel and aluminum.



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Pedestrians in Istanbul pass a billboard advertising an iPhone, which President Recep Tayyip Erdogan singled out.

The tariffs also come a day after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkey would boycott U.S. electronic goods, singling out iPhones. Though it was unclear how the boycott would be enforced or encouraged.

Beyond the bluster of the two world leaders, the spat

between the NATO allies has exacerbated a financial storm in Turkey. International investors have been put off by the country's high levels of foreign debt and Erdogan's refusal to allow the central bank to raise interest rates to support the currency, as experts say it should.

The currency drop is particularly painful for Turkey because it has accumulated a high debt in foreign currencies.

The Turkish lira has dropped to a series of record lows in recent weeks, having fallen 37 percent this year.

On Wednesday, Turkish officials said Qatar had pledged \$15 billion of direct investments for Turkey, in a bid to help Turkey's economy. The officials said Qatar's Sheikh Tamin bin Hamad Al Thani pledged to "quickly implement" the investment package during a meeting with Erdogan in Ankara.

Presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin confirmed the pledge on Twitter, saying: "Turkish-Qatari relations are based on solid foundations of true friendship and solidarity."

Also helping the Turkish currency were moves by Turkey to gain favor with European countries.

It decided to release two Greek soldiers from prison Tuesday. On Wednesday, Turkey then freed Amnesty International's honorary chairman for Turkey, Taner Kilic, from prison pending the outcome of his trial on terror charges. And Erdogan held a phone call with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and planned to speak this week also with France's Emmanuel Macron.

Investors seemed to focus on this and underlying economic problems over the exchange of tariffs with the U.S., which analysts said was unlikely to cause serious pain.

Ozgur Unluhiscikli, director of the German Marshall Fund's Ankara office, noted that Turkey buys 0.5 percent of all U.S. exports and most of that is civilian aircraft and weapons.

"This is just a symbolic gesture," said Unluhiscikli.

He added "So anything

other than weapons purchases would not hurt the United States."

Apple has 22 percent of the smartphone market in Turkey.

Washington has imposed financial sanctions on two Turkish ministers and doubled steel and aluminum tariffs on Turkey, as Trump tries to secure the release of Andrew Brunson, a 50-year-old American pastor being tried in Turkey on espionage and terrorism-related charges.

On Wednesday, a court rejected an appeal for Brunson's release from detention and for a travel ban against him to be lifted, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported.

A higher court however, was scheduled to review the appeal.

Although he was released to home detention, Brunson faces a prison sentence of up to 35 years if he is convicted on both counts at the end of his trial.

China challenges U.S. tariffs on solar panels

BY JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING — China says it is challenging a U.S. tariff hike on solar panels before the World Trade Organization, adding to its sprawling conflicts with President Donald Trump over trade and technology.

The 30 percent tariffs announced in January improperly help U.S. producers in violation of WTO rules, the Commerce Ministry said. It said a formal complaint was filed Tuesday with the WTO in Geneva.

The solar duties are separate from tariff hikes imposed by the Trump administration starting in July on Chinese imports in response to complaints Beijing steals or pressures companies to hand over technology.

The duties also apply to imports of solar cells and modules from Europe, Canada, Mexico and South Korea. That strained relations with U.S. allies.

The Trump administra-

tion has defended the solar tariffs as necessary to protect American producers, saying import prices were unfairly low due to subsidies and other improper support.

Washington took action under a 1974 U.S. law instead of through the WTO. That led to complaints it was undermining the global trade body. U.S. officials say such action is necessary because the WTO lacks the ability to address Chinese trade tactics.

China has tried to portray itself as a defender of the WTO-based trading system. It has attempted to recruit European and other governments as allies against Washington, but they echo U.S. complaints about Chinese market barriers and industrial policy.

The European Union filed its own WTO complaint in June against Chinese technology policies.

Another round of U.S. tariff hikes on \$16 billion of Chinese goods is due to take effect Aug. 23. Beijing says it will retaliate.

Your house isn't a piggy bank

BY LIZ WESTON
Associated Press

Your home equity could keep you afloat in retirement or bail you out in an emergency — but not if you spend it first.

U.S. homeowners are sitting on nearly \$6 trillion of home value they could tap as of May 2018, according to data provider Black Knight. Lenders are eager to help many do just that through home equity loans, home equity lines of credit and cash-out refinancing.

The rates are often lower than other kinds of borrowing, and the interest may still be deductible, despite last year's tax reform changes. But you can lose your home to foreclosure if you can't pay back the loan, which is why financial planners generally frown on using equity for luxuries, investing or consolidating credit card debt.

Many planners point to the foreclosure crisis that started a decade ago as an example of what can go wrong when people binge on home equity debt.

"Having equity in your home is a huge financial advantage that can provide for significant flexibility, security and peace of mind," says Howard Pressman, a certified financial planner in Vienna, Va. "It is not an ATM that can be used to supplement your lifestyle."

Retirement experts predict many Americans will need to use home equity to support them when they stop working. They may do that by selling their homes and downsizing or by using a reverse mortgage, which doesn't require payments. Reverse mortgages give people 62 and older access to their equity through lump sums, lines of credit or a series of monthly



STEVEN SENNE/AP

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checks, and the borrowed money doesn't have to be paid back until the owner sells, dies or moves out.

Home equity also can be used to supplement emergency funds, planners say. Pressman recommends home equity lines of credit to his clients who don't have debt problems and who are disciplined and won't spend the money frivolously.

Before the Great Recession, several lenders allowed people to borrow over 100 percent of their home's value. These days, the maximum is typically 80 percent. (Black Knight used this 80 percent loan-to-value standard to calculate how much tappable equity people have, based on current home values and existing home loans. The answer: \$5.8 trillion.)

Homeowners would be smart, though, to set their own limits lower to ensure they still have access to equity in an emergency and are able to pay off all of

their mortgage debt before retirement.

Financial planners generally frown on using equity for luxuries such as vacations, high-risk ventures such as investing in the stock market or starting a business, or for debts that should be paid off more quickly. The typical mortgage lasts 30 years, while home equity loans and lines of credit can stretch for 20 or more years.

"If the money is being used to pay down credit cards or buy a car, then think twice about doing it at all," says Monica Dwyer, a certified financial planner in West Chester, Ohio. "Those kinds of debts should be paid off in the short term, not with long-term borrowing."

Many people use home equity to pay college bills for their kids, but planners urge caution since it's easy to overspend on higher education. In general, parents shouldn't borrow more for college than they

can pay off before retirement, and the debt shouldn't prevent them from saving enough for that retirement. Federal education loans may be a better option, since they have fixed rates and consumer protections such as forbearance and deferral.

Investing in home improvements can be a good use of home equity, financial planners say, as long as the projects add value to the home.

The IRS has said that interest on home equity borrowing may still be deductible if the taxpayer itemizes deductions and the money is used to "buy, build or substantially improve the taxpayer's home that secures the loan."

Even then, Kristin Sullivan, a certified financial planner in Denver, likes her clients to have a plan to pay off the loan within five years. That's "a reasonable time period to pay off something you don't really need," she says.

Google apps track your movements

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delete their histories at any time."

Google's explanation did not convince several lawmakers.

Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., told the AP it is "frustratingly common" for technology companies "to have corporate practices that diverge wildly from the totally reasonable expectations of their users," and urged policies that would give users more control of their data.

Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., called for "comprehensive consumer privacy and data security legislation" in the wake of the AP report.

To stop Google from saving these location markers, the company says, users can turn off another setting, one that does not specifically reference location information. Called "Web & App Activity" and enabled by default, that setting stores a variety of information from Google apps and websites to your Google account.

When paused, it will prevent activity on any device from being saved to your account. But leaving "Web & App Activity" on and turning "Location History" off only prevents Google from adding your movements to the "timeline," its visualization of your daily travels. It does not stop Google's collection of other location markers.

You can delete these location markers by hand, but it's a painstaking process since you have to select them individually, unless you want to delete all of

your stored activity.

You can see the stored location markers on a page in your Google account at myactivity.google.com, although they're typically scattered under several different headers, many of which are unrelated to location.

Critics say Google's insistence on tracking its users' locations stems from its drive to boost advertising revenue.

"They build advertising information out of data," said Peter Lenz, the senior geospatial analyst at Dstillery, a rival advertising technology company. "More data for them presumably means more profit."

The AP learned of the issue from K. Shankari, a graduate researcher at the University of California at Berkeley who studies the commuting patterns of volunteers in order to help urban planners. She noticed that her Android phone prompted her to rate a shopping trip to Kohl's, even though she had turned Location History off.

"So how did Google Maps know where I was?" she asked in a blog post.

The AP wasn't able to recreate Shankari's experience exactly. But its attempts to do so revealed Google's tracking.

Since 2014, Google has let advertisers track the effectiveness of online ads at driving foot traffic, a feature that Google has said relies on user location histories. The company is pushing further into such location-aware tracking to drive ad revenue, which rose 20 percent last year to \$95.4 billion.

Chicago accounting firm sued by FDIC

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all, other than our legislature has provided accountants with a privilege that's very broad, and we're asserting it."

Robert Hannigan, managing partner of Bansley and Kiener, did not respond Wednesday to a request for comment.

A Chicago attorney representing the FDIC did not respond to a request for comment.

The collapse of Washington Federal, a family-run institution in the city's Bridgeport neighborhood throughout its 104-year history, remains a mystery. In June 2017, the bank reported negligible losses and received a "clean opinion" on its financial statements, according to the FDIC lawsuit. Six months later, Washington Federal wrote off \$61.5 million in loans — almost half its loan balance — leaving the bank "critically undercapitalized," the lawsuit says.

Washington Federal had

\$166.3 million in assets at the time of its closing, and the FDIC was appointed as receiver on Dec. 15. Royal Savings Bank bought the insured deposits and \$23.7 million of the assets, and it took over Washington's two locations — on South Archer Avenue and West Taylor Street — under the new owner's name.

Adding to the mystery, John Gembara, 56, CEO and president of Washington Federal, whose grandfather launched the bank in 1913, took his own life in Park Ridge less than two weeks before the bank's closure, according to a medical examiner's report.

A Park Ridge police report, obtained by the Tribune in December through a Freedom of Information Act request, revealed little about the circumstances of Gembara's death, with nearly every page completely redacted. What is known is that Gembara, a Palos Hills resident, died in the Park Ridge residence of Renata Matczuk, who was



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The former Washington Federal Bank for Savings bears the name of its new owner, Royal Savings Bank.

the last person to see him alive, according to the report.

In January, the FDIC determined that looking into "possible wrongdoing" by various professionals who provided services to the bank was warranted, and it issued the subpoena to Bansley and Kiener the following month.

The FDIC is investigating what caused the losses, why they were not discovered earlier, and whether the accountants are responsible for the bank's losses, according to the lawsuit.

The subpoena requested all documents, records, files and data related to the bank audit from the accounting

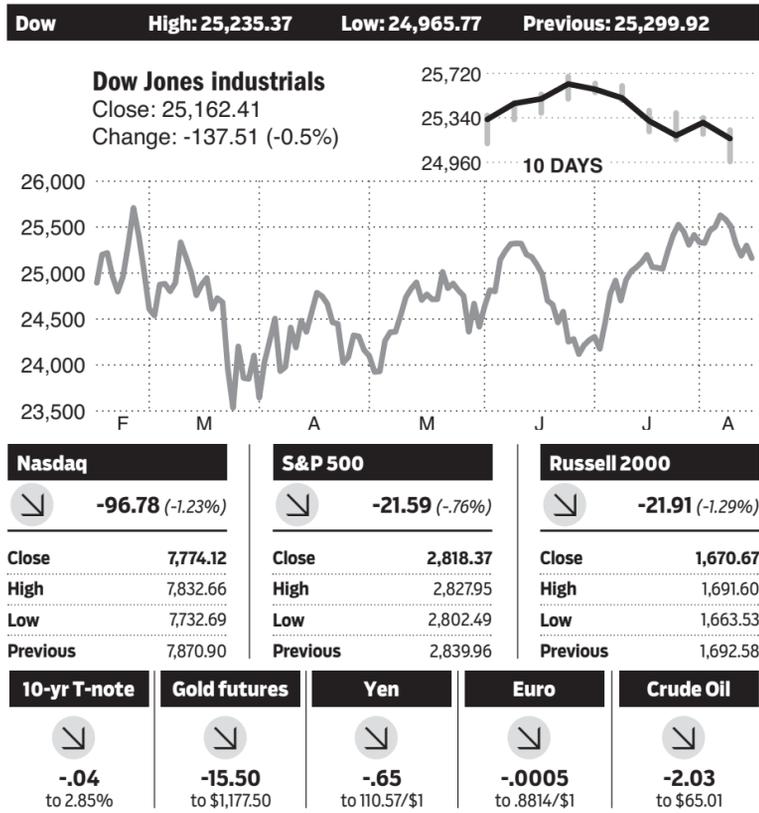
firm, including quarterly reviews, drafts, correspondence, emails and invoices.

In its initial March response, Bansley and Kiener said the subpoena request was overly broad and unduly burdensome, calling it a "fishing expedition." The core of its objection, and its refusal to comply, was the assertion of confidentiality protection afforded by the Illinois Public Accounting Act.

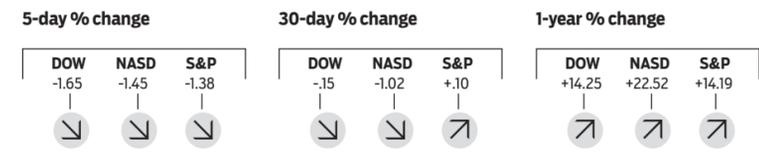
The FDIC lawsuit claims state privileges do not apply to federal investigations.

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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	541	542.75	528.25	532.25	-9.50
		Dec 18	560.75	562.50	549	551.75	-9.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	362.25	363.50	359	361.50	-0.75
		Dec 18	376.50	377.75	373.25	376	-0.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	867.75	872.50	856.50	857.50	-10.75
		Nov 18	879	884	867.50	869	-10.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Sep 18	28.26	28.29	27.74	27.88	-0.40
		Oct 18	28.41	28.42	27.86	28.00	-0.41
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Sep 18	335.80	337.10	329.40	329.50	-6.30
		Oct 18	336.70	338.00	330.00	330.10	-6.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Sep 18	66.62	66.90	64.51	65.01	-2.03
		Oct 18	65.92	66.22	63.93	64.46	-1.87
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Sep 18	2.952	2.963	2.930	2.940	-0.019
		Oct 18	2.960	2.969	2.940	2.948	-0.018
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Sep 18	2.0259	2.0426	1.9856	1.9974	-0.0367
		Oct 18	1.9166	1.9301	1.8778	1.8897	-0.0352

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	63.47	-1.16	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	93.98	+1.42	Middleby Corp	O	115.51	+3.38
AbbVie Inc	N	97.45	+1.53	Equity Residential	N	67.16	+0.56	Mondelēz Int'l	O	41.81	-0.06
Allstate Corp	N	98.84	+0.46	Exelon Corp	N	43.63	+0.28	Morningstar Inc	O	133.38	-0.96
Aptargroup Inc	N	101.34	-0.64	First Indl RT	N	32.77	+0.31	Motorola Solutions	N	120.28	-0.72
Arch Dan Mid	N	49.44	-0.50	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	71.12	+0.46	Navistar Int'l	N	41.00	-0.10
Baxter Inc	N	71.25	+5.54	Gallagher AJ	N	357.89	-3.51	NISource Inc	O	27.19	+2.23
Boeing Co	N	331.76	-7.38	Granger W W	N	127.37	-1.64	Nthn Trust Cp	O	107.06	-1.66
Brunswick Corp	N	63.02	-0.83	GrubHub Inc	N	93.11	-1.60	Old Republic	N	21.51	+0.07
CBOE Global Markets	O	94.65	+1.19	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	151.58	-0.53	Packaging Corp Am	N	108.48	-2.94
CDK Global Inc	O	60.86	-0.92	IDEX Corp	N	138.59	+1.29	Payload Hldg	O	66.13	-0.87
CDW Corp	O	85.23	-0.63	ITW	N	97.35	+1.13	RLI Corp	N	76.90	+0.09
CF Industries	N	47.09	-0.91	Ingredion Inc	N	108.75	+1.60	Stercycle Inc	O	60.93	+4.47
CME Group	O	167.67	+1.36	John Bean Technol	N	150.46	-1.51	TransUnion	N	74.18	-0.48
CNA Financial	N	45.14	+0.40	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	77.60	-0.05	USG Corp	N	43.12	-0.03
Caterpillar Inc	N	132.02	-2.90	Kemper Corp	N	59.09	-0.43	United Cont'l Hldgs	N	81.87	+0.43
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.06	+0.19	Kraft Heinz Co	O	33.17	-0.27	Ventas Inc	N	58.74	+1.27
Deere Co	N	135.70	-2.95	LKQ Corporation	O	219.13	-3.08	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	68.73	+0.07
Discover Fin Svcs	N	75.40	-0.31	Littelfuse Inc	O	47.77	-0.88	Waltrust Financial	O	88.89	-1.29
Dover Corp	N	82.35	+0.57	MB Financial	O	159.88	-0.72	Zebra Tech	O	162.46	-1.54
Equity Commonwh	N	31.94	+0.29	McDonalds Corp	N						

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	12.22	-0.13
Bank of America	30.36	-0.43
Macy's Inc	35.15	-0.67
Ambev S.A.	4.98	-0.03
Alibaba Group Hldg	169.83	-2.70
Chesapeake Energy	4.40	-0.11
Ford Motor	9.45	-0.05
Freoport McMoran	13.66	-1.14
AT&T Inc	32.47	+0.23
Penney JC Co Inc	2.41	-0.23
Transocean Ltd	10.70	-0.86
Vale SA	12.94	-0.70
Twitter Inc	32.38	-0.81
Sthwstn Energy	5.09	-0.35
Barrick Gold	9.98	-0.43
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.70	-0.12
Rite Aid Corp	1.35	+0.01
Pfizer Inc	41.16	+0.45
Petrobras	11.06	-0.49
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	9.85	-0.07
ENSCO PLC	6.16	-0.54
Citygroup	68.65	-1.36
Vipshop Hldgs Ltd	7.09	-0.46
Yamana Gold Inc	2.70	-0.14

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	169.83	-2.70
Alphabet Inc C	1214.38	-27.72
Alphabet Inc A	1232.22	-25.92
Amazon.com Inc	1882.62	-37.03
Apple Inc	210.24	+0.49
Bank of America	30.36	-0.43
Berkshire Hath B	204.50	-1.33
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.94	-1.37
Facebook Inc	179.53	-1.58
JPMorgan Chase	113.70	-0.95
Johnson & Johnson	130.43	+0.93
Microsoft Corp	107.66	-1.48
Pfizer Inc	41.16	+0.45
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.27	-1.27
Royal Dutch Shell A	62.23	-1.46
Unitedhealth Group	260.61	-2.87
Visa Inc	139.92	-0.84
WalMart Strs	90.22	-0.63
Wells Fargo & Co	57.99	-0.08

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.60	-0.40	+21.0
American Funds AmnrbalA m	27.53	-0.17	+8.7
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	150.10	-0.60	+7.7
American Funds CptWldBldrA m	60.04	-0.24	+1.7
American Funds FdmlInvsA m	63.30	-0.77	+12.9
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	54.50	-0.78	+20.9
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.02	-0.09	+6.2
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	40.99	-0.33	+13.9
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	45.34	-0.63	+12.6
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	45.49	-0.30	+13.8
DFA EMktCorEq	20.63	-0.39	-0.9
DFA IntlCorEqIn	13.51	-0.20	+2.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.47	+0.01	+5.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.40	-0.70	+3.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	209.42	-2.23	+15.1
DoubleLine TTRetBdl	10.43	+0.01	+6.0
Fidelity 500Idx	98.69	-0.74	+16.5
Fidelity 500IdxPrm	98.69	-0.73	+16.6
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	98.68	-0.74	+16.5
Fidelity Contrafund	13.58	-0.18	+20.9
Fidelity ContrafundK	13.58	-0.18	+21.0
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.67	-0.60	+10.9
Fidelity TTMktIdxPrm	81.40	-0.67	+17.2
Franklin Templeton InCA m	2.31	-0.01	+3.9
Metropolitan West TTRetBdl	10.41	+0.02	-1.1
PIMCO Inclnstl	11.97	+0.02	+1.9
PIMCO TTRetIn	10.00	+0.01	-3.3
Schwab SP500Idx	43.93	-0.33	+16.6
T. Rowe Price BCGR	110.03	-1.34	+25.3
T. Rowe Price GrStk	71.02	-0.01	+22.4
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	260.82	-1.95	+16.5
Vanguard DivGrIn	27.50	-1.13	+13.4
Vanguard GrdIdxAdmrl	79.76	-0.75	+20.5
Vanguard HCAmrl	91.36	-0.45	+12.3
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	13.89	+0.01	+4.0
Vanguard InslIdxIn	257.47	-1.92	+16.6
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	62.94	-0.52	+17.3
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	96.04	-2.00	+10.0
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	198.98	-2.04	+14.0
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	147.35	-1.23	+24.1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	10.48	+0.01	+3.0
Vanguard SmlCapAdmrl	76.37	-0.80	+20.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.65	-0.16	+6.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.68	-0.11	+7.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	24.01	-0.24	+7.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.95	-0.17	+8.7
Vanguard TBMIdxAdmrl	10.45	+0.02	-0.6
Vanguard TBMIdxIn	10.45	+0.02	-0.6
Vanguard TInBIdxAdmrl	21.87	+0.01	+2.5
Vanguard TInSIdxAdmrl	28.28	-0.44	+1.9
Vanguard TInSIdxIn	113.11	-1.73	+2.0
Vanguard TInSIdxInPlus	113.13	-1.73	+2.0
Vanguard TInSIdxInv	16.91	-0.25	+1.9
Vanguard TInSMIdxAdmrl	70.80	-0.58	+17.3
Vanguard TInSMIdxIn	70.81	-0.58	+17.3
Vanguard TInSMIdxInv	70.76	-0.59	+17.2
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	72.73	-0.37	+8.6
Vanguard WlsyInvAdmrl	64.17	-0.07	+4.2
Vanguard WndrsrAdmrl	68.24	-0.64	+12.1

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.03	2.03
6-month disc	2.17	2.18
2-year	2.59	2.62
10-year	2.85	2.89
30-year	3.02	3.06

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1177.50	\$1193.00
Silver	\$14.421	\$15.025
Platinum	\$771.90	\$801.70

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.00
Discount Rate Primary	2.50
Fed Funds Target	1.75-2.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.42

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	29.8717
Australia (Dollar)	1.3818
Brazil (Real)	3.8993
Britain (Pound)	.7878
Canada (Dollar)	1.3139
China (Yuan)	6.9326
Euro	.8814
India (Rupee)	70.319
Israel (Shekel)	3.6888
Japan (Yen)	110.657
Mexico (Peso)	19.1865
Poland (Zloty)	3.82
So. Korea (Won)	1135.04
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.86
Thailand (Baht)	33.34

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2723.26	-57.7/-2.1
Stoxx600	379.70	-5.2/-1.4
Nikkei	22204.22	-151.9/-0.7
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OBITUARIES

JAMES KOCH 1952-2018

Co-founder of law firm tried high court cases

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

James Koch, a co-founder of the Chicago law firm of Gardiner, Koch, Weisberg & Wrona, focused on securities, commodities and criminal law, twice taking cases to the nation's highest court.

"He was a remarkable lawyer and had the distinction of arguing two cases before the Supreme Court," said longtime partner and firm co-founder Tom Gardiner.

One of those cases, Illinois v. Wardlow in 2000, regarded Fourth Amendment search and seizure issues and received national attention, Gardiner said.

Koch also taught high school, university and law school courses and served for eight years as a member of the New Trier Township High School District 203 board, including three terms as board president.

Koch, 66, died of pancreatic cancer Aug. 4 in his Wilmette home, according to his wife, Dr. Susan Koch.

He grew up in Wilmette and graduated from New Trier. Koch went to Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill., for a year before transferring to Loyola University Chicago, where his wife said he got an undergraduate degree in political science in 1976. He got his law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1979.

Koch worked with another lawyer and then with a large Chicago law firm before joining the Cook County state's attorney's office, then headed by Richard M. Daley. With Gardiner he worked in the office's public integrity unit. He



COURTESY PHOTO
James Koch, 66, died of pancreatic cancer Aug. 4 in his Wilmette home.

then worked as counsel with the National Futures Association before co-founding the Gardiner firm in 1992.

Gardiner said they couldn't have started the firm without the strong client base brought in by Koch.

"He was the most important person in the law firm," Gardiner said. "He set the culture for the firm (and) he hired virtually every person working in it."

Koch's quick mind and sharp wit made him an extraordinary cross examiner, Gardiner said. In the Wardlow case, Koch argued that running from police was not reasonable grounds for police to stop and search someone. When Justice Antonin Scalia said it would be considered suspicious if someone were to run from police in his neighborhood, Koch pointed out that, in terms of policing, not every neighborhood was like Scalia's.

In 2003, Koch joined the New Trier school board and was board president for

three terms, 2005-06; 2008-09 and 2009-10. He left the board in 2011.

He was also a member of the Northern Suburban Special Education District from 2003 to 2011, chairing the board in the 2005-06 school year.

"He was a really perfect board member," said retired New Trier Superintendent Linda Yonke, who was hired in 2005. "He loved New Trier and was totally committed to keeping it the great school district that it is."

Yonke said that, as part of the negotiating team, Koch was a tough negotiator but one who tried to be fair to teachers. He was convinced the school year should be longer and in one contract Yonke said some days were added to the year.

"He was teacher-centered, student-centered, committed to the community," she said.

Koch went back to school at Northwestern to get a master's degree in education and social policy in 2001. He taught a course in economics at the Latin School of Chicago and taught graduate and law courses at Northwestern.

Before that, he had supported his wife's return to school to pursue her dream of a second career as a doctor, she said.

He is also survived by two sons, Andrew and David, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Aug. 25 in the Foundation Hall of Baha'i Temple, 100 Linden Ave., Wilmette.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

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ON AUGUST 16 ...

In 1777 American troops led by Gen. John Stark defeated a Hessian force under British command near Bennington, Vt., in the Revolutionary War.

In 1812 Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1829 the original "Siamese twins," Chang and Eng Bunker, arrived in Boston to be exhibited to the Western world.

In 1858 a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President James Buchanan was transmitted over the newly laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1861 President Abraham Lincoln prohibited the states of the Union from trading with the seceding states of the Confederacy.

In 1948 baseball great Babe Ruth died in New York; he was 53.

In 1956 Adlai E. Stevenson II was nominated for president at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1960 Britain granted independence to Cyprus.

In 1977 Elvis Presley died at Graceland Mansion in Memphis; he was 42.

In 1978 James Earl Ray, convicted assassin of Martin Luther King Jr., told a Capi-

tol Hill hearing that he did not commit the crime, saying he had been set up by a mysterious man called "Raoul."

In 1987 a Northwest Airlines jet crashed on takeoff from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing 156 people. The sole survivor was a 4-year-old girl. Also in 1987 thousands of people worldwide began a two-day celebration of the "harmonic convergence," which believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.

In 1988 Republican presidential candidate George H.W. Bush named Indiana Sen. Dan Quayle to be his running mate.

In 1989 a rare "prime time" lunar eclipse occurred over most of the United States, although clouds spoiled the view for many.

In 1990 Iraqi President Saddam Hussein issued a statement in which he repeatedly called President George H.W. Bush a "liar" and said the outbreak of war could result in "thousands of Americans wrapped in sad coffins."

In 1992, on the eve of the Republican national convention in Houston, President Bush and party officials denied a New York Times report that a confrontation with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was motivated partly by political

concerns.

In 1993 President Bill Clinton opened his campaign for health care reform with a speech to the nation's governors in Tulsa. Also in 1993 New York police rescued business executive Harvey Weinstein from a covered 14-foot-deep pit, where he had been held nearly two weeks for ransom.

In 1995 the federal government more than doubled its estimate of rapes or attempted rapes in the United States each year to 310,000, a finding praised by leaders of women's groups.

In 1997 two cosmonauts just returned from Mir, Vasily Tsibilyev and Alexander Lazutkin, held a news conference in which they rejected criticism that they were to blame for troubles aboard the aging, problem-plagued space station.

In 1999, four months after two gunmen sent them fleeing in horror, students returned to Columbine High School in Colorado for the start of the school year.

In 2000 delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles formally nominated Al Gore for president.

In 2002 Major League Baseball players set a strike deadline of Aug. 30; the two sides finally reached an agreement with just six hours to spare.

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Cannon, Rosemarie

(nee Downes). Born September 24, 1935 in Dublin, Ireland. Beloved wife for 60 years to Christopher; loving mother to Phillippa, Jack (Stacey) and Jim; proud grandmother of Hayley, Rory, Angelina and Liam; dear sister of Sean (Jean), Philippa Duffy (Patrick), Jim (Anna), Sheila Johnson, the late Dolores Downes and the late Patricia Downes; much loved aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Friday from 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., with a service at 4:00 p.m. at Cooney Funeral Home located at 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Cygan, Wanda

Wanda Cygan, 96, lifetime resident of Chicago, passed away August 14th, 2018. Loving daughter of the late Stanley and Maria Cygan; preceded in death by dearest sister, Irene Cygan, and brother, Henry Cygan; cherished aunt of Mary, Anne, Margaret and Michael Cygan; beloved grand aunt of Timothy Holtz, Patricia Holtz Schumpp, Olivia Cygan, and Nora and Nicholas Misis; treasured great aunt of Viviana and Isabella Holtz, and Maeve, Corah, and Lochlan Schumpp. A bookkeeper at Atlas-Prager Brewery, Mercury Records, and Harold Stein Fuel Company, Wanda Cygan loved dogs, crossword puzzles and the energy of the Chicago Loop, commuting there daily by CTA into her 80s. In lieu of flowers, donations to Su Casa Catholic Worker House of Hospitality, <https://new.sucasacw.org/donate/>, 5045 South Laflin Street, Chicago 60609 or IHM Sisters, <https://ihmsisters.org/>, 610 West Elm Avenue, Monroe, MI 48162 would be deeply appreciated.

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Dargan, Julia

Julia Dargan (nee Turner), age 82, August 11th in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Beloved wife of 60 years to William Dargan, Sr. Loving mother of Colleen (Greg) Miller, William, Jr. (Lisa), Timothy (Brenda), the late Margaret, Paul (Carla), Martin (Tammy), John (Megan) Dargan and Elizabeth (Steve) Gardner. Cherished Grandma of Kathryn and Erin Miller, Noreen (Brian) Tunney, Jennifer (Eric) Ostmann, Sarah and Patrick Dargan, Renata (Patrick) Vonesh, Daniel, Matthew, Anna, Christopher, Conner and Colin Dargan, Will, Clare and Libby Gardner. Great Grandma to Frances Vonesh and John Ostmann. Daughter of the late Gard Turner and Anna Turner (the late Lloyd) Cook. Sister of the late Ray and Roger Turner, the late Barbara Rabig and the late Tim Cook. Fond sister-in-law of Thomas (Jackie) Feeley, Mary (the late Mike) Cummings, Anna Turner and Donald Rabig. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Julie, a retired nurse, spent many years taking care of newborn babies in the nursery at Christ Hospital and volunteered many hours at St. Barnabas Parish. Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. from Donnellan Funeral Home 10525 S. Western Ave. to St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. Chicago, for Mass 10:30 a.m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Barnabas Endowment Foundation or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls 1140 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607 would be appreciated. Info 773-238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Dore, Mark Andrew

Mark Andrew Dore 1957-2018.



Surrounded by family, Mark Andrew Dore passed away at his home on August 9, 2018. He was 60 years old. Mark's passion for life and for his loved ones drove him to battle his illness relentlessly for nearly three years. With remarkable courage, he always placed other's needs before his own. His family and friends already miss him fiercely but are relieved that he has finally been blessed with well-deserved rest. Mark was born Christmas Eve 1957 in Chicago Heights IL and is preceded in death by his father, Judge Cornelius F. Dore Jr., and his brother Michael C. Dore. He is survived by his long-time love Susan Ahrens: his mother Louetta Dore: sister Megan (Robert) Van Eyck: brothers Matthew (Judy) and Neil (Kellan) Dore: children, Samuel and Alana Dore: Samuel and Alana's mother Carla Dore and numerous nieces and nephews. Mark's life will be celebrated in Colorado and in his hometown in Illinois. Friends and family are invited to join the celebrations. Colorado, August 26th, 4PM, The Grille at Homestead Golf Course, 11500 West Hampden Ave, Lakewood, CO. 80227. Illinois, Sept. 7th. 10AM Remembrance, 11AM Funeral Mass. Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Church, 1131 Douglas Ave. Flossmoor IL 60422. Questions: 708 449 1010

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Drews, Brian F.

Brian F. Drews, 66, of Palatine, beloved husband of 44 years to Patricia Drews; father to David (Teya), Timothy (Nichol), Joseph (Lauren); grandfather to Addison, Quinn, Logan, Ashlyn, Jack, Grace, Luke, Henry, & James; brother to Christine (John) Kurbyun; brother-in-law to Beverley (Tom) Dalton and Barbara (the late Edward) Murphy; numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and friends also survive. Brian was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. Memorial Visitation will be on Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 9:00 AM until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Church, 1201 E. Anderson Drive, Palatine. Interment will follow at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. Arrangements made by Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, Palatine. 847-358-7411 or AhlgrimFFS.com

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Eichler, Robert A.

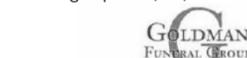
Robert A. Eichler, August 13, 2018, age 95. Late of Smith Crossing, Orland Park, formerly of Homewood. Beloved husband of the late Mary Louise Eichler nee Todd. Dear father of Robert Todd (Diane Rackow) Eichler and Nancy Louise (Daniel) O'Connell. Cherished grandfather of Kelly (Jon) Rodgers and Kirby (Joshua) Longbrake. Great grandfather of 4. Loving brother of the late Ruth (the late Martin) Carter. Resting at the Tews-Ryan Funeral Home, 18230 Dixie Hwy., Homewood, Friday, Aug. 17th from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 18th from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at 10:30 a.m. Interment Chapel Hill Garden South. Memorials in Robert's memory may be made to St. Paul Community Church, 18200 Dixie Hwy., Homewood, IL 60430. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708 798-5300



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Fain, Ruth

Ruth Fain, nee Spiegelglass, age 93, of Glenview, former owner of Betty's of Winnetka; beloved wife for 65 years of the late David Fain; loving mother of Robert (Berdine Weiner) Fain; dear sister-in-law of the late Barbara (late Harry) Grabow; cherished aunt of Ellen Grabow and Andrew (Hermine Harman) Grabow; dear cousin of James (Heidi) Kargman; treasured great aunt, great great aunt, cousin and friend to many. Graveside service Friday, 3:00 p.m. at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Vasculitis Foundation, www.vasculitisfoundation.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Fila, Helen M.

Helen M. Fila, nee Zaleski, age 101. Beloved wife of the late Leonard Fila; loving mother of Carlotta (Robert) Lawton, Richard (Sherry), Marlene and the late Thomas Fila. Sister of Evelyn Sutherland and the late Charlotte Froncek. Proud grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of 10. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at Steuerer Funeral Home, 350 South Ardmore Ave., Villa Park on Friday, August 17th, from 3 to 8 p.m. Funeral Saturday, August 18th, 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to Sacred Heart Church, 114 S. Elizabeth St., Lombard. Mass 10 a.m. followed by Interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. In lieu of flowers, Masses for her intention or memorials may be made in her memory to Mercy Home, 1-877-637-2955, MercyHome.org For info 630-832-4161

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Foley, Daniel A.

Daniel "Danny" A. Foley, 67; beloved son of the late Thomas A. (CFD) and Bernice A. Foley-King nee Moriarty; fond stepson of the late Thomas J. King (CFD); dear brother of James (Theodore Johnson), Kathleen "Sissy" (the late James, CFD) Lynam, John (Diane and the late Patsy), Michael (Dorian), Patrick (Leana), Timothy (Rita), Mary (Duane Hickling), and Anna Foley (Liam, CFD) Henry and the late Tommy; fond uncle of 20, nephew and great uncle to many; friend to all who knew him; Memorial Mass Saturday 11 AM at St. Pascal Church, 3935 N. Melvina Ave. Arrangements entrusted to Gibbons Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers make donations to JourneyCare Hospice, Attn: Foundation, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025, (312) 942-4516. Interment private. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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Gasso, Nicholas

Loving husband of the late Rose Marie nee Gualtier; cherished son of the late Michael and Angeline and son in law of the late Michelina Gualtier; beloved father of Michael (Suzanne); dear grandfather of Michael (Mariah), Joseph and Margaret (Brad) Witmer and great grandfather of Bennett Michael; fond brother of the late Jack and the late Rose (Michael) Torresso and brother in law of Adeline; caring uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 8:00pm at THE ORIGINAL RAGO BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, 7751 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago. Funeral Friday 9:15am for Mass at 10:00am at Mother Theodore Guerin Church. Int: Mt. Carmel Cemetery. For info: 773-276-7800 or www.ragobrothersfuneralhome.com

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Glass, Rita Mae

Rita Mae Glass, 74, of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away peacefully on August 7, 2018 after a long battle with multiple myeloma. Rita Glass was the daughter of Francis and Albert Denk, and the loving wife of Dr. Richard McLean Glass for over 51 years. She is survived by her husband, her children, Dr. Katie Singer (Charles) and Brendan Glass, her grandson Marc Singer, her sister Carol Zahradnik (Steve), and Carol's children Tom, John and Kristin. Rita graduated from Lourdes High School, got her undergraduate degree at Northern Illinois, and then her doctorate in education at Loyola. Rita worked most recently as a real estate broker with Keller Williams, and has also worked as an artist, a teacher and in assistive technology for disabled persons as a Vice President for the National Easter Seal Society. She was very involved as a leader for Landmark Education, and through that platform was dedicated to coaching people to change their lives in powerful ways. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends, and so many other people whose lives she has impacted. Visitation Friday, August 17, 2018 11:00 a.m. until time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Andrew J. McGann and Sons Funeral Home, 10727 S. Pulaski Rd Chicago, IL. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery, 11500 S. Fairfield Chicago. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation in Rita's name. For more information 773-783-7700.

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Gricus, William James 'Jim'
74, of Blue Island, IL. Passed away on August 10th, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. Son of the late William C. & the late Anna Gricus. Survived by his loving sister Laverne (the late John) Fleming, proceeded in death by his brother Donald (the late Polly). Former husband of Bonnie (Granville) Gricus. Cherished father of Jim (Bridget), Donna (Richard) Murphy, Michael (Rosie Le), Tom (Danielle), Laura (John) Neubauer, Aimee (William) Reese. Adored Grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 1 Great-grandchild. Fond Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Beloved friend of Rose Flynn. Jim will be greatly missed by his extended family and friends. Memorial Mass will be at All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 S. LaGrange Road Orland Park, Illinois on Friday August 17, 2018 at 11:00 am. Memorial donations in the memory of Jim may be made to All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 S. LaGrange Road Orland Park, Illinois 60462
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Jablon, Robert J.
Robert Jerome Jablon 77 of Highland Park, IL passed away August 14, 2018 peacefully, surrounded by his family. Beloved wife of Priscilla and proud father of Jennifer Schlebecker, Janine (Charles) Goodsite, Matt (Cheryl) Jablon, Rebecca (Mark) Maresco, and Alissa (Francis) Walker. Loving grandfather of 11. Visitation will be at **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home**, 1787 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park, IL on Friday, August 17 from 4PM - 8PM. Funeral Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 770 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park, IL, 10AM on Saturday, August 18. Interment at All Saints Cemetery. Donations can be made to American Cancer Society. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Kotowski, Bernice M.
Bernice M. Kotowski nee Lang age 91 of Mt. Prospect. Beloved wife of 63 years to the late George Del Kotowski; loving mother of Sharon (Gene) Mrowczynski, Del (Debbie), Darlene (the late Paul) Snyder, Gail (Tom) Dolan and Dave (Cindy); cherished grandmother of Kristin (Tom) Hamann, Dr. Laura Snyder (Dr. Robert Fintelmann), Megan (Matthew) Gidcumb, Jeanne (A.J.) Brasel, Tyler Kotowski and the late Robert Mrowczynski; great grandmother of Jameson, Anna, Audrey, Lydia, Adelaide and Noah. Bernice and her late husband George were one of the founding families of St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Mt. Prospect. Bernice sang with the St. Raymond Choir for approximately 30 years. She was a long time member of the Catholic Womens Club. She enjoyed participating in the St. Raymond Shows, playing the piano, traveling and reading. Visitation Friday August 17, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Saturday August 18, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd., (Rt. 83) & Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers Masses appreciated or memorials to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.
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Lake, Grady E.
Grady E. Lake of Elmhurst, longtime resident of Park Ridge, passed away suddenly on August 13 at age 63. A devoted father, brother, and friend, he brought out the best in others. Fondly remembered as a fisherman, traveler, gardener, hockey player, and chef. He was the fiancé of Sandra Heinz, brother of Diane Lake and Beth (John) Shepard, father of Kelley and Mathew (Ryan Sedgwick), step-father of Brian (Rachael) Heinz, Brad (Amy) Heinz, and Micky Heinz, and Grandpa Grady to Hannah and Henry Heinz. Visitation Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 11:30 AM until the time of service 1:30 PM at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 W. Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. In lieu of flowers or arrangements of garden vegetables, memorials in his name may be made to Gift of Hope, <http://www.giftofhope.org>. For info www.nelsonfunerals.com or (847) 823-5122.

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Molaro, Stephen J 'Steve'
Stephen J Molaro, 84, passed away peacefully on August 13, 2018, with his loving family surrounding him. He was born on Taylor Street in Chicago's Little Italy. He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Molaro of 30 years; his seven children John Molaro, Mark (Kathy) Molaro, Stephen Jr Molaro, Christina Molaro, Carrie Davis (Dave Wollenweber), Sam (Sarah) Molaro, and Joseph Molaro; his adored grandchildren Alyssa Molaro, Jenna Molaro, Jaclyn Molaro, Faith Davis, Abigail Molaro, Antonio Molaro, Leonardo Molaro, and Lucille Wollenweber; his siblings Peter (Lydia) Molaro, John (Rose) Molaro, and adoring sister Patricia (Louis) Vine; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents John and Susan (Seno) Molaro, brother Sam Molaro, and beloved grandson Blaine Molaro. He was a Chicago High School Teacher for 30 years. It was often said that there wasn't a stranger that didn't know him. A memorial luncheon will be held on Friday, August 24 at 1 p.m. at Via Bella, 5412 S La Grange Rd, Countryside, IL 60525.
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Mosak, Esther M.
Esther M. Mosak nee Korengold, 80, beloved wife and best friend of Joel z"l for 54 years; loving and devoted mother of Diane (Howard) Ganden and Bryan (Barbara) Mosak; cherished Bubbe of Sam, Matt & Madison, Michael and Aden; adored sister of Howard (Harriet z"l) Korengold, sister-in-law of Eunice (Irving z"l) Gelman; treasured aunt of David (Carol) Korengold and Richard (Leslie) Korengold, Great Aunt to Jon, Jeff, Veronica, and Lucas, cousin and friend and Subbe to many... Chapel Service Friday, 10:00 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Congregation Beth Judea, 5304 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047. For information or condolences (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Patterson, Robert W.
Robert W. Patterson 95 of Park Ridge. Veteran of WW II, Recipient of The Purple Heart. At rest Sunday, August 12, 2018. Beloved husband of Rae nee Spahr. Loving father of Carol (Jim) Gonzalez and John (Nikki). Beloved son of the late James Blaine and Benice. Fond grandfather of Thomas (Rachael), John, Grace (Joe), Mary Clare, Molly, George and Jack. Dear brother the late John and Marjorie. Memorial Visitation Saturday August 18th from 1:00 P.M. until time of Service 3:45 P.M. at **Cumberland Chapels (FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS)** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Interment with Military Honors will take place separately at the Town of Maine Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, memorials to The Union League Boys & Girls Club 65 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, Illinois 60604 appreciated. www.cumberlandchapel.com or 708/456-8300

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Pranczke, Mark J.
Pranczke, Mark J. Age 71. Loving husband of Carol (Nee Repple); Beloved father of Alanna (John) Vicario and the late Mark; Devoted Grandfather of Gianna and Matthew; Dear brother of Dennis, Noreen (Marc) Kwasman and the late Joette; Fond uncle to many Nieces and Nephews; Visitation Saturday, August 18th, 3-9pm at the Pietryka Funeral Home 5734 W. Diversey. Chicago, 60639. Internment private. Info 773-889-0115
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Reedy, James Robert 'Rob'
Age 59 of Nashville, TN. formerly of LaGrange, IL. Lost his battle with cancer July 29th. Loving Father of James (Meta) Reedy, Jonathon Reedy and Patricia Reedy. Survived by sister, Jennifer Hatcher and brother Thomas D. Reedy. Memorial Service St. Anne's Catholic Church, Medical Lake, WA. In Lieu of flowers the family would like donations made to Gilda's Club of Middle TN or Operation Stand Down.
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Schlossman, John Isaac
John Isaac Schlossman, age 86, of Glencoe, respected architect, Principal with Loebli Schlossman & Hackl, in Chicago until his retirement in 1998; beloved husband for 59 years of Shirley, nee Rhodes; loving father of Marc (Nicola Johnson) Schlossman, Gail (Donald) Mewhort and Peter (Sara Zimmerman) Schlossman; adored Grandpa and Papa of Ben, Theo, Sara, Jack, Jane, Noah and Ava; devoted son of the late Norman and the late Carol Schlossman; dear brother-in-law of the late Alan (Nancy) Rhodes; treasured uncle and friend to many. Private family service on Friday. A memorial service in John's memory will be scheduled for a future date. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Merit School of Music, 38 S. Peoria St., Chicago, IL 60607, www.meritmusic.org or Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL 60022, www.chicagobotanic.org. info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Seriano, Lucille
Lucille Seriano, nee Ragosta. Beloved wife of the late Joseph C. Seriano; loving mother of the late Joseph J. Seriano and the late Mary Janice (Greg) Stevens; beloved daughter of the late Vincenzo and the late Jennie (nee Scudiero) Ragosta; Cherished grandmother of Nicole Stevens; dear sister of the late Mary Ragosta and the late Frank Ragosta; fond aunt of several nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday August 17, 2018 from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Funeral Saturday, beginning at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. and then proceeding to St. Paul of the Cross Church, Park Ridge, for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL. info. www.cumberlandchapel.com or 708-456-8300.

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Smith, Isabell
Isabell Smith, formerly of Wilmette and Park Ridge, 92, died Sunday, July 29, 2018, in her Vernon Hills home after a lengthy illness. Isabell was born in Chicago on Aug. 16, 1925, to German Bavarian immigrant parents, Charles and Isabelle (Bock) Yoerger. She attended Audubon School but had to repeat her first year because she spoke very little English in the heavily populated German neighborhood. Isabell took dance lessons when she was young, performing in beautiful costumes her mother created. She never stopped dancing. Artistic, musical and a math wiz, Isabell caught up and graduated from Amundsen High School in 1943. Always wearing the height of fashion, she worked a variety of secretarial jobs, eventually crossing the typist picket line to work at the Chicago Herald American newspaper. There she earned the nickname "Tippy Toes" because she always wore high heel shoes to boost her slight 5'1" build. At the daily newspaper, she won the heart of a young rewrite man, the late Robert J. Smith, who found the courage to talk with her by asking her if she wanted "to see a picture of my baby," and then showed her a photo of his boat. Once she became his "Honey Bunny Boo," the couple married on Sept. 30, 1950, and settled in Edison Park in the city. After marriage, Isabell worked in wholesale with Sellright Giftwares Corp. when they came to Chicago, selling to museum gift shop buyers. The couple raised two children while living in Park Ridge and then Wilmette. While in Park Ridge, Isabell led The Merry Marrieds, an area dance club for couples that hosted a variety of themed-dances throughout the years. For her children, Isabell was a Den Mother, school room mother, and made it a point for the family to share a homemade dinner together almost every night. While in Wilmette, Isabell was hired as a hosiery fit model, modeling petite-sized nylons for buyers. She enjoyed the job but quit when they asked the proper skirts- and dresses-only lady to model blue jeans. She never wore blue jeans. The couple moved to Vernon Hills after Bob's retirement as Associate Metropolitan Editor of the Chicago Tribune. Isabell, an only child, valued and loved family and befriended family in West Germany and those who settled throughout the United States. Isabell and Bob were accomplished world travelers. Isabell was fun-loving, devoted to her family, generous, strong-willed and loved to dance. Isabell is survived by her beloved son, Glenn (Marianne) Smith of Vernon Hills, and daughter, Robin Smith (Michael) Kollman of Libertyville; her cherished grandchildren Jen (Marc) Zider of Lindenhurst, Kate (George) Zasadil of Antioch, Kristen (Chris Stegen) Kollman of Kenosha, Wis., and Max Kollman of Minneapolis.; and four great-grandchildren who she adored Jake, Josh and Jonah Zider, and Kara Zasadil. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Aug. 19 at Christ Church Lake Forest. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Isabell Smith to the Salvation Army or The Dementia Society of America.
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Tamburrino, Anthony
Anthony "Tony" "Red" Tamburrino; Beloved husband of the late Lucille "Lou", nee Petosa; Loving dad of Tina (Stacey) Tamburrino-Gordon and James (Debra); Cherished grandpa of Diana, Carla, Jenna and Juliana; Dearest brother of Michael "Mickey" (Patricia); Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave. Funeral prayers Saturday 9:15 a.m. from funeral home to St. William Church for 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery; Info. 773-286-2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com

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Vickerman, Faith G.
Memorial Visitation for Faith G. Vickerman, 75, of Mt. Prospect, will be on Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 10:00 AM until time of the Memorial Service at Noon at **Ahlgim Family Funeral Home**, 201 N. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Faith was born on January 14, 1943 in Minneapolis, MN to Floyd and Myrtle Vickerman. She passed away on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. She was a loving mother and grandmother. Faith was a devoted teacher at Niles West High School for over 30 years. She enjoyed art, literature, and spoiling her grandchildren. Faith is survived by her son, Merrick (Kathryn) Shapiro; granddaughters, Olivia and Kylie Shapiro; brother, Buzz (Karen) Vickerman; and niece, Amanda Vickerman. For funeral info, 847-358-7411 or AhlgimFFS.com

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Yauk, Rose E.
ROSE E. YAUK age 95, a longtime Westmont, IL resident. Beloved wife of the late John Z. Tomes and the late Emery A. Yauk, loving mother of Keith John (Lou) Tomes and the late Kathy Joy (Alan) Spencer, cherished grandmother of 4 and great-grandmother of 4, also many nieces and nephews. Preceded also by her parents Emma and Alois Nemecek; 3 brothers, Louis, Joe and John; 2 sisters Emily Nemecek and Helen Pastor. Rose was a member of Westmont Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, Westmont American Legion Post 338 where she was the first Woman Commander 1996-1997, the Queen of Westmont for the town's 75th Birthday Celebration in 1996, an Army Nurse WWII, a nurse for Westmont School District 201 for 20 years and a graduate of Presbyterian School of Nursing 1944. Visitation will be August 17th 2018 from 4-8 pm at Toon Funeral Home 109 N. Cass Avenue, Westmont, IL 60559. Funeral Services Saturday 9:30 A.M. Interment Memory Gardens, Arlington Heights, IL. For information www.toonfuneralhome.com OR 630-968-0408
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Zabransky, Ann D.
Ann D. Zabransky, age 101, at rest August 13, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Arthur F. Zabransky. Loving mother of Terry (Judy) Zabransky. Cherished sister of the late Frances Suk. Loving aunt of 2 nieces. Ann was a member of many organizations in the Berwyn Community including the Berwyn Women's Club, Berwyn Historical Society and the Commercial National Bank Seniors Club. Ann enjoyed sewing, baking, reading and traveling. Funeral Service Friday, August 17, 2018 10:30am at **Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.** 2921 S. Harlem Ave, Berwyn. Entombment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Service info: 708-484-4111 or www.adolfservices.com

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Zeman, Edward G.
Edward G. Zeman, age 82, at rest August 13, 2018. U.S. Army Veteran, 82nd Airborne Division and Retired Chicago Fire Department Lieutenant, Engine 35. Beloved husband of Mary Alice Zeman (nee: Lucas). Loving father of Laura (Michael) Huffman, Sharon Zeman and Donna (Michael) Boyle. Dear grandfather of Christine, Adam, Eric, Bridgette, Keri and Matthew (Cristina). Great-grandfather of Autumn, Michael and Leah. Dearest brother-in-law of Joseph (Diane) Lucas. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. A special thank you to Dr. Gerald Simon for his kindness and compassionate care. Visitation Friday August 17th from 3 to 8 pm at **Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.** 7000 S. Madison St; Willowbrook. Funeral service Saturday August 18th, prayers 9:00 am at the funeral home proceeding to St. Daniel The Prophet Church for Mass 10:00 am. Interment: St. Casimir Cemetery. Information: 630-325-2300 or adolfservices.com

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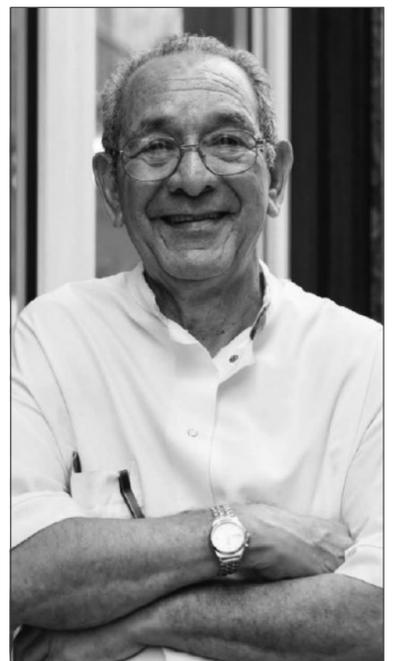
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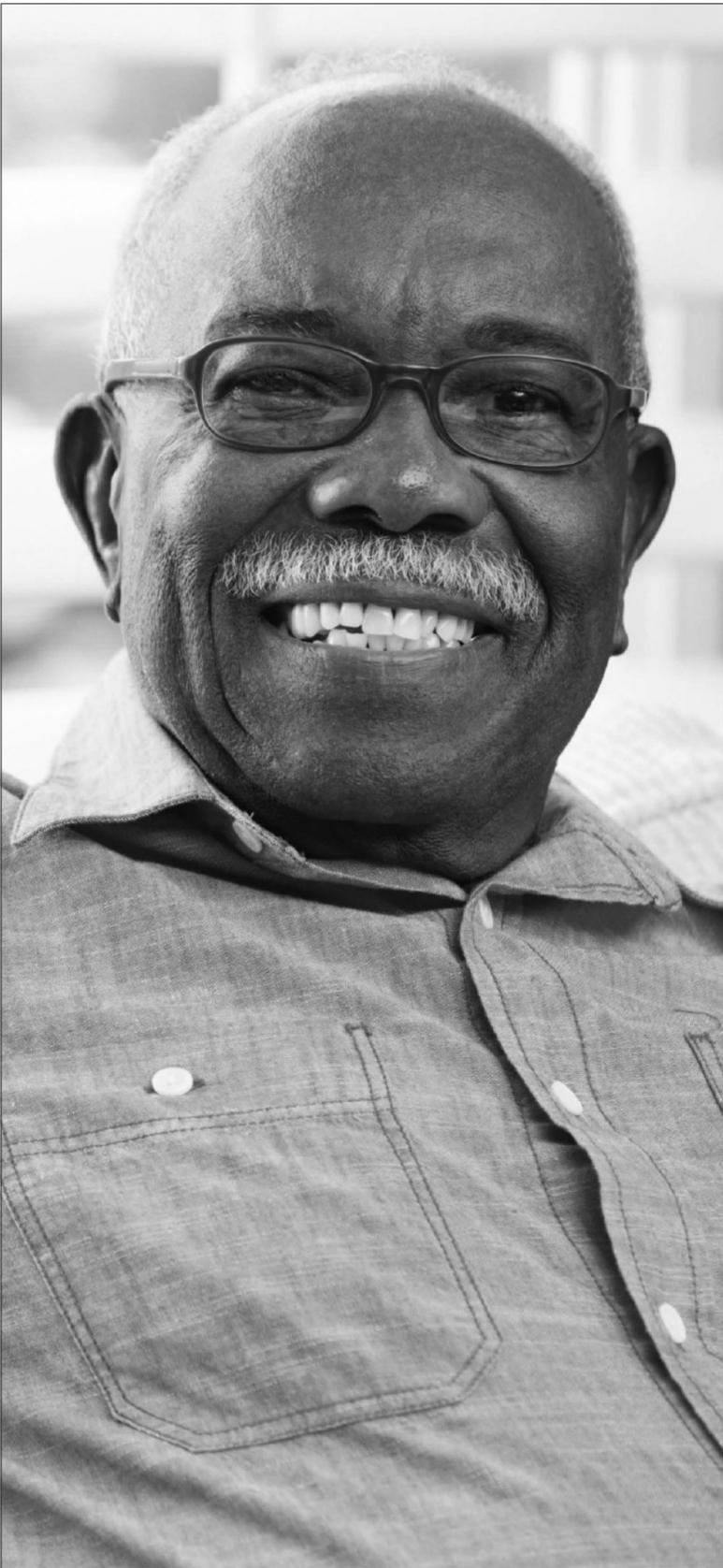
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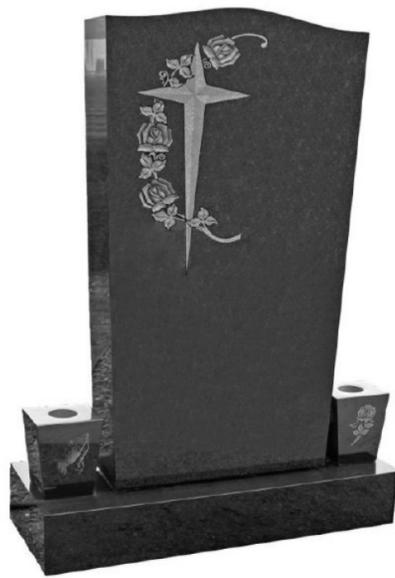
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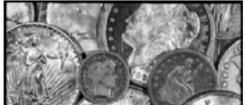


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IN THE INTEREST OF
Darriana Davenport

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jamine Dominique Alexander (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00830

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jamine Dominique Alexander (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 12, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **09/06/2018**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Darriana Davenport

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jamine Dominique Alexander (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00830

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Trevoeye Marcus (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 12, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **09/06/2018**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Ismael Montoya-Carrillo Jr. AKA Ismael Hemphill-Montoya

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tabitha Hemphill (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00718

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Tabitha Hemphill (Mother)** and **Ismael Montoya (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 16, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **09/06/2018**, at **11:30 AM** in CALENDAR **9** COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Miracle Pearce

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cardelia Pearce (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00219

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Brent Kidd (Father)**, **AKA Brett Kidd**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 6, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **09/06/2018**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR **9** COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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August 16, 2018

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Monica Colin Marcelle Colin Julian Ovalle

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jessica Ovalle (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00459 18JA00458 18JA00457

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jessica Ovalle (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **May 10, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **09/06/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13** COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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Fired-up, fresh Smith 'felt great' in his 1st practice in full pads



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — If there were an artificial deadline for the Bears to sign Roquan Smith so he could have a chance to be ready to play in the Sept. 9 season opener at Lambeau Field, Tuesday afternoon was pretty darn close. For Smith to have a chance of playing against the Packers, he pretty much needed to be on one of the buses headed from Halas

Hall to O'Hare, where the Bears flew to Denver for joint practices with the Broncos. Those sessions began Wednesday morning on a perfect summer day with plenty of sunshine but not too much heat. Smith, the inside linebacker the Bears drafted eighth overall, was able to work up a sweat rotating in with the second team defense. It was his first time in full pads

since Georgia's overtime loss to Alabama in the national championship game on Jan. 8. "I felt great," Smith said. "That's the way football is played. That's why I've made my plays in pads. It was great just being back out and getting after it and doing a little poppin'."

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CUBS 8, BREWERS 4

CUBS SALVAGE SPLIT, MAINTAIN 3-GAME LEAD IN NL CENTRAL

Anthony Rizzo rounds the bases after his two-run homer in the first inning broke the Cubs' 27-inning scoreless streak against the rival Brewers.

BRIAN CASSELLA/
CHICAGO TRIBUNE



Getting it all in sync

When mix is right, Cubs bullpen can match any rival



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

If the Cubs are going to make an extended postseason run, the key is getting the bullpen in sync the rest of the way.

They've been doing the job for the most part in Brandon Morrow's absence, looking a little more comfortable with each passing week.

"To be honest, we feel more comfortable when Morrow is back there," Pedro Strop said Wednesday after the Cubs' 8-4 win over the Brewers. "You're missing one of your best pitchers. But we're truly comfortable, too, knowing we can get the job done until he gets back. If it's not me, it's going to be C.J. (Carl Edwards Jr.), it's gonna be (Steve) Cishek, it's gonna be (Justin) Wilson, it's gonna be (Brandon) Kintzler.

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AND LOOK WHO'S COMING UP ...
Over the next two weeks, the Cubs have a chance to separate themselves from the pack in the NL Central. The next four series include the slumping Pirates followed by three of the worst teams in baseball.

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NL CENTRAL RACE

	W	L	GB	WCGB	Next 4 series
Cubs	69	50	—		Thursday: Cubs (Lester 12-5, 3.89) at Pirates (Nova 7-6, 4.42)
Brewers	68	55	3	—	After three in St. Louis, it goes Reds, Pirates, at Reds
Cardinals	66	55	4	1	Brutal stretch: Brewers, at Dodgers, at Rockies, Pirates
Pirates	61	60	9	6	Good luck: Cubs, Braves, at Brewers, at Cardinals

OPENING SHOT | Steve Rosenbloom
Carlos Rodon, your table is ready. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2** (Sox coverage, **Page 3**)



Starting pitching, offense finally click at the same time

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

A lengthy winning streak sparked by consistent starting pitching and run production might not arrive this season for the Cubs.

But at this point, being good enough may be good enough for the Cubs to hold serve in the National League Central Division.

After an 8-4 win over the second-place Brewers on Wednesday at Wrigley Field, the Cubs maintained the three-game lead they held at the start of the two-game series. Since taking over first place July 14, the Cubs have not won more than two consecutive games as their division lead has hovered between one-half and three games.

In that span, their starters have struggled to string together good outings, and the offense has alternated between outstanding and ineffective efforts.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Bad form: Bears wrong again

Roquan Smith's holdout seemed like a fight over nonsense or at least like a nonsensical hill for the once-proud franchise formerly known as the Bears to die on.

In a protracted negotiation over money, language and a bunch of what-ifs that always seemed unlikely to happen, it looks to me as if the Bears chose money over getting better. I wasn't in the room, so I'll allow for not knowing every detail and possibility, but based on what's out there this looks like a multibillion-dollar company making a short-armed grab for money it could afford to shrug off and should have if winning the Super Bowl as quickly as possible is the only thing that matters.

This is not about characterizing the Bears as cheap. This is about a virulent strain of bad decisions that seems to infect Halas Hall.

Smith's agents reportedly made a big deal of protecting the No. 8 draft pick's money based on the NFL's expected clown-college interpretation of the new tackling rules. That seemed to start the holdout. The Bears gave in.

Smith's agents reportedly made a big deal of protecting the Georgia linebacker's money if he's suspended for on-field actions outside of a play that results in a suspension, particularly one of at least three games. That extended the holdout. The Bears gave in again, although the agents gave in a little too.

Deal. Twenty-nine days after training camp started.

Seriously? How was this worth denying important practice snaps for a first-round draft choice expected to start in the middle of the defense and make all the calls?

The emphasis should have been on a rookie playing football, not a bottom-feeding team playing what-if.

The central hypothetical seemed to be allowing the Bears to void Smith's guaranteed money if he goes nuts on an official, an opponent or who knows what. The sides settled on allowing the Bears to void Smith's guarantees if he is suspended for three games or more for on-field actions separate from a play.

You know the only player who fits those terms?

Serial menace Vontaze Burfict, that's who. But here's the thing: Burfict's college record at Arizona State showed a capacity



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Bears rookie linebacker Roquan Smith's 29-day holdout easily could have been avoided.

for on-field stupidity that would hurt his team as much as the opponent. Burfict's coach benched him for personal fouls, one of which was an unsportsmanlike-conduct call that set up an opposing team for the winning score.

In the NFL, Burfict continues to be a wing nut. Here's a tip, Bears: Don't draft wing nuts.

In Smith's case, there is no indication he's anything close to that. After drafting Smith, in fact, the Bears made it sound as if he were a Boy Scout and solid citizen. They talked up his leadership traits as much as his ability to go sideline to sideline and tackle like a stud.

OK. Fine. Great. Then why should the Bears be worried?

Maybe I'm missing something, but it looks as if the Bears' actions betray their alleged confidence in their scouting evaluations and personnel profiles. Then

again, when you're a franchise that would bring in accused domestic abuser Ray McDonald and talk to McDonald and his parents but not the woman who made the charge, then I guess you have to negotiate contracts to save yourself from your potential bad evaluations and other sloppiness.

Maybe it's me, but I'd try to avoid making such a big and seemingly needless deal out of voiding money if I'm the fool who guaranteed Mike Glennon \$18 million.

The reporting of this saga noted that the Bears apparently didn't want to set a precedent for now and later. Guess what? A franchise known for finishing last and a championship drought that's showing middle-aged paunch could use some precedent for smart management and smart football. For winning. For a change.

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CUBS

Ump says tossing Zobrist was right



Ben Zobrist might have made history Tuesday when he was ejected for the first time in a 13-year career spanning 1,563 games.

Can someone really get ejected for lobbying for technology to replace umpires?

After plate umpire Phil Cuzzi tossed him in the eighth inning of the Cubs' 7-0 loss to the Brewers, Zobrist insisted he was kicked out for saying just that.

"I just basically said, 'That's why we want an electronic strike zone,'" he said. "And that's what got me tossed."

Cuzzi begged to differ, saying before Wednesday's game that Zobrist "just decided he wanted to get himself run."

Arguing balls and strikes has led to an automatic ejection for well over a century. But was Zobrist the first to be ejected for coming out in favor of the electronic strike zone? When asked if he kicked Zobrist out before or after the comment, Cuzzi skirted the question.

"The conversation started cordial, and then he just started to say things that I thought it was best that the conversation ended," Cuzzi said. "Whichever came (first), I don't really remember."

Cuzzi stood by the called strike, which the Statcast box TV viewers see showed was outside the zone.

"The box that (players) see is not the box we're graded on," Cuzzi said. "It was graded an acceptable pitch. We get graded every day. And they may not care (or) believe that, but that's the reality."

Zobrist has a well-earned reputation for being a gentleman. But manager Joe Maddon said he encourages his players to say what they think and was proud of Zobrist for standing his ground.

"There are guys (who) fly off the handle all the time and guys (who) don't," Cuzzi said. "I guess even mild-mannered guys can say the wrong thing."

So was Cuzzi angered by Zobrist's suggestion that technology should replace humans umpiring games?

"I was surprised, I guess, to hear him say it," Cuzzi said. "But it was just a culmination of things."

— Paul Sullivan

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Cubs mixing, matching for effective pen

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"All those boys in there can do it. I feel really good about it."

The Cubs bullpen ranked 21st in baseball in August with a 4.73 ERA going into Wednesday's games, so the numbers suggest there is still work to do.

But with the exception of the Cardinals, nearly every team battling for a postseason spot in the National League has been experiencing some bullpen problems in the second half, whether it's due to injuries, ineffectiveness or inexperience.

The Dodgers placed closer Kenley Jansen on the disabled list after he experienced an irregular heartbeat and inserted Kenta Maeda and Scott Alexander into the late-inning spots. They had lost five straight games going into Wednesday and were tied with the Rockies with five blown saves in August.

Brewers closer Cory Knebel lost his role to a committee and may not get it back.

Nationals closer Sean Doolittle and second option Kelvin Herrera are on the disabled list, leaving Ryan Madson to serve up David Bote's walk-off grand slam Sunday at Wrigley Field. Koda Glover gave up a walk-off shot to the Cardinals' Paul DeJong the next night, and Madson followed Doolittle and Herrera to the DL.

Diamondbacks closer Brad Boxberger, who last month gave up a game-tying ninth-inning home run to Bote followed by a walk-off home run to Anthony Rizzo, had a 4.76 ERA in his last 18 appearances as of Wednesday.

Braves closer Aroldys Vizcaino also is on the DL, leaving the job to untested left-hander A.J. Minter.

Seranthy Phung, a 23-year-old-rookie closer with the Phillies, had a 6.14 ERA and two blown saves in his last eight appearances.

Even former Cubs closer Wade Davis has been struggling after signing a three-year, \$52 million deal with the Rockies, posting a 7.77 ERA since June 14.

That means bullpen depth is going to be tested everywhere during the stretch run.

Of course, it's still important to get quality starts, but getting through the final three or four innings is the true test of any team.

"The game is becoming more of a bullpen game," Strop said. "It wasn't like that before. The starters used to go seven or eight, and now managers are using closers more than one inning. ... Good bullpens, they all can close. Look how many the Brewers have, and the Yankees."

The Cubs have a handful of relievers with closing experience, and the game has evolved to where middle relievers are often



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

It's high-five time for Pedro Strop, left, and Willson Contreras after Wednesday's victory over the Brewers at Wrigley Field.

as valuable as closers, albeit not as well-paid.

Manager Joe Maddon calls them "middle-closers," a hybrid of set-up men and stoppers. With Edwards not on his game Wednesday, Wilson was called upon to quell a rally in the seventh and retired Travis Shaw on a pop-up to first. Cishek retired the next four batters on nine pitches, and Strop got in some work with a scoreless ninth.

"It's good to get them all involved in those micro-moments like that," Maddon said. "It really builds confidence. Get 'em in, get 'em out."

No one knows when Morrow is going to return, but the Cubs are confident they have enough depth to cover things while he's out. So far, it's working well.

"Closer goes down, and we've been able to more than stay afloat out of the pen," Cubs President Theo Epstein said. "That's something that can destabilize a club and potentially ruin a season. I think the depth we have is not always sexy, but it helps to get to those (90-plus) wins you need."

Epstein recently added Jesse Chavez, Jorge De La Rosa and Kintzler, all of whom have experience and fit right in with the Cubs' low-maintenance clubhouse.

No Cubs reliever is egotistical enough to get upset pitching in the sixth instead of the ninth, or even being used in mop-up duty to give other relievers a break.

Things like that matter more than you might realize.

All the big money goes to the closers, so doing the dirty work for less isn't always appreciated by some relievers.

"Versatility among relief pitchers is attractive, guys who know to be ready (during) any part of the game and not be so specialized toward the end," Maddon said.

"The mindset matters a lot. When guys aren't accepting of that and all of a sudden you throw them in that moment, it can backfire."

It hasn't backfired yet.

Now it's up to Maddon to put them in the right roles at the right time and convince them to be selfless for the sake of the team.

Easier said than done, but that's what makes good teams great.

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CUBS NOTES

If Cubs have a 'target', Hendricks wears it well

CUBS AT PIRATES

All games on WSCR-AM 670.

Thursday: 6:05 p.m. NBCSCH.

LH Jon Lester (12-5, 3.89) vs.

RH Ivan Nova (7-6, 4.42).

Friday: 6:05 p.m., NBCSCH.

LH Cole Hamels (7-9, 4.72) vs.

RH Trevor Williams (10-8, 3.66).

Saturday: 6:05 p.m., WGN-9.

LH Mike Montgomery (4-4, 3.62)

vs. RH Joe Musgrove (4-7, 3.49).

Sunday: 12:35 p.m., ABC-7.

LH Jose Quintana (10-9, 4.46) vs.

RH Jameson Taillon (9-9, 3.66).

THE BOX SCORE

MILWAUKEE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yelich rf-1b	5	0	1	0	2	.309
Cain cf	3	0	0	0	1	.301
Moustakas 3b	5	0	3	1	1	.257
Braun lf	2	0	0	0	0	.253
a-Perez ph-rf	3	1	1	1	1	.267
Shaw 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.249
Schoop ss	4	1	1	1	0	.234
Thames 1b	3	0	1	1	2	.230
Burnes p	0	0	0	0	0	—
b-Broxton ph	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Jeffress p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Pina c	2	1	1	0	1	.241
Kratz c	1	0	0	0	0	.250
Guerra p	0	0	0	0	0	.065
Jennings p	0	0	0	0	0	.667
Williams p	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Aguilar 1b	1	1	0	0	1	.280
TOTALS	36	4	9	4	10	

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Baez 2b	5	1	2	0	1	.293
Heyward rf	5	1	3	2	0	.281
Bote 3b	5	2	2	0	2	.333
Rizzo 1b	4	1	2	3	0	.265
Almora cf	3	1	1	1	0	.297
Schwarber lf	3	0	0	0	0	.243
Happ if	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Contreras c	3	1	1	0	0	.271
Hendricks p	2	0	0	0	2	.063
Edwards Jr. p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Wilson p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Cishek p	1	0	0	0	0	.167
Strop p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Russell ss	4	1	1	1	1	.265
TOTALS	36	8	13	7	7	

Milwaukee	W	9-9	000	200	—	4	4.11
CUBS	202	300	10x	8	13	1	

a-grounded out for Braun in the 5th, b-flied out for Burnes in the 8th. **E:** Thames (4), Rizzo (6). **LOB:** Milwaukee 9, Cubs 9. **2B:** Shaw (20), Schoop (20), Heyward 2 (20). **3B:** Baez (8). **HR:** Rizzo (18), off Guerra; Almora (5), off Burnes. **RBI:** Moustakas (7), Schoop (4), Thames (3), Perez (28), Heyward 2 (50), Rizzo 3 (78), Almora (32), Russell (37). **SB:** Rizzo 2 (6). **S:** Hendricks. **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 3 (Schoop 2, Guerra); Cubs 8 (Rizzo, Almora 2, Schwarber 4, Russell). **RISP:** Milwaukee 4 for 9; Chicago 4 for 14. **Runners moved up:** Heyward. **GDP:** Perez, Contreras. **DP:** Milwaukee 2 (Moustakas, Shaw, Thames), Aguilar, Schoop; Cubs 1 (Hendricks, Baez, Rizzo).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Guerra, L 6-8	3½	9	7	6	1	2	3.73
Jennings	½	1	0	0	1	0	3.16
Williams	1½	1	0	0	0	2	4.06
Burnes	1½	1	1	1	2	4	4.11
Jeffress	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.27
CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA

Hendricks, W, 9-9 6 7 4 4 2 8 4.11
 Edwards Jr. ½ 2 0 0 0 0 2.56
 Wilson, H, 11 ½ 0 0 0 0 3.29
 Cishek, H, 17 1½ 0 0 0 0 1.82
 Strop 1 0 0 0 0 1 2.62

Hendricks pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Jennings 2-1, Burnes 1-0, Edwards Jr. 2-2, Wilson 2-0, Cishek 3-0. **HBP:** Strop (Cain). **WP:** Guerra 3, Jeffress. **Umpires:** H, Tom Hallion; 1B, Ryan Blakney; 2B, Dan Bellino; 3B, Phil Cuzzi. **Time:** 3:12. **A:** 39,619 (41,649).

HOW THEY SCORED

CUBS FIRST: Baez popped out. Heyward grounded out. Bote singled. Rizzo homered, scoring Bote. Almora Jr. grounded out. **Two runs. Cubs 2-0.**
CUBS THIRD: Russell grounded out. Baez tripled, Heyward doubled, scoring Baez. Bote reached on fielder's choice. Heyward out at third. Rizzo reached on Thames' error. Bote to second. **Two runs. Cubs 4-0.**
CUBS FOURTH: Contreras singled, Hendricks sacrificed, Contreras to second. Russell singled, scoring Contreras. Russell to second on Guerra's wild pitch. Baez struck out. Heyward singled, scoring Russell. Bote singled, Heyward to third. Jennings pitching. Rizzo singled, scoring Heyward. Bote to third. Rizzo stole second. Almora Jr. walked. Schwarber reached on fielder's choice. Almora Jr. out at second. **Three runs. Cubs 7-2.**
BREWERS SEVENTH: Pina singled. Aguilar walked. Pina to second. Yelich lined out. Cain walked. Pina to third. Aguilar to second. Moustakas singled, scoring Pina. Aguilar to third. Cain to second. Perez singled, scoring Aguilar. Cain to third. Moustakas to second. Wilson pitching. Shaw popped out. Cishek pitching. Schoop flied out. **Two runs. Cubs 7-4.**
CUBS SEVENTH: Almora Jr. homered. Schwarber grounded out. Contreras walked. Cishek struck out. Russell struck out. **One run. Cubs 8-4.**

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

The Cubs' 2016 slogan of "Embrace the Target" still exists in pitcher Kyle Hendricks' mind.

The right-hander relishes the opportunity to pitch in meaningful games, such as Wednesday's series finale against the Brewers at Wrigley Field.

And Hendricks delivered, tossing six solid innings before fading in an 8-4 victory that helped the Cubs regain their three-game lead in the National League Central.

"Every team that comes in, especially to Wrigley, they're bringing their best game for sure," said Hendricks, who limited the Brewers to six hits before allowing the first two runners to reach in the seventh.

"They get up for it. But that's the nature of us playing well over the past few years. We have a little bit of a target. We expect that when people come in here.

"We go on the road and take that same mindset of just winning games. We've just been steady, and I don't think there's pressure on the side but heightened awareness."

Hendricks tied a season high with eight strikeouts and improved to 4-1 with a 3.78 ERA over his last eight starts.

He struck out five in the first three innings with an effective changeup. His streak of not walking a batter ended at 23¹/₃ innings when he did so to Manny Pina in the fourth.

Dates for Darvish: Yu Darvish, who hasn't pitched in a game since May 20 because of right triceps tendinitis, could make three minor-league rehabilitation starts Sunday, Aug. 24 and Aug. 29.

Starting pitching, offense click

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Both phases were solid Wednesday. Kyle Hendricks provided six workmanlike innings before struggling in the seventh, and the offense resurrected its ability to hit to the opposite field — a trait that helped them climb into first place.

"For us to get really on that roll, you've got to see them simultaneously," manager Joe Maddon said.

The importance of winning enough to hold off division foes will be essential this weekend, when the Cubs open a four-game series against the pesky fourth-place Pirates while the Brewers visit the resurgent third-place Cardinals for three games.

"There are a lot of folks who would have been running for the hills had we lost," Maddon said one day after the Cubs were humbled 7-0. "The fact you win the game settled down that method. There's still a long way to go.

"If you want to ride that emotional roller coaster, it will wipe you out."

For the Cubs, the whatever-it-takes method fully applies to the offense. Anthony Rizzo batted cleanup for the first time since July 11 and responded in the first inning with a two-run opposite-field home run.

Rizzo, who added a soft RBI single in the fourth, had only five at-bats with runners in scoring position from the leadoff spot, where he had spent his last 27 starts.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Kyle Hendricks, top and left, walks off with Willson Contreras after the top of the sixth.

"If good, those are potential dates," manager Joe Maddon said Wednesday, one day after Darvish threw 55 pitches in a simulated game.

Those dates were first disclosed by pitching coach Jim Hickey on his weekly radio show on WSCR-AM 670.

Meanwhile, closer Brandon Morrow hopes to throw off a mound Saturday for the first time in four weeks. He has been out since July 15 with right biceps inflammation.

Speedy acquisition: The Cubs acquired outfielder Terrance Gore from the Royals for a player to be named or cash. Gore, 27, was assigned to the minors but is expected to be among the Sept. 1 promotions. Gore has stolen 21 bases in 25 attempts over four seasons and swiped four during the 2014 and '15 playoffs.

"It was nice coming to the plate with a runner on in the first," Rizzo said. "Other than that, you hit when you hit. And it worked out."

Addison Russell's single to right field sparked a three-run fourth and accounted for his first RBI since Aug. 4, a nine-game span.

"That's who we need to be," Maddon said of hitting to the opposite field. "We need to be tougher in two-strike counts and not pull off pitches or expand and give the other team some escape hatches."

With the exception of an error by Rizzo, the defense provided no easy paths for the Brewers. Third baseman David Bote made a barehanded play to retire Jonathan Schoop in the second, and Jason Heyward made two exceptional running catches in the eighth and ninth.

The decision to insert Ian Happ in left field in the ninth paid off handsomely when he made a running catch before crashing into the brick wall to rob Christian Yelich of extra bases to start the inning.

Rizzo was careful not to place extra emphasis on Wednesday's result after Tuesday's shutout loss.

"I think early on we knew it was going to come down to the wire," Rizzo said. "I don't see us or any team pulling away. But winning games against your division is always big."

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SOX 6, TIGERS 5

Rodon not done in by rough 3rd

Gets past bad inning, posts 7th straight quality start

By PHIL THOMPSON | Chicago Tribune

DETROIT — During the third inning of Wednesday's 6-5 win over the Tigers, White Sox pitcher Carlos Rodon faced his first real adversity of the afternoon.

He started the inning with a walk to Milkie Mahtook, then allowed a double to Grayson Greiner that put runners at second and third. After a strikeout, Rodon loaded the bases by hitting Jeimer Candelario in the foot — one pitch after what appeared to be a third strike was called a ball by home-plate umpire Jansen Visconti.

For what it's worth, MLB.com's Gamecast pitch tracker placed the third-pitch "ball" well inside its strike-zone box.

Rodon bore down and kept the damage minimal. Two singles led to three runs before an inning-ending double play. Rodon's streak of scoreless innings ended at 16¹/₃, but the Sox were still in the game.

Rodon could have had a meltdown — and by his own admission he probably would have in his younger days. Instead, he pitched eight innings for the second consecutive game and recorded his seventh straight quality start.

"I tried to not let it get to me," Rodon said. "I gave up three runs but ended up going deep in the game. When I was younger, I'd throw a fit and be out of there."

Rodon (4-3, 2.69 ERA) answered the rocky third with five scoreless innings. He struck out six while allowing five hits and a walk.

"I think he's matured a lot," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "It still doesn't take away the sting of when you've made a pitch to get an out, but you have to regroup. He obviously did."

As Rodon has gotten stronger since offseason shoulder surgery, Renteria has noticed the left-hander's skill evolve.

"You see the velocity go up, you see the intensity and focus of making a pitch start to shine a little bit more," Renteria said.

After Rodon departed with a 6-3 lead built on two-run homers from Matt Davidson and Jose Abreu, it got scary for the Sox in the ninth.

The first two Tigers reached on a walk and infield single against Jeanmar Gomez. After a strikeout, Renteria called on Luis Avilan to face Victor Martinez, who singled to load the bases. Mahtook's forceout scored Nicholas Castellanos, then Greiner slapped a single to left to score Niko Goodrum.

But with the tying run on second base and the winning run on first, Avilan earned his second save by getting Victor Reyes to pop out.

Coming back soon: The Sox optioned Ryan LaMarre to Triple-A Charlotte, most likely to open a roster spot for Leury Garcia to return from his strained left hamstring for Friday's opener of a three-game series against the Royals at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Garcia has been running, shagging fly balls and taking batting practice and said he feels good enough that he won't need a minor-league rehab stint. He has been on the disabled list since Aug. 6.

"I'm pretty close," Garcia said. "I don't think I need to go down there (to Charlotte) and take at-bats. I'll be OK."

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THE BOX SCORE

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Delmonico 1b	5	1	1	0	1	.221
Sanchez ss	5	1	3	1	0	.247
Abreu dh	5	1	3	3	0	.268
Goodrum 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.238
1-LaMarre pr-if	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Garcia rf	3	0	0	0	2	.232
Narvaez c	5	1	1	0	0	.289
Moncada 2b	4	2	2	2	1	.319
Davidson 3b	4	2	2	2	1	.227
Engel cf	4	0	0	0	0	.221
TOTALS	40	6	12	6	8	

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Candelario 3b	3	1	0	0	0	.229
Iglesias ss	4	0	1	1	0	.264
Castellanos rf	3	1	2	2	0	.290
Goodrum 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.231
McCann dh	4	0	0	0	2	.223
Rodriguez 1b	3	0	1	0	0	.191
a-Martinez ph	1	0	1	0	0	.244
2-Gerber pr	1	0	0	0	1	.133
Mahtook lf	3	1	0	1	1	.188
Greiner c	4	1	2	1	1	.255
Reyes cf	4	0	0	0	2	.220
TOTALS	33	5	8	5	7	

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodon, W, 4-3	8	5	3	3	1	6	2.69
Gomez, H, 5	½	1	2	2	1	1	6.75
Avilan, S, 2-4	½	2	0	0	0	0	3.47

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Zimmermann, L, 5-5	5	9	6	6	0	4	4.36
VerHagen	2	1	0	0	0	2	5.80
Coleman	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.50
Reininger	1	2	0	0	0	0	9.00

Inherited runners-scored: Avilan 2-2. **HBP:** Rodon (Candelario). **WP:** Reininger. **Home plate umpire:** Jansen Visconti. **Time:** 2:54. **A:** 23,784 (41,297).

HOW THEY SCORED

WHITE SOX THIRD: Davidson, Engel flied out. Delmonico walked. **SOX THIRD:** Davidson, Sanchez singled, scoring Davidson, Delmonico to third. Abreu singled, scoring Delmonico, Sanchez to second. Palka reached on fielder's choice, Abreu out at second. Sanchez to third. A. Garcia struck out. **Two runs. Sox 2-0.**
TIGERS THIRD: Mahtook walked. Greiner pitched. Mahtook to third. Reyes struck out. Candelario hit by pitch. Iglesias singled, scoring Mahtook. Greiner to third, Candelario to second. Castellanos singled, scoring Greiner and Candelario. Iglesias to second. Goodrum grounded into double play, Castellanos out at second. **Three runs. Tigers 3-2.**
WHITE SOX FOURTH: Narvaez singled, Moncada struck out. Davidson homered, scoring Narvaez. Engel flied out. Delmonico flied out. **Two runs. Sox 4-2.**
WHITE SOX FIFTH: Sanchez doubled. Abreu homered, scoring Sanchez. Palka grounded out. A. Garcia struck out. Narvaez flied out. **Two runs. Sox 6-3.**
TIGERS NINTH: Castellanos walked. Niko Goodrum singled. Castellanos to second. McCann struck out. Avilan pitching. Martinez, singled. Castellanos to third, Goodrum to second. Mahtook reached on fielder's choice, scoring Castellanos. Goodrum to third, Gerber, running for Martinez, out at second. Greiner singled, scoring Goodrum, Mahtook to second. Reyes flied out. **Two runs. Sox 6-5.**

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
			EXH: @DEN, 8 FOX-32 AM-780				
	@PIT 6:05 NBCSCH AM-670	@PIT 6:05 NBCSCH AM-670	@PIT 6:05 WGN-9 AM-670	@PIT 12:35 ABC-7 AM-670	@MIN 6:10 NBCSCH AM-720	MIN 7:10 WGN-9 AM-720	MIN 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720
		KC 7:10 WGN-9 AM-720	KC 6:10 NBCSCH AM-720	KC 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720			
			@MON 6:30 ESPN+ AM-1200				
			@IND 3 NBA TV	IND 5 WCUI-26.2			

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB		
Noon	Rays at Yankees	MLBN
3 p.m.	Mets at Phillies	MLBN
6 p.m.	Nationals at Cardinals	MLBN
6:05 p.m.	Cubs at Pirates	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
9 p.m.	Angels at Rangers or D'backs at Padres	MLBN

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES POOL PLAY

Noon	Puerto Rico vs. South Korea	ESPN
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2 p.m.	Staten Island (N.Y.) vs. Des Moines (Iowa)	ESPN
4 p.m.	Mexico vs. Australia	ESPN
6 p.m.	Coventry (R.I.) vs. Peachtree City (Ga.)	ESPN2

NFL EXHIBITION

7 p.m.	Jets at Redskins	ESPN
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GOLF

8 a.m.	Nordea Masters	Golf Channel (more, 4 a.m. Fri.)
11 a.m.	LPGA Indy Championship	Golf Channel
2 p.m.	PGA Wyndham Championship	Golf Channel
5 p.m.	Web.com Portland Open	Golf Channel
6 p.m.	U.S. Amateur round of 16	FS1

GYMNASTICS

7 p.m.	U.S. Championships, men's events	NBCSN
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HORSE RACING

3 p.m.	Union Avenue Stakes	FS2
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MARTIAL ARTS

9 p.m.	Professional Fighters League	NBCSN
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MOTORSPORTS

3 p.m.	NASCAR Trucks qualifying	FS1
7:30 p.m.	NASCAR Trucks UNOH 200	FOX-32

SOCCER: U20 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP QUARTERFINALS

8:50 a.m.	Spain vs. Nigeria	FS2
12:20 p.m.	France vs. North Korea	FS2

TENNIS

10 a.m.	ATP/WTA Western & Southern Open	Tennis (more, 6 p.m.)
Noon	ATP/WTA Western & Southern Open	ESPN2 (more, 8 p.m.)

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
EASTERN						
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	14	4	6	48	50	28
N.Y. Red Bulls	15	6	2	47	45	23
N.Y. City FC	14	5	5	47	48	31
Columbus	11	7	6	39	31	29
Philadelphia	9	11	3	30	32	39
Montreal	9	13	3	30	31	41
New England	7	8	29	38	38	38
D.C. United	7	9	6	27	42	40
Orlando City	7	14	2	23	35	54
Toronto FC	6	12	5	26	39	44
Chicago	6	14	5	23	35	49

WESTERN						
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
FC Dallas	12	4	6	42	36	28
Kansas City	11	6	6	39	42	30
LA Galaxy	10	8	7	37	48	42
Portland	10	6	7	37	36	35
Los Angeles FC	10	7	6	36	45	39
Real Salt Lake	10	9	5	35	44	41
Vancouver	9	9	6	33	38	47
Minnesota	9	13	2	29	38	48
Seattle	8	9	29	24	25	35
Houston	7	10	6	27	39	34
Colorado	6	12	6	23	29	38
San Jose	3	13	7	17	35	45

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS						
Toronto FC 5, Vancouver 2 (Canada Final)						
D.C. United 4, Portland 1						
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC, late						
at New York 2-0, Texas +180						
Boston -178 at Baltimore +166						
Tampa Bay -125 at Toronto +115						
Minnesota -116 at Detroit +106						
at Houston -216 Seattle +196						
at Los Angeles off Oakland off						
INTERLEAGUE						
St. Louis -151 at Kansas City +141						

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Fire at Montreal, 6:30
LA Galaxy at Seattle, 3
N.Y. Red Bulls at Vancouver, 6
N.Y. City FC at Philadelphia, 6
Minnesota at FC Dallas, 7
Portland at Kansas City, 7:30
Real Salt Lake at Houston, 8
Toronto FC at San Jose, 9

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER						
CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
North Carolina	15	1	5	50	44	16
Seattle	10	4	6	37	23	15
Portland	9	6	5	32	32	24
Utah	7	4	8	30	27	23
Utah	7	7	7	28	17	20
Houston	7	8	5	26	25	31
Washington	2	14	4	10	11	28
SKY Blue FC	0	14	4	4	15	36

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT

RED STARS 7, Seattle 0
Gateway 4, Seattle 0

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Cardiff vs. Newcastle, 6:30 a.m.
Tottenham vs. Fulham, 9 a.m.
West Ham vs. Bournemouth, 9 a.m.
Everton vs. Southampton, 9 a.m.
Leicester vs. Wolverhampton, 9 a.m.
Chelsea vs. Arsenal, 11:30 a.m.

GOLF

PGA TOUR - WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Greensboro, N.C.
Course: Seasidefield CC. Yardage: 7,127.
Par: 70. Purses: \$6 million. Winner: \$1,080,000. TV: Thursday-Friday, 2-5 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, noon-1:45 p.m. (Golf Channel), 2-5 p.m. CBS Sports. Defending champion: Henrik Stenson.

Last week: Brooks Koepka won the PGA Championship. Next week: The Northern Trust. Online: www.pgatour.com

UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION - U.S. AMATEUR

Site: Pebble Beach, Calif.
Course: Pebble Beach G.L. Yardage: 7,075. Par: 71. TV: Wednesday, 4-7 p.m. (FS1); Thursday-Friday, 4-7 p.m. (FS1); Saturday, noon-3 p.m. (FOX); Sunday, 3:30-6:30 p.m. (FOX). Defending champion: Doc Redman. Next year: Pinehurst No. 2. Online: www.usamateur.com

LPGA TOUR - INDY WOMEN IN TECH CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Indianapolis.
Course: Brickyard Cross GC. Yardage: 6,456. Par: 72. Purses: \$2 million. Winner: \$300,000. TV: Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 4-6 p.m. (Golf Channel). Defending champion: Lexi Thompson.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York: Recalled RHP Luis Cessa from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Designated RHP George Kontos for assignment.
Seattle: Placed LHP James Paxton on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Christian Bergman from Tacoma (PCL).
MIDWEST LEAGUE
Quad Cities: Announced INF Alfredo Angarita was transferred to the team from Fresno (PCL). Placed C Ruben Castro on the 7-day DL.
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Cleburne: Traded RHP Jared Mortenson to Kansas City to complete an earlier trade.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Arizona: Re-signed S Hartz Miller.
Waived-injured CB Lou Young III.
Buffalo: Claimed DL Albert Havili off waivers. Signed FB Sam Rogers. Designated DT Marquarius Lewis and FB Zach Olsand on waived/injured list.
Cleveland: Signed DL Blaine Woodson.
Denver: Claimed WR DeAndrew White off waivers from Houston. Signed DL DeQuinton Osborne. Waived-injured WR Corey Brown and DL Paul Boyette.
N.Y.Jets: Placed OT Ben Ijalana on injured reserve. Signed OL Gino Gradkowski.
Oakland: Claimed DT Gabe Wright off

wavers from Miami.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
Los Angeles FC: Loaned D Tristan Blackmon to Phoenix (USL).

COLLEGE

Centenary: Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach David Foley to become the women's basketball coach at Saint Mary's (Minn.).
Chowan: Named Luke Staatsas men's assistant soccer coach.
LSU: Announced graduate QB Justin McMillan and junior QB Lowell Narcisse are leaving the football program.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

MIDWEST LEAGUE						
EASTERN						
	W	L	PCT.	GF	GA	
Bowling Green	31	21	.596	—	—	
Lansing	29	23	.558	2	—	
West Michigan	25	26	.490	5½	—	
Fort Wayne	24	26	.480	6	—	
Great Lakes	24	28	.462	7	—	
South Bend	22	29	.431	8½	—	
Lake County	21	30	.412	9½	—	
Dayton	21	31	.404	10	—	

WESTERN

Peoria	30	19	.612	—	—
Cedar Rapids	31	20	.608	—	—
Quad Cities	29	22	.569	2	—
Beloit	28	22	.560	2½	—
Kane County	26	24	.520	4½	—
Wisconsin	27	25	.519	4½	—
Clinton	24	27	.471	7	—
Burlington	15	34	.306	15	—

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Lake County at Dayton, 6
Bowling Green 6, Great Lakes 0
West Michigan 7, Lansing 6
Burlington 7, Wisconsin 1
Beloit 9, Clinton 1
Kane County 2, Quad Cities, susp.
South Bend at Fort Wayne, p.pd.

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Lake County at Dayton, 6
Bowling Green at Great Lakes, 6
Lansing at West Michigan, 6
South Bend at Fort Wayne, 6
Beloit at Clinton, 6:30
Wisconsin at Burlington, 6:30
Kane County at Quad Cities, 6:35
Peoria at Cedar Rapids, 6:35

FRONTIER LEAGUE

EAST W L PCT. GB
Joliet 45 34 .570 —
Washington 44 35 .557 1
Lake Erie 42 38 .525 3½
Schamburg 39 40 .494 6
Traverse City 35 43 .449 9½
Windy City 34 47 .420 12

WEST

Normal 42 34 .553 —
Southern Illinois 40 38 .513 3
River City 41 40 .506 3½
Florence 40 39 .506 3½
Evansville 39 40 .494 4½
Gateway 34 47 .420 10½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Traverse City 2, Washington 1
Joliet 12, Lake Erie 5
Washington 11, Traverse City 1
Southern Illinois 9, River City 3
Gateway 3, Florence 2
Windy City at Schaumburg, p.pd.
Normal at Evansville, p.pd.

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Windy City at Schaumburg, 12:30
Southern Illinois at River City, 6:35
Normal at Evansville, 6:35
Florence at Gateway, 7
Joliet at Lake Erie, 7
Washington at Traverse City, 7

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

NORTH W L PCT. GB
Gary SouthShore 46 35 .568 —
Fargo-Moorhead 45 36 .556 1
St. Paul 47 37 .560 ½
Winnepeg 36 46 .439 10½
Sioux Falls 34 48 .415 12½
Chicago 33 47 .413 12½

SOUTH

Sioux City 60 21 .714 —
Kansas City 50 31 .617 10
Wichita 50 32 .610 10½
Lincoln 40 41 .494 20
Cleburne 27 54 .333 33
Texas 20 60 .250 39½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

St. Paul 11, Sioux Falls 8
Lincoln 5, Wichita 2
Fargo-Moorhead 5, Kansas City 4
Lincoln 7, Wichita 1
Sioux City 3, Chicago 2
Gary 6, Winnepeg 4
Cleburne 13, Texas 5
Fargo-Moorhead 3, Kansas City 0

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Sioux Falls at St. Paul, 6
Cleburne at Texas, 6
Chicago at Sioux City, 6
Fargo-Moorhead at Kansas City, 6
Lincoln at Wichita, 6

NFL

NFC NORTH						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	42	28
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	10	16
BEARS	0	2	0	.000	43	47

NFC EAST

W L T PCT PF PA
Dallas 0 1 0 .000 21 24
N.Y. Giants 0 1 0 .000 10 20
Washington 0 0 .000 17 26
Philadelphia 0 1 0 .000 14 31

NFC SOUTH

W L T PCT PF PA
Carolina 1 0 0 1.000 28 23
New Orleans 1 0 0 1.000 24 20
Tampa Bay 1 0 0 1.000 26 24
Atlanta 0 1 0 .000 0 17

NFC WEST

W L T PCT PF PA
San Francisco 1 0 0 1.000 24 21
Arizona 1 0 0 1.000 24 17
Seattle 0 1 0 .000 17 19
L.A. Rams 0 1 0 .000 7 33

AFC NORTH

W L T PCT PF PA
Pittsburgh 1 0 0 1.000 31 14
Baltimore 2 0 0 1.000 50 23
Cleveland 1 0 0 1.000 20 10
Cincinnati 1 0 0 1.000 30 27

AFC EAST

W L T PCT PF PA
New England 1 0 0 1.000 26 17
N.Y. Jets 1 0 0 1.000 17 0
Miami 0 1 0 .000 24 26
Buffalo 0 1 0 .000 23 28

AFC SOUTH

W L T PCT PF PA
Houston 1 0 0 1.000 17 10
Indianapolis 1 0 0 1.000 19 17
Jacksonville 0 1 0 .000 20 24
Tennessee 0 1 0 .000 17 31

AFC WEST

W L T PCT PF PA
Oakland 1 0 0 1.000 16 10
Denver 0 1 0 .000 28 42
Kansas City 0 1 0 .000 10 17
L.A. Chargers 0 1 0 .000 17 24

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Philadelphia at New England, 6:30
Buffalo at Cleveland, 6:30
Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 7

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

N.Y. Giants at Detroit, 6
Kansas City at Atlanta, 6:30
Miami at Carolina, 6:30
Buffalo at Cleveland, 6:30
Arizona at New Orleans, 7

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Bears at Denver, 8:05 (FOX-32)
Jacksonville at Minnesota, noon
Oakland at L.A. Rams, 3
Buffalo at Dallas, 6
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 7
San Francisco at Houston, 7
Seattle at L.A. Chargers, 9

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Baltimore at Indianapolis, 7

TENNIS

WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN
A.U.S. Open Series event; R2 at The Lindner Family Tennis Center; Mason, Ohio; hard-court.

BEARS

PRACTICE OBSERVATIONS

Tests for Smith, Trubisky

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The Bears' practice with the Broncos on Wednesday was a refreshing change for everyone, especially coach Matt Nagy. After watching quarterback Mitch Trubisky practice against Vic Fangio's defense for the last month, Nagy was keen on measuring his offense against a Broncos defense that ranked third in the NFL in total yards last season.

"You just go through, day by day, a lot of the same coverages with our defense," Nagy explained. "Now you get something totally different on how maybe they play a specific formation."

That curiosity compelled Nagy to spend most of practice overseeing the offense. Meanwhile, the defense matched up against Broncos quarterback Case Keenum on the adjacent field. The sessions occurred simultaneously, which made for an efficient morning but was difficult for media to fully absorb.

Here are three observations from the padded practice. Keep in mind these are snapshots of a training session in which players are testing new techniques and approaches. They deserve analytical leeway in the pursuit of improvement.

1. Roquan Smith ran fine in his first padded practice as an NFL player. He sprinkled in with the reserves during team drills and usually called the play in the huddle. There were a couple of plays on which Smith ranged from the middle to near the sideline, something we got accustomed to seeing in spring practices.

Beyond that, it's impossible for us to know for sure whether Smith was sound in his assignments. He was asked after practice how often he found himself in the right spot and wrong spot.

"I remember a lot of the defense," he said. "I had my tablet when I was back in Georgia, so I was watching a lot of film and stuff like that. It's not like it's my first time seeing some of the defensive calls."

OK, so that didn't exactly answer the question. On one play in team drills, Smith and safety Deon Bush ran to the flat to cover the same tight end.

On several plays in team drills and seven-on-seven, Smith's ability to change directions was challenged by multiple crossing routes in front of him. For example, a tight end would cross his face going one way, then a running back would cross his face the other way. Smith was agile enough, and he'll play faster and recognize things better as he builds experience. He's behind in that regard.

After one stint on the field, Smith returned to the sideline and sought out inside linebackers coach Glenn Pires. They chatted for a couple of minutes, then Smith talked with veteran Jonathan Anderson.

Said Smith: "You can ask them: 'This play, did you see anything?' Different things like that because we always are looking at each other and seeing what we can do to help each other."

We'll have to follow up with Nagy on Thursday for his assessment of Smith's first practice. Because he was locked in on the offense for most of the morning, he didn't get a good look at Smith.

"We'll go back tonight, we'll watch the tape and see how he did ... mentally," Nagy said. "Did he do the right stuff? And then we'll talk to him — 'How did you feel?' — and see how that went."

"And then we'll see if we can maybe sprinkle in possibly the same, maybe a little bit more (Thursday). But he needs to be honest with us on how he was, and then we'll take the defensive coaches and hear where they thought he's at, all things considered."

Tackling is Smith's specialty. Until he's in a live-tackling situation, it won't be easy to fully gauge his readiness. If he's tackling the ball carrier within 2 yards of the line of scrimmage, it's a good indication he's reading his keys well, his instincts are clicking and he has the closing burst he was known for at Georgia.

2. Mitch Trubisky's accuracy and timing fluctuated, as they have throughout the preseason. In the positive column was a short completion to tight end Trey Burton on which Trubisky was in rhythm. He hit the top of his drop, planted his back foot and got the ball out as precisely as the West Coast offense requires.

In that same series, center Cody Whitehair's shotgun snap was high and to Trubisky's right. But Trubisky reached up with his right hand, caught it one-handed, then reset to throw to his left. He completed the short throw to Allen Robinson.

Later in team drills, Trubisky hit Burton at the right sideline for about 15 yards. The throw required great accuracy at the boundary, and Trubisky put it on Burton perfectly in stride.

There were instances, though, in which the ball got away from Trubisky. For example, a short out route to Anthony Miller that Trubisky threw low and away.

He tried to hit Kevin White from one hashmark to the other side of the field on a comeback route, but the throw was well beyond White's reach. One throw toward the sideline ended up well out of bounds.

Nagy said Trubisky "had a good day." He especially liked Trubisky's performance in seven-on-seven drills (no offensive line traffic) and sensed more room for improvement in 11-on-11.

"The anticipation part is where, in his stage with where he's at right now, being able to do what we call 'card throws' — throw the ball on time, throw it early and trust it — we're trying to practice that right now," Nagy said.

3. Jonathan Bullard is holding on to his first-string right defensive end spot. Smith's debut drew my eyes to the defense's field more than the offense's, and Bullard flashed.

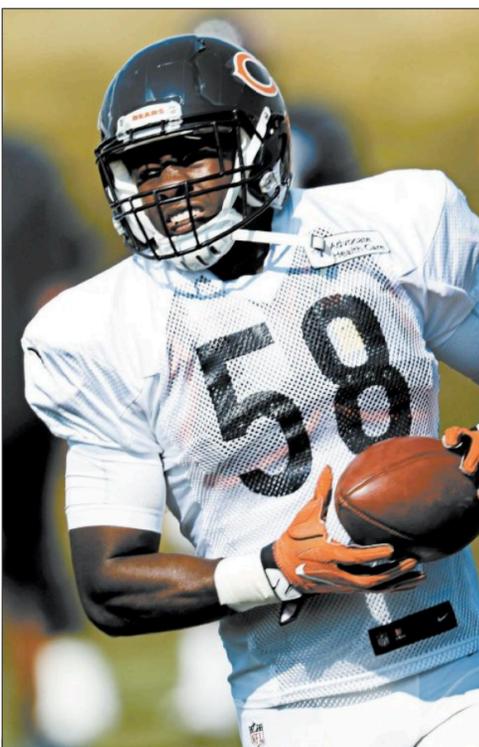
The third-year pro batted down a pass at the line of scrimmage in team drills. In one-on-one pass-rush drills, Bullard got off the ball before Broncos first-string guard Ron Leary could set, and he got both hands into Leary's chest for a successful bull rush. Leary had no answer. On another rep against Leary, Bullard won a hand fight and got on the edge of the block.

Because Akiem Hicks and Eddie Goldman are the two interior linemen in the Bears' nickel group, Bullard has to maximize the chances he gets to rush the passer. He had a sack against the Ravens in the Hall of Fame Game on which he slapped past their second-string right guard and then beat the running back who tried to chip him.

"He's taken his little quick twitch, his get-off, and applied it to his game," defensive line coach Jay Rodgers said recently. "He's one of the smartest guys in the room."

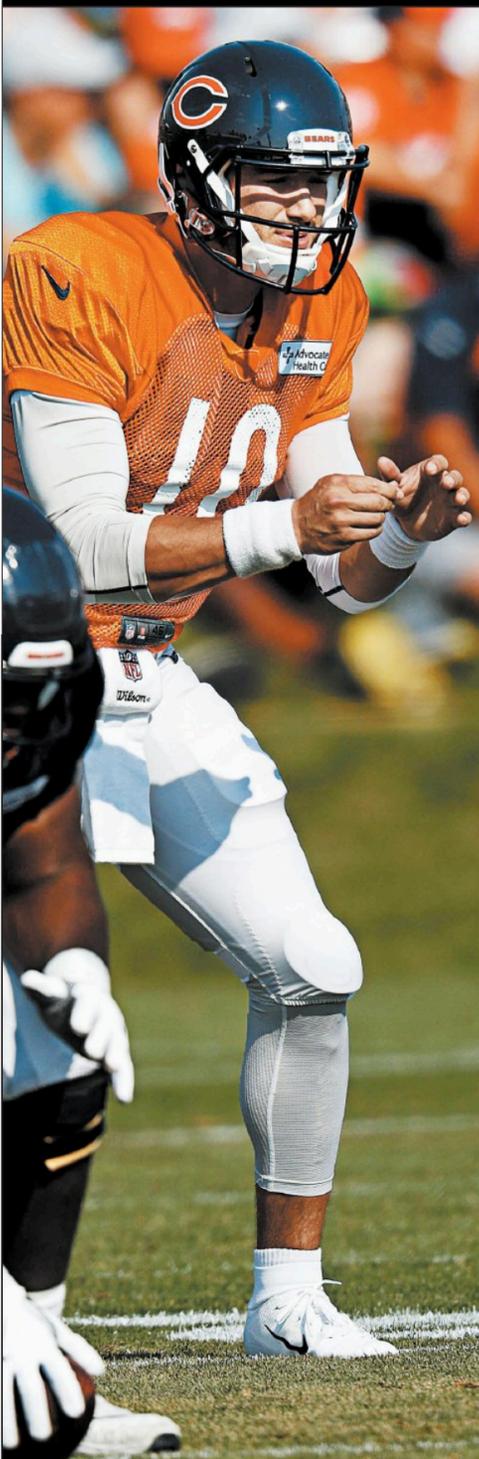
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DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP PHOTOS

Bears first-round draft pick, linebacker Roquan Smith took part in his first padded practice as an NFL player Wednesday.



Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky showed flashes during Wednesday's practice but also struggled at times with accuracy and timing.



Bears third-year defensive end Jonathan Bullard opened some eyes during Wednesday's joint practice with the Broncos.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NOTRE DAME

RB group deep, inexperienced

Redshirt sophomore Jones hoping to step in for Adams, who left for NFL

BY LAMOND POPE | Chicago Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Tony Jones Jr. took a pitch from quarterback Brandon Wimshush during a drill Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

"Looks good, Tony," coach Brian Kelly said as Jones ran past him. "Looks good."

Notre Dame entered camp with questions at running back. Jones is looking to show the answer.

"I'm really excited to show the world what I should have showed them parts of last year," said Jones, a redshirt sophomore who dealt with a high ankle sprain throughout last season.

Running back was a team strength in 2017, but leading rusher Josh Adams (1,430 yards, nine touchdowns) decided to turn pro after his junior season, and the school confirmed in January that Deon McIntosh (368 yards, five touchdowns) and C.J. Holmes (32 yards) were no longer members of the team.

Despite the losses, offensive coordinator Chip Long said the Irish have more depth at the position this season.

"It's still a work in progress, still trying to figure out what they can do and do well and how we're going to utilize all of them," Long said Wednesday.

The 5-foot-11, 220-pound Jones, who rushed for 232 yards and three touchdowns, is among the more experienced backs.

"We want a solid guy to go to and that we can count on in all situations," Kelly said. "Pressure situations, short yardage, catching the ball out of the backfield — we need a guy that we can really hang our hat on in tough times, and he's going to be that guy."

"And then he gets supported with a number of other skill players like (Jafar) Armstrong and Avery (Davis). Obviously, Dexter (Williams) will continue to work and see how that plays out."

Reports surfaced before camp that Williams (360 yards, four touchdowns) could miss some games for disciplinary reasons. When asked at the start of camp about the senior's status for the opener, Kelly said, "We'll see who ends up playing against Michigan, but he's on our football team and I'm really proud of what he's accomplished this summer."

The 6-1, 218-pound Armstrong has been a breakout player in camp. The redshirt freshman is a converted wide receiver.

"Jafar is the closest thing that I've had to Theo Riddick since I've been here," Kelly said. "Tenacious. Can go all day. Runs physical inside and has the skills to catch the ball coming out of the backfield. I'm not ready to put him in that (Riddick) category, but I'm just comparing him (to) the kind of player that he is."

"We haven't had that guy that can bang it up inside with that physicality. C.J. (Proise) was nice, but he's not Jafar. C.J. had great speed. This kid is going to be really good."

Davis, a converted quarterback, has also had highlights.

"For him, the transition was easier because most of it is, you have to want to," running backs coach Autry Denson said. "That kid wants to play football and wants to be at Notre Dame. When we asked him to look at some other things, he embraced it."

Freshmen Jahmir Smith and C'Bo Flemister could also be factors. Denson is excited to see how things develop.

"Going into it, the strategy will be the same: We want to get a lot of guys going," Denson said. "And over the course of the season, the guys dictate how much or when we put them in or pull them back."

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Freshmen figure to make a difference

BY JOEL BOYD | Chicago Tribune

With the new NCAA redshirt rule allowing players to compete in up to four games without losing a season of eligibility, more first-year players than ever will be seeing the field in 2018.

Redshirting was likely never in the cards, however, for this quintet of potential early difference makers, all of whom were five-star prospects and top-25 national recruits.

JT Daniels, USC QB, and Amon-Ra St. Brown, USC WR

While the other two consensus five-star quarterbacks in the Class of 2018 — Clemson's Trevor Lawrence and Georgia's Justin Fields — are stuck behind returning starters, at least to begin the season, Daniels has no such hindrance. The two players he's competing with to succeed Sam Darnold have thrown a total of nine college passes, and Daniels reportedly was sensational in the Trojans' first scrimmage Saturday. Three of his four touchdown passes went to St. Brown, who happens to be Daniels' former high school teammate at Orange County powerhouse Mater Dei. Powerfully built at 6-foot-1, 195 pounds, St. Brown is the younger brother of former Notre Dame wideout Equanimeous St. Brown.

Lorenzo Lingard, Miami RB

The Hurricanes return junior Travis Homer, a second-team All-ACC selection after gaining 1,185 yards from scrimmage last season, but a steady buzz has surrounded Lingard since he enrolled early and went through spring practice. Described by offensive coordinator Thomas Brown as "a slasher, a one-cut downhill-type guy who can make you miss without a lot of wiggling," the 6-foot, 202-pound Lingard was also a Florida state champion in the 110-meter hurdles.

Micah Parsons, Penn State LB

Another early enrollee, Parsons played defensive end in high school, began spring practice at middle linebacker and has been working mostly at outside linebacker in fall camp. Wherever he is on the field, defenses will have to account for the athletic 6-3, 237-pounder, who racked up more than 40 sacks in high school while also starring at running back.

Patrick Surtain Jr., Alabama CB

The son of three-time Dolphins Pro Bowl cornerback Patrick Surtain spurned LSU on signing day for the rival Crimson Tide, and his timing couldn't be better. Alabama lost its entire starting secondary from last season's national champs, and while there's no shortage of blue-chip talent to compete with in Tuscaloosa, it will be hard to keep Surtain off the field. At 6-2, 202 pounds, he has the size and versatility to play corner, nickel or safety, much like departed Thorpe Award winner Minkah Fitzpatrick.

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

After abrupt end to baseball life, heartache kept finding Richard

By HUNTER ATKINS
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The most terrifying pitcher ever to have called the Astrodome home slowly pushes himself up from a couch and lumbers, at 68 years old, into a small room overcrowded with 100 of Houston's homeless and neediest people.

The Houston Chronicle reports they have come off the searing-hot pavement to Lord of the Streets, an Episcopal Church and clinic on Fannin Street, for the free lunch, but first they must fill rows of foldout chairs and listen to uplifting testimonials from others like them. Many in the audience do not know there is a guest speaker until 6-foot-8 J.R. Richard wades through the aisle toward the pulpit.

"I don't have no psychology degree," he says during a private aside, "but sometimes it don't take that."

Career cut short

Thirty-eight summers ago, after the burly right-hander had spent a decade with the Astros striking out 1,493 batters and dominating baseball with an effectively wild 100 mph fastball, Richard collapsed from an on-field stroke. It ended his career and derailed his life.

His millions of dollars earned dwindled by 1994. He was dispossessed and occasionally resigned to sleeping under the Highway 59 overpass on Beechnut Street.

Richard recovered thanks to friends sheltering him, a Major League Baseball pension of \$100,000 that kicked in at 45, a stretch doing ministry and a third marriage.

Usually, his hours reading Scripture at his home near Hobby Airport or days fishing Galveston Bay make for a content retirement. But with a presence that still commands attention in Houston, Richard is interested in establishing a new platform to share his wisdom.

On a recent Tuesday, Lord of the Streets provides him a fruitful opportunity. An ex-convict named Teddy introduces Richard.

"I was homeless," Richard says into a microphone.

A native of rural central Louisiana, he projects a scratchy jazz singer's voice. The mic looks like a tiny ice cream cone in his giant right hand, which could hold eight baseballs at once in his heyday.

Richard's eyes, which used to stare so threateningly at batters they practically guaranteed a strikeout before any pitch was thrown, are warm and inviting between crowd's feet and behind oval lenses.

A long skid of failed investments, jobs and relationships had drained Richard of his baseball fortune. Reckless dietary habits and depression had exacerbated his destitution.

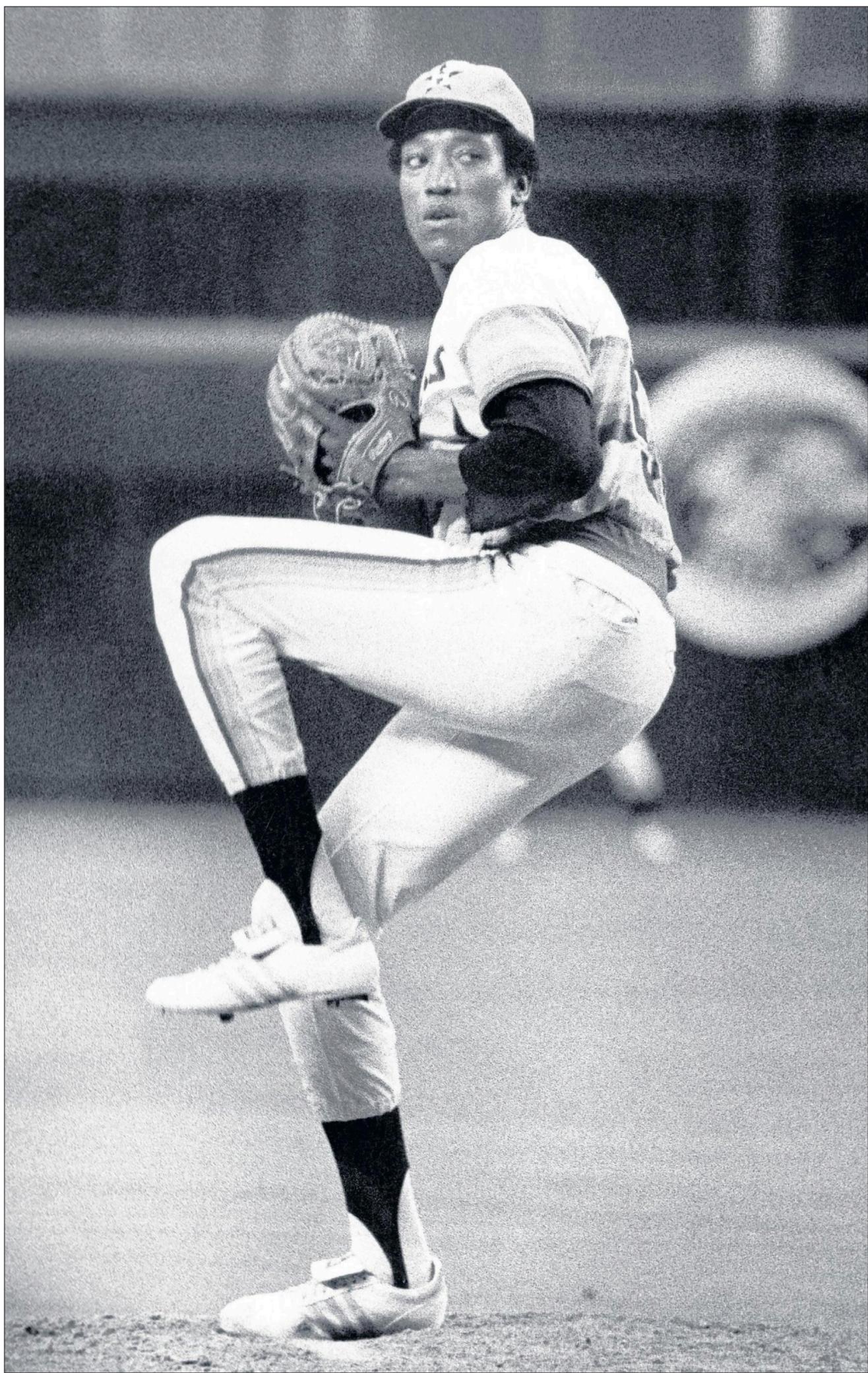
He has seen the world the same way his audience has — full of backstabbers and stingy on second chances — only to discover the consequences of self-pity.

"At a certain point, I had to stop blaming other people," he says. "If you want to sit there and lie in your feces, God will sit with his hands crossed."

Common ground

Richard connects with the room quickly. He secures eye contact with the back row and incites laughter from wall to wall.

"A bunch of winos can sit on the street and drink wine together," he says, "and ain't nobody mad at nobody. You know what I'm saying?"



JOEL DRAUT/AP

J.R. Richard struck out nearly 1,500 batters while pitching for the Astros during the 1970s and was arguably the majors' most feared pitcher at that time.

"At a certain point, I had to stop blaming other people."

— J.R. Richard

He elicits mumbled affirmations of "mhmm," "amen," "yessuh" and "you right" that grow louder and clearer as his testimonial glides into the rhythm of a sermon.

"I want you to love one another," he says. "Love is contagious."

People who often are reluctant to trust, to listen, to heed advice because they have failed while society has moved on without them now are nodding, parroting and yearning for more from Richard. Their peripatetic instincts pause.

Lunchboxes idle in the kitchen. The shelter crowd-turned-congregation is feeding off the lessons being presented from a refreshing voice.

"What I'm telling you right now is something that I had to learn," Richard says.

The temperature in the room rises as the crowd of people stands for a final prayer.

Moments after Richard's talk commences, a teenage volunteer, wearing sanitary gloves and an apron, faints from the heat and blocks the exit. Half the room does not notice the young man lying on the ground while his pupils dilate and his face turns ashen. There is no exodus for lunch because a cluster is waiting for hugs and photos with Richard.

The volunteer recovers, and staff clear the way in time for Richard to lumber

a bit more quickly, this time toward the door to a back parking lot. He says he has to rush to a meeting.

Less than 30 minutes have passed since Richard took over from Teddy, and the show is over.

"To know that he almost died from that stroke and see him here telling his story, that's encouraging," says Samuel Williams, a homeless Army veteran with a big smile who was the loudest supporter in the back row.

Resonating message

Williams, 62, watched Richard in his prime on TV.

"When he threw that ball, the sound it would make when it hit that catcher's glove," Williams says, balling a fist and patting it into his other palm. "Like a gunshot."

Williams says he served in Germany, that he is

disabled and he started sleeping on the streets after his wife died in 2015. He struggles with staying focused.

"That's why I miss my wife," he says. "She was on me."

Richard's message resonates with him.

"We're good at complaining and blaming other people," Williams says. "I know ain't nobody got me in the situation but me. Ain't nobody going to get me out of this situation but me and God. I needed to hear that."

Like Williams, people tend to react glowingly when they see Richard. His charm, humor, spirituality and lovable vibe turn strangers into fans and fans into kids at the ballpark.

It is more difficult to gauge how long Richard's energy lingers when he is gone.

The Rev. Steve Capper, executive director for Lord

of the Streets, expected Richard to be a hit. He had watched Richard inspire a luncheon at the Junior League of Houston, where a woman Richard had not met before approached him, clutched his forearms and, through tears and reddened cheeks, poured out her problems.

Leaning in a doorway separating the line of hungry people from the small dining room, Capper makes a confession.

"We would like to work with (Richard) more," he says with a shrug.

Difficult to work with

Richard has a wobbly history with collaborations.

It is outlined in news reports dating back decades and in "Still Throwing Heat," Richard's 2015 memoir that he wrote to-

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JIM MCNAV/AP

Astros pitcher J.R. Richard receives congratulations from pitching coach Mel Wright during a ceremony in 1980. Richard's career ended abruptly that season after he suffered a stroke.

Richard, from Previous Page

gether with Lew Freedman.

There were the jobs he could not keep after baseball (selling mobile homes, dealing used cars, being on the board of a tire company), the ruinous businesses that Richard said took advantage of him (a mismanaged barbecue restaurant, \$300,000 lost in a bogus California oil venture), the payments he owed but could not cover (a Braeswood home, a pickup truck, 1997 taxes) and the nonprofits he neglected (he missed three appointments in less than a week of work with an anti-drug campaign, and he discovered a kids foundation made in his name was a scam).

In 1987, Richard told the Los Angeles Times he was "getting my retirement together" in order to "live to be a nice, comfortable old man."

Richard divulges in his book that around that same time he "bought a number of Arabian stallions, 10 or 12 of them, and they were kept in Arizona. When I went to check on them, I couldn't find them."

He fractured relationships with former members of his inner circle. He said a \$669,000 divorce settlement with his second wife was the tipping point of his financial downfall.

After benefiting from his longtime agent Tom Reich (also the lawyer who negotiated Richard's out-of-court settlement for, according to Richard, \$1.5 million in a malpractice lawsuit against the Astros over the pitcher's stroke) and early 2000s representative Graden E. Taylor (who drove Richard around and handled his payments), the parties cut ties because the agents considered their client unreliable and Richard denounced them for turning their backs on him.

Since 1995, Doyle Jennings, who owned an asphalt company, has received credit publicly for giving Richard his first job

after he was homeless. Richard recently upended that narrative when he said Jennings "shafted" him by not paying him a 10 percent cut for bringing in new clients.

Richard's malpractice lawsuit for how the Astros mishandled him after his stroke kept up a divide with the organization until the mid-1990s. Richard's former teammates Bob Watson and Jimmy Wynn worked for the club and intervened in Richard's homelessness, but they could not secure him cozy opportunities as an ambassador for the franchise after Richard did not show up for appointments.

Strengthening bonds

Richard repaired his bond with the Astros through FanFest 2004 and since strengthened it as a regular at alumni and autograph appearances. Richard has the privilege of attending whichever games he wants and watching from the members-only, premium-seating Insperity Club. Both he and the Astros described their relationship as good.

But even a healthy arrangement does not deter Richard from being real. Candor is another part of his undeniable appeal.

"It's never been a bad feeling on my part about the Astros," Richard says, days after the Lord of the Streets event. "I forgave them a long time ago."

With his wife, Lula, 65, sitting beside him in the lobby of a hotel near Hobby Airport, Richard goes over the complex dynamics of his past and lays out his hopes for the future.

"God said love everybody, which is not easy because some people are tough," he says with a hearty chuckle. "I forgive, but I haven't forgotten."

Casting shade

Despite preaching about the futility of blaming oth-

"God said love everybody, which is not easy because some people are tough. I forgive, but I haven't forgotten."

— J.R. Richard

ers, Richard still casts shade over team ownership from 1980, Reich and Taylor, Jennings, Watson and Wynn, and the current Astros.

Frequently he says, "But life goes on," to conclude his criticism.

He is a bit bitter, but he is not resentful. He wishes he had been more on top of his business dealings, but he would be grateful if more organizations involved him.

Richard says he asked a current Astros executive if there is a job that could use him for more than his autograph. He wants to work with players or leverage the team brand to do community outreach.

"And he said they're 'not hiring right now,' so I just let that go," Richard says.

Retiring No. 50

But Richard has not given up making the case that the Astros should retire his No. 50.

His key statistics are comparable to or better than those of the five pitchers with their Astros uniforms retired. He won more games for Houston than Nolan Ryan and posted a lower ERA than Mike Scott. And Richard has the cachet of a promising career cut short.

Under Jim Crane's ownership, the Astros have not retired a number and, according to Anita Sehgal, the senior vice president of marketing and communications, they are not currently considering any.

The club inducted Richard into the Walk of Fame on Texas Avenue as part of a 50th-anniversary celebration in 2012, but he wants his presence inside Minute Maid Park to reflect his stature outside it.

He felt more recognized in the vacated Astrodome. For the fun of it, he joined about 25,000 fans there in April for the "Domecoming" party. Wearing a modern Astros hat and an Astrodome shirt, he savored what might be his last look around the place.

Richard does not cite statistics or the malpractice when he explains why retiring his No. 50 is important to him.

"If you love somebody, your actions should show that," he says.

His large fingers anxiously fiddle with the top button of his white short-sleeved collared shirt.

"Even though we give people our number, they just happen not to call," Richard says.

He includes Lord of the Streets in that category.

"It's good," Richard says, "but it's just beginning."

This is a theme in his pursuits. Both sides want to work together, but neither carries out a long-term plan. Richard usually gets hurt or drifts away, embittered just enough to keep from feeling numb to another squandered opportunity.

Good health

Richard says that aside from monitoring his weight and high blood pressure, he is in good health. Damage from the stroke permanently weakened his left side, sapped his stamina and occasionally slurred his speech, but the most lasting harm might have been to his handle on life.

He was the most powerful thrower on Earth. He had not planned to thrive any other way. He was unprepared for failure.

"I did not become homeless because I had a stroke,"

Richard wrote in his book, "but everything that followed from it led me to being homeless."

He rarely embraced the help he needed out of stubbornness, sadness and, in some cases, the sense that he was not wanted. He also felt betrayed.

"I know people that said, 'Whenever you get through playing ball, call me. I'll find something for you to do,'" Richard says. "You call them, and they went out to lunch. And they stay out to lunch. They're still out to lunch. They ain't never come back."

"Even though you treat everybody nice or you say you got a friend, that don't mean you're their best friend. People will screw you, man, and walk away proudly, like everything is OK. I guess it is, so long as they're doing the screwing. But life goes on."

Lula nods. The MLB pension may have saved Richard, but Lula has kept him moving.

They met through church, went out on a date after Richard wrote his phone number in her Bible and have been married since 2010.

Lula retired last year after two careers, one spent at a bank and the other running a school bus service. Only after getting to know Richard did she remember seeing him on a small TV at the bank when he started the 1980 All-Star Game for the National League.

She acts as Richard's assistant. She takes his calls, maintains his schedule. She is what Richard needs to keep focused and what Williams lost to wind up homeless.

"She helped with a lot of stability, in every way," Richard says. "Trust was a big deal for me because I had been hurt a whole bunch of times."

Aspiration

There is more aspiration than certainty surrounding Richard.

The only obligation on his schedule, according to Lula, is a speaking engagement in the fall. Even Lula discusses The Diamond League, a faith-based baseball program that lists her as the director and that Richard envisioned, but does not have a plan for development.

Just when Richard seems incomplete, in search of a purpose or a validation or a reminder of what it felt like to be the most feared and cheered man all at once, there is a sign that the world needs more of him.

"I'm sorry to interrupt," says a stranger, who cannot wait any longer to introduce himself.

"I grew up watching you. I was in Astros Buddies."

Richard invites Philip Topek, 56, a civil engineer waiting in the lobby for a business meeting that he is glad is running late, to sit down.

"Growing up," Topek says, "it was like, 'He had a stroke? What?'"

"I couldn't believe it either," Richard quips.

Richard says very little else, and Topek starts opening up: He used to sneak into the Astrodome to watch Richard's high heat leave razor burn underneath the chins of batters; he tried pitching like Richard as a walk-on reliever at the University of Texas; he threw away college baseball for marijuana and coeds; he never made his father proud of anything he ever did; he got a divorce, has a home in League City and is tired of housing his adult daughter.

Topek, in full transition from stranger to fan to kid, stands up. He imitates Richard's intimidating stance on the mound, with his shoulders back, chest out and hands together in the mitt.

"It's like you were saying, 'Who's next?'" Topek says. "Let me ask you a question," Richard interjects. "Are you a fisherman?"

Topek is red-faced and grinning at the comfortable old man.

"When you want to go?" Topek says.



SARAH BARLOW

Kelsea Ballerini is a young star and reliable hit-maker on the Nashville charts.

Rising stars of country-pop hold on to roots

Ballerini, Young share pleasures, lessons of fame

By ALLISON STEWART
 Chicago Tribune

Country singer Chris Young came up the modern way: He won Season Four of the now-defunct TV singing competition “Nashville Star,” and, after a halting start, has gone on to have 10 No. 1 hits in his own right, including the title track from his latest album, “Losing Sleep.”

Kelsea Ballerini got a record deal when she was a teenager, and the hits (“Peter Pan,” “Yeah Boy”) came right away. In a genre starved for female artists, she is one of the most reliable female hit-makers since Carrie Underwood.

Both artists play in town this weekend (Young headlines RiverEdge Park in Aurora on Friday, and Ballerini opens for Keith Urban at the Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre on Saturday), and both are riding out a good year: Ballerini released her sophomore effort, “Unapologetically,” in November, and she married fellow country singer Morgan Evans in December, and Young is headlining his first arena tour.

In separate phone interviews, Bal-

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Wes Anderson’s “Isle of Dogs” showcases canine-human friendship.

Hollywood in dogged pursuit of canine fare

By GEOFF BOUCHER
 Los Angeles Times

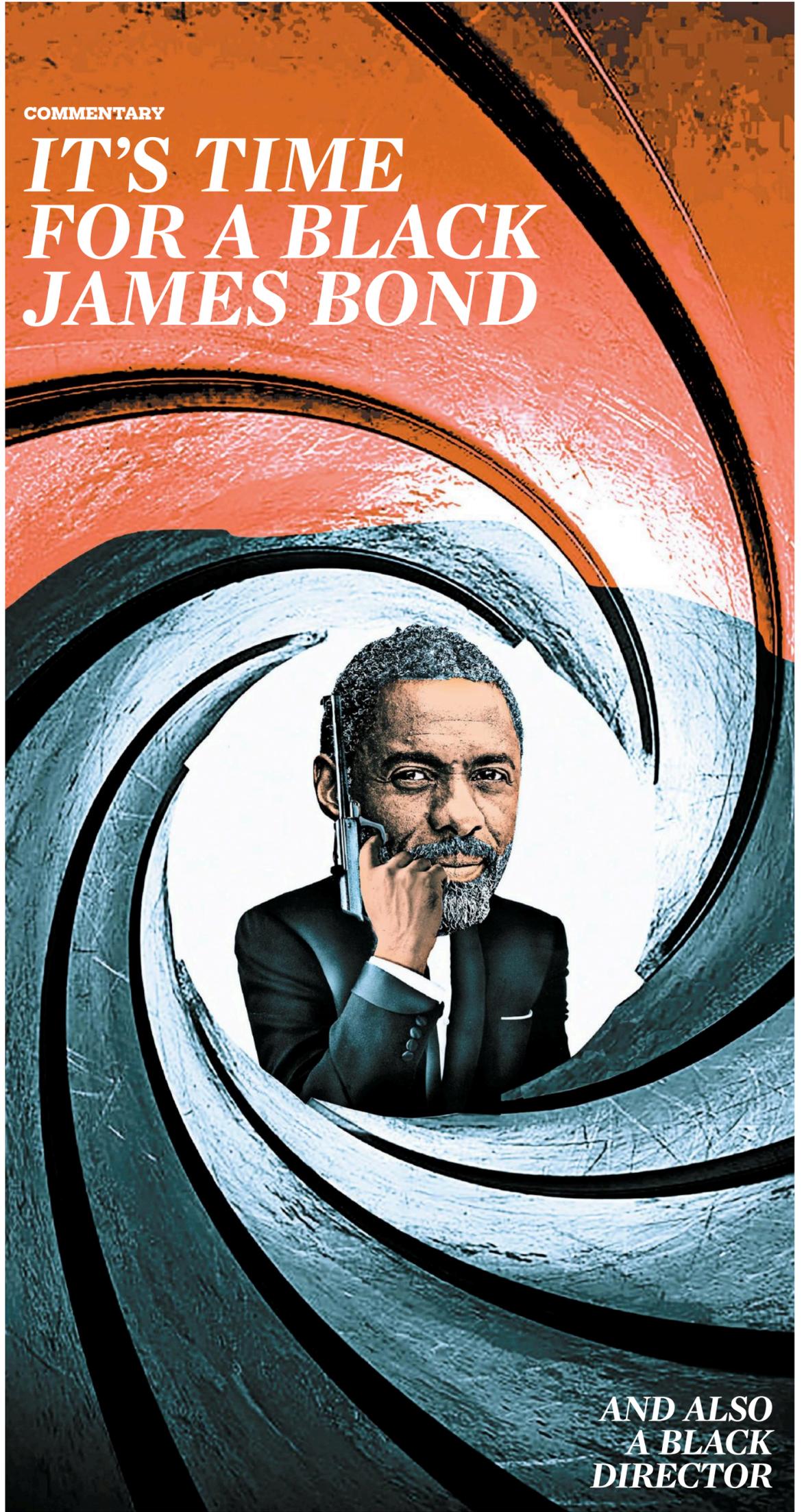
These are the dog days of summer, but in Hollywood, the current infatuation with canine fare has made “pet projects” a year-round pursuit.

There have been a dozen canine-centric feature films released since the start of last year, the most recent being “Dog Days,” an ensemble romance about Californians who bond over their pooches that hit theaters last week. It will be followed on Friday by “Alpha,” a prehistoric adventure that depicts the origins of the man-canine friendship and does so with big-dog ambitions — the Ice Age epic will also be released in the IMAX format.

Those join a pack of pooch movies that also includes “Show Dogs,” “Isle of Dogs,” “Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero,” “Patrick,” “Benji,” “A Dog’s Purpose,” “Megan Leavey,” “Santa Stole Our Dog,” “Life in the Doghouse” and “The Stray.”

It’s a wildly diverse group, from the campy talking-pooch crime comedy of “Show Dogs” (with voice actors Shaquille O’Neal as Karma the toy spaniel and RuPaul as a Mexican hairless named Persephone) to the harrowing, true-life battlefield drama of “Megan

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COMMENTARY

IT’S TIME FOR A BLACK JAMES BOND

AND ALSO A BLACK DIRECTOR

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Idris Elba, the actor most often rumored for the role of James Bond, advises fans not to believe the hype.

By BRUCE FEIRSTEIN | The Washington Post

In a development online that will surprise absolutely no one, an article in the British tabloid the Daily Star last week about a British spy — based on a snippet of repeated conversation, where no one seems to have contacted the primary source for confirmation — has set off an international firestorm.

The British spy in question was not Christopher Steele, creator of the infamous Trump-Russia dossier. Rather, it was James Bond, a fictional character created during the 1950s by English novelist and former spy Ian Fleming.

According to the Star, film director Antoine Fuqua was told by Bond producer Barbara Broccoli that “it is time” for a black actor to star as 007, and that she is certain “it will happen eventually.”

Thus, cue the excitement, the outrage, the arguments and the 280-character tweetstorms about whether a black actor can, or should, play Bond.

Even actor Idris Elba, the candidate most often mentioned for the role, weighed in with a teasing tweet saying, “My name’s Elba, Idris Elba,” and then walked it back a bit with a follow-up: “Don’t believe the hype.”

As someone who was lucky enough to work on the 007 franchise, I can tell you that none of this is new. As far back as

1994, according to Bond film historian John Cork, Entertainment Weekly proposed that the producers cast Eddie Murphy as Bond, to bring in new audiences and revitalize the franchise. (And on the question of a female Bond — which seems to be floated anew every year or so — the first time I heard it proposed was in 1986, from Kathleen Turner, who wanted to play “Jane Bond.”)

That said, is it time for a black James Bond?

Speaking for myself, and not the franchise, I say: Of course. Why not?

Is it really a stretch of anyone’s imagination to think that, right now, in real life, there’s a handsome, suave and altogether lethal black Brit walking around London, or some exotic den of international intrigue, who’s carrying a Walther PPK and works for MI6?

Wouldn’t it be more surprising — and perhaps worrisome — if there weren’t? Arguing against this, traditionalists



FRANCOIS DUHAMEL

Judi Dench, seen here in 2012’s “Skyfall,” started playing the head of MI6 in the 1995 release of “GoldenEye.”

counter that from the very first Bond novel, “Casino Royale” in 1953, Fleming described 007 as a white Englishman, with a Scottish father and a Swiss mother, who went to the ultra-pretty Fettes boarding school after having been kicked out of the even tonier Eton. To which I’d respond: Perhaps you guys haven’t noticed,

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MICHAEL DESMOND/AP

A photographer claimed Liev Schreiber damaged his camera when he tried to take a picture of him in June.

Liev Schreiber denies hitting photographer

Actor Liev Schreiber on Tuesday denied allegations that he attacked a local photographer while he was in suburban New York filming the popular Showtime series "Ray Donovan."

The 50-year-old was hit with a harassment violation after photographer Sherwood Martinelli claimed Schreiber damaged his camera when he tried to photograph him June 7.

Schreiber appeared in a Nyack courthouse on Tuesday with his lawyer to ask a judge to dismiss the charges.

The judge has set a Sept. 20 court date to decide on the dismissal motion.

"I never touched him. I never touched his body with my body," Schreiber told The Journal News as he was walking toward his car outside the courthouse. He admitted being annoyed but wouldn't elaborate. "I have nothing else to say," he said.

Schreiber's lawyer, Jonathan Ripps, said Schreiber is accused of pushing the camera away after its flash went off. Ripps said the allegation "doesn't rise to the level of any law being broken."

Martinelli, who was at the hearing snapping photos, shouted "liar" as the actor got into his car and drove away.

— Associated Press



ANGELA WEISS/GETTY

Aerosmith's Vegas residency: Aerosmith is the latest act to head to Las Vegas to launch a residency. The rock band announced Wednesday that "Aerosmith: Deuces are Wild" would kick off April 6 at the Park Theater. Aerosmith announced 18 shows for April, June and July. Tickets, priced from \$75 to \$750, go on sale Aug. 24.

Pratt discusses Gunn firing: Chris Pratt says "it's not an easy time" as he and the rest of the "Guardians of the Galaxy" cast look to the future of the hit superhero franchise after Disney fired writer-director James Gunn. "We all love James and he's a good friend of ours, but we also really love playing the Guardians of the Galaxy," Pratt told the AP. Gunn was fired last month because of old tweets that recently emerged where he joked about subjects such as pedophilia and rape. He has apologized for the tweets.

Boyz joining Bruno: Cardi B may have backed out of the Bruno Mars tour, but he's found four other acts to hit the road with him. Mars announced Tuesday that Boyz II Men, Charlie Wilson, Ciara and Ella Mai will perform during his upcoming fall concerts on his 24K Magic World Tour. Boyz II Men, who released their debut album in 1991 and launched multiple R&B and pop hits, will help Mars kick off the new shows Sept. 7 in Denver.

Aug. 16 birthdays: TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford is 65. Director James Cameron is 64. Actress Angela Bassett is 60. Singer Madonna is 60. Actor Steve Carell is 56.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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A dad's criminal past worries a mom

Dear Amy: I recently learned that my teenage child has befriended a teen whose father is a convicted criminal. The father is listed on the sex offender database for child pornography and offenses against minors. He also served time for burglary.

I discovered this background when my child received a package in the mail with an out-of-state return address that I didn't recognize and I searched the address.

Apparently, the friend is visiting the father and decided to mail my child a small gift. The friend lives with their mother locally. I have not met the friend or the mother.

I have mixed feelings about this relationship.

Certainly, the actions of the father are not the fault of the child. I do not believe my child is in immediate danger, because the father lives in a different state. However, any connection to this family makes me uncomfortable.

I was direct and truthful with my child about this. I advised caution, but as you know, teenagers are not always sensible. How do you recommend I handle this situation?

— Mama Bear

Dear Mama Bear: You should make every effort to meet this friend and the friend's mother. I wonder about the wisdom of sending a child to stay with a parent who has this sort of criminal record, so you should try to determine if what you have uncovered is true. The teen might not even be aware of some of the things you have uncovered about the father, so speak with the mother.

Once you determine the facts, be frank with your teen, and especially frank about any contact between your teen and this father, online or otherwise. Express an open attitude toward the friendship between the teens, because you are right — none of this is the child's fault. Do not push so hard that your teen is tempted to hide anything or becomes defensive about the friendship.

Dear Amy: As part of a challenging career change, I've been volunteering with a tiny nonprofit that has a great mission but, I've come to learn, is also dysfunctional. It is now on life support. I've stuck around mostly because I'm learning useful skills that I can put on my resume or at least deploy in ways that might benefit me.

Ultimately gave this organization several months' notice, with a promise to tackle whatever it needed me to, within reason. Recently, I agreed to do one last project over the last few months of my tenure — a project designed to take stock of where we are and possibly save us from having to disband. This is also a project I could grow in.

I've been venting to my mother about my misadventures with the organization (especially the founder, who I'm convinced is its main problem), and she thinks the group is so obviously done for that I'm not doing anyone any favors by participating in the project, which of course is a substantial time commitment for me. Mom thinks I should say to the founder, "This is over. All the evi-

dence says it's over. I want to follow through on my commitment, but I think we're delaying the inevitable. Do you want to just call this whole thing off?"

Aside from job-search and resume strategy, what do you think is the most ethical way forward?

— Diligent but Frustrated

Dear Diligent: If the purpose of your final project is to take stock and see if the organization can be saved, then you should fulfill your commitment and honestly present your findings to the founder (and the board, if there is one).

It sounds as if your mother is urging you to pull the plug early to save you from the time commitment and frustration of sinking with the ship, or from seeing your recommendations disregarded.

If you believe your mother's take is correct — that the ship will sink, regardless — then you should be honest with your assessment sooner rather than later. This would give the organization an opportunity to try to change and possibly survive.

Dear Amy: Responding to the question from "Concerned," whose new lady love had an erotic thing for riding tandem on motorcycles — may I suggest he get a back massager for her? Might do the trick.

— Faithful Reader

Dear Faithful: Maybe he should be the back massager.

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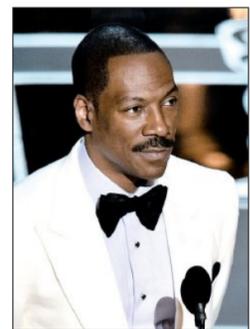
Why not shake (and stir) it up?

Bond, from Page 1

but the films are not locked in the amber of 1953. They've changed and adapted to reflect the times — Daniel Craig's 007 would be lost without his cellphone.

For all the cultural criticism of Bond movies — they're sexist, colonialist, imperialist, etc. — the films have also had their share of progressive moments, including the casting in 1973 ("controversial" at the time) of the black actress Gloria Hendry as Roger Moore's love interest in "Live and Let Die," and introducing Judi Dench — a woman! — as the head of MI6 in the 1995 release of "GoldenEye."

I realize that I have opened the door here to inevitable questions in the age of vengeful social media: Well, what about a gay Bond? What about a transgender Bond? Can a



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As far back as 1994, Entertainment Weekly proposed that the producers cast Eddie Murphy as Bond.

straight actor play a gay Bond? Should a writer who is cisgender, straight and white be writing about any of this? These cross-examinations have started to feel like reeducation-camp interrogations, wherein no matter what you say, no matter what you agree to, it's never enough. Sorry,

but I decline to play.

Would Elba make a great Bond? Absolutely. He's a terrific, charismatic actor. For that matter, what about Fuqua, an African-American, as the director? If the Bond producers wanted to break with the tradition of hiring only British passport holders for the position, the guy behind "Training Day" would be a great choice.

In the meantime, last I checked, Craig's 007 is still on the case, doing an excellent job of fending off the forces of evil hellbent on world domination, and won't be retiring to open a bed-and-breakfast any time before late 2019.

Until then — dare I say it — there's nothing to get all shaken and stirred up about.

Feirstein, a screenwriter and journalist, has written three James Bond films and five 007 video games.

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BOOK REVIEW

'Reservoir Tapes' explores angles in mystery return

McGregor a master at widening scope

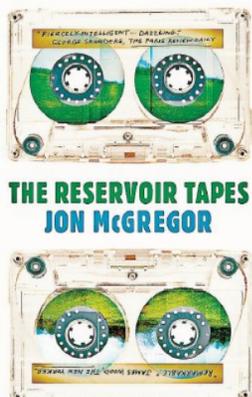
BY CHARLES FINCH
Chicago Tribune

One of the most justly famous passages in literature is the final paragraph of "The Dead" by James Joyce. It's late on a winter evening in Dublin. Gabriel Conroy is by the window, his wife asleep nearby.

He watched sleepily the flakes, silver and dark, falling obliquely against the lamplight. The time had come for him to set out on his journey westward. Yes, the newspapers were right: snow was general all over Ireland. It was falling on every part of the dark central plain, on the treeless hills, on the Bog of Allen and, farther westward, softly falling into the dark mutinous Shannon waves. It was falling, too, upon every part of the lonely churchyard on the hill where Michael Furey lay buried. It lay thickly drifted on the crooked crosses and headstones, on the spears of the little gate, on the barren thorns. His soul swooned slowly as he heard the snow falling faintly through the universe and faintly falling, like the descent of their last end, upon all the living and the dead.

After I finished "Reservoir 13," the strange and stirring novel that the English writer Jon McGregor published last year, I thought of this passage more than once. The book centers on the disappearance of a girl named Rebecca Shaw from a northern town, but it moves on immediately to first the months and then the years that follow, the case lingering unsolved.

In his narrative, McGregor devotes almost equal amounts of time to describing the village's people (a teacher is caught in possession of child pornography; Becky's father lurches down a ravine) and the seasonal progress of its natural world ("In the beech wood the foxes gave birth, earthed down in the dark and wet



'The Reservoir Tapes'

By Jon McGregor, Catapult, 176 pages, \$22

with pain, the blind cubs pressing against their mothers for warmth. The dog foxes went out fetching food. The primroses yellowed up in the woods.")

The effect of McGregor's dispassionate descriptive method is first disconcerting, then uncanny and finally magnificent. His slow, even chapters, often pointedly unhuman — a reservoir sits exactly at the juncture between mankind and nature — come to seem like the snow falling across Joyce's Dublin: a reminder that every moment, no matter how shocking, recesses with equal speed into the indifferent past.

Now, barely a year later, McGregor has published "The Reservoir Tapes." Though it concerns the same events, it is a radically different book. The text of "Reservoir 13" was like a cliff face, unbroken, difficult, sometimes tediously impressive, with seams of dialogue incorporated into its long pages like stripes of shale in



JO WHEELER PHOTO

granite.

Its sequel is more like a play — one of Harold Pinter's memory plays, maybe. Told from 15 perspectives, it consists of quick, often tender fragments. One side of a police officer's interview; a paperboy's frightening encounter with a man who fixes his bike (Could he be a murderer? Could the briefly imprisoned pedophile?); even a scene that proves Becky, sanctified in our minds because she's gone, to be a bully.

As different as the two works are, they share a purpose. This is McGregor's sixth book, and he has shown himself to be engaged most finally and seriously with the idea of community. His first novel, "If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things," floats around a single street like a benevolent drone, and his best one, "Even the Dogs," is an account of a group of drug addicts. In comparison to

that dark tale, "Reservoir 13" might as well be "Akenfield." But the two have in common a fascination with what exactly a small community becomes together over time, its spider web intricacy and delicacy.

This is part of the offhand skill of "The Reservoir Tapes." We're used to stories in which a single fatal moment radiates outward, but McGregor is interested, rather, in the inverse, inspecting how incidental a tragedy can become to the life of a village after its first moments of gossipous tension and excitement. Each of his 15 stories echoes back to Becky Shaw, but often only from a great distance.

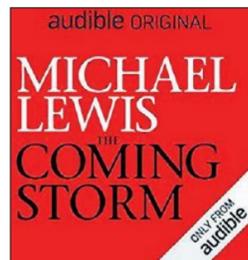
After he wrote "Dubliners," which concludes with "The Dead," Joyce slowly abandoned the immense lyric gift that he displayed in it, in favor of the antic, polyphonic style that even-

tually led him to write "Ulysses."

Hard to question that. But for those readers — I'm one — who like Joyce's early stories best, McGregor may offer the closest contemporary approximation we have to them. Both writers have a gift for the feel of adolescence. Both stand, one from Ireland, the other from northern England, in antipodal unease to London and its monstrous confidence. And both can summon a language that pierces our deepest habitations. Even leaving aside this lofty comparison, though, it's clear that McGregor, working from subtle materials, has become a major writer. "The Reservoir Tapes" is further confirmation of it. Now we wait.

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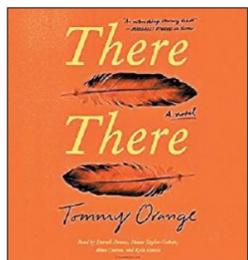
Audiobook roundup



"The Coming Storm" by Michael Lewis, narrated by Lewis, Audible, 2:27

The title of Michael Lewis' latest work, "The Coming Storm," a story about bureaucracy in the hands of the Trump administration, is a metaphor for what may result from this presidency's control of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Lewis, an engaging reader as well as writer, shows what's at stake when the department is led by indifferent or self-interested managers. Commerce has much more to do with data gathering than business, and much of the data involves weather. "Without that data, and the Weather Service that made sense of it," Lewis writes, "no plane would fly, no bridge would be built, and no war would be fought, at least not well."

The story here follows the pattern of Lewis' reporting in Vanity Fair about the Trump administration's bumbling takeovers of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Although the Commerce Department lacks the explosive potential of the DOE, the prediction business and the destructive force of storms, particularly tornadoes, means that bad decisions here have lethal long-range consequences. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross comes across as uninformed and uninterested — and a little dishonest. An- other proposed Trump appointee, Barry Myers, CEO of Accuweather, seems motivated only by naked self-interest at the expense of taxpayers. Altogether, there's a lot of detail to absorb here.

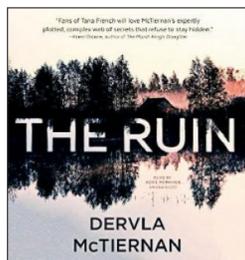


"There There" by Tommy Orange, narrated by Darrell Dennis, Shaun Taylor-Corbett, Alma Cuervo and Kyla Garcia, Random House, 8 hours

Tommy Orange's debut novel, "There There," provides a glimpse into a world that rarely gets attention: urban Native Americans. It deserves an excellent group of actors and experienced narrators to render its story — and it gets one in this production. "We know the sound of the freeway better than we do rivers, the howl of distant trains better than wolf howls, we know the smell of gas and freshly wet concrete and burned rubber better than we do the smell of cedar or sage," Orange writes.

The setting is Oakland, Calif., and Orange spins the stories of a dozen people heading to a powwow. Orvil Red Feather (Shaun Taylor-Corbett) has to learn native dancing in secret using YouTube because the aunt who cares for him has kept him and his two brothers "from doing anything Indian. ... 'Too many risks,' she'd said." His mother, Jacquie Red Feather (Alma Cuervo), who's only just quit drinking, is making her way back to the sons she abandoned years earlier. Dene Oxendene (Darrell Dennis) is filming Indians in Oakland telling their stories. Daniel Gonzales (Taylor-Corbett) figures out how to use a printer to make guns. In setting up this tale, Orange deals with the clichés about Indians, the ugly history, and the ubiquity of Indian images. Fittingly, most of the narrators, like the author, are Native American.

BY JENNI LAIDMAN
Chicago Tribune



"The Ruin" by Dervla McTiernan, narrated by Aoife McMahon, Blackstone, 10:25

If a single-voice narration is going to go wrong, it will be in a scene featuring several speakers. Some narrators avoid any problem by creating distinct voices — think of it as toned-down Mel Blanc. Others rely on voices that differ slightly in pitch or tone. The result is often characters who are difficult to distinguish from one another. So it's notable that Aoife McMahon, who's taken the subtler road, manages multiple characters easily in Dervla McTiernan's debut police procedural, "The Ruin."

Detective Cormac Reilly has returned to Galway, Ireland, from more prestigious detective work in Dublin. His new colleagues treat him with ample resentment, and he's assigned to cases so cold, everyone in the file is dead. Then he's asked to investigate an old overdose case. Twenty years earlier, he was the rookie who handled the call. Wet behind the ears, Reilly was told he was responding to a domestic. Instead he found a dilapidated manor and two skinny children, Jack and his sister, Maude. Upstairs was the corpse of their mother. The cause of death seemed obvious: A syringe with traces of heroin lay beside the body. Twenty years later, the boy from that case has committed suicide, and the sister is insisting that the police have made a mistake.

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BOOK REVIEW

Cogent coming-of-age tale in midst of an apocalypse

BY TRINE TSOUDEROS
Chicago Tribune

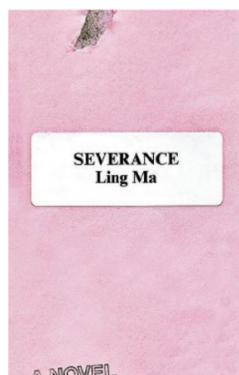
How do you fit a zombie novel inside an immigrant story inside a coming-of-age tale? Ling Ma, an assistant professor of arts at the University of Chicago, accomplished this feat in her gripping and original turducken of a novel, "Severance," which follows a young Chinese-American as she tries to survive in the wake of a pandemic that kills or "zombifies" most of the U.S. population.

The book is set in the near-present post-apocalypse and, through flashbacks, the near-past. The main character is Candace Chen, a millennial Chinese immigrant. Before the apocalypse, Chen was a worker bee at a New York City book production company manufacturing Bibles. Post-apocalypse, she's pulled into a cult made up of survivors heading to the Chicago suburbs. The story alternates between Candace's life before and after the apocalypse, working toward an ending that is genuinely surprising.

Ma manages to make both periods — pre- and post-apocalypse — fascinating and distinct from one another. The sections about Chen's past in New York City are lyrical, vividly detailed and fresh. She breathes new life into the crowded Manhattan-bildungsroman genre by focusing heavily on the Bible manufacturing industry, which takes the 20-something Chen to Hong Kong and the nearby Chinese factory city of Shenzhen and back.

Here's Chen, in a passage about business decisions made for one Bible:

The Daily Grace Bible was an everyday Bible for casual use, but Three



'Severance'

By Ling Ma, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 304 pages, \$26

Crosses Publishing also wanted to imbue the product with a high-value feel of an heirloom. In order to hit the publisher's target cost, substitutions had been made. The cover was made of leather-like polyurethane instead of leather. The book block edges boasted copper-hued spray edge duller compared to the more expensive gold gilding. The ribbon markers were made of sateen instead of silk. ... The Daily Grace Bible sold very well. I'd always felt fond of it, maybe because it was the least ostentatious Bible I'd produced.

Post-disaster, Ma injects menace and violence into Chen's story, as she heads to Chicago with survivors led by a cult figure named Bob. The changes in mood between the lyrical past and the horrific present lend the novel texture and a sense of palpability and suspense. People die. Everyone in the band lives in a state of paranoia and fear of Bob, who carries guns and lectures on the meaning of life.

Underneath this suspenseful zombie story is a deeper one about the immigrant experience and

growing up. In "Severance," Ma seems to be linking the process of becoming an American and the process of becoming an adult, and likening both to a violent severing from the past. Throughout the novel, Chen, who came to America from China as a 6-year-old, looks back at her childhood with deep nostalgia. She dreams about China, and her work trips to China make her feel both Chinese and not Chinese at all. She fantasizes about returning to her birthplace in Fuzhou.

Ma sees this nostalgia as destructive, even deadly. The virus — Shen Fever, it is called in the book — zombifies its victims by destroying their brains with obsessive nostalgia for the past. "Fevered" victims re-enact the same scenes and actions in their homes, madly, until they die or are put out of their misery by Bob and his gang. At one point, one of Bob's band becomes afflicted with Shen Fever after she returns to her childhood home and begins trying on dresses. "I looked at her eyes, upside down. They were open but unfocused. They didn't register me. The pupils didn't move," Chen says, describing her friend.

Chen's challenge is to break free of that nostalgic pull and become an adult who makes her own decisions. Post-apocalypse, she needs to break free of Bob, in particular. She cannot rely on him for her safety, or to tell her what life means. Adulthood, Ma appears to be saying, is about seeing these authority figures for what they are and striking out on your own, even if that means facing the apocalypse alone.

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Plain White T's frontman mulls Chicago for project

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Plain White T's frontman Tom Higgenson wrote "Hey There Delilah" after meeting his dream girl in Chicago, and he told the Tribune it would be "super cool" to film a TV project inspired by the song here.

"I was talking to a buddy of mine just a couple weeks ago. You know, summer in Chicago is just the best. You can't really beat it anywhere else, and we were talking about all those John Hughes movies, like from the '80s, and they're all Chicago," said Higgenson, who grew up in the Lombard area and now lives in Elmhurst.

"'Ferris Bueller's Day Off,' 'Sixteen Candles,' it's like all these movies are set in the suburbs of Chicago. And it's just, there's something magical about that area, so I think it would be really fun to at least be able to set a good chunk of this in Chicago. That'd be cool, pay a little homage to that John Hughes era of movies."

The news broke last week that Higgenson and his collaborators are shopping a concept for TV that would capture the vibe and sentiment of "Delilah." The

Grammy-nominated hit dropped in 2006, and Higgenson said it was a long road to last week's announcement.

The 39-year-old has always wanted to write a movie or a musical, and he was tapped to pen the "BFF" song for the "SpongeBob SquarePants" musical. During that experience, Higgenson connected with Lively McCabe Entertainment Co-President Michael Barra, who brainstormed ideas for the "Delilah" adaptation. Jeremy Desmon ("Pump Up the Volume") is attached to write.

The project is in the "super early" stages, Higgenson said, but "we've got all of the ingredients there." He said the network or outlet that picks up the pitch will get to determine its format — TV movie, miniseries, etc.

He said the lyrics will help form the narrative, which is being described as a "contemporary fairy tale expanding on the story within the song." Higgenson describes how he longs for Chicago-area native Delilah DiCrescenzo while she is in New York City, but the lyrics don't recount their life-changing early 2000s encounter.

Higgenson met his muse while

she was on break from Columbia University. A mutual friend asked Higgenson if he wouldn't mind if DiCrescenzo tagged along with them to a Lucky Boys Confusion show at the House of Blues.

"We go pick up Delilah, and she walks out of her house into the car, and I'm just kind of like, 'Ohmigod' — one of those like the 'world stops' moments. You know, cue the love song playing as she's walking in slow motion," Higgenson said. He said he lightly flirted with DiCrescenzo the rest of the night and told her he had a song about her. Eventually, he did.

Higgenson said he was in touch with DiCrescenzo — a professional-runner-turned-marketing-specialist who attended high school in suburban Burbank — last summer, when they exchanged nostalgic text messages around the 10th anniversary of "Delilah" reaching No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100.

"It's funny because nothing ever really happened between her and I. I ended up taking her to the Grammys as my date, and it was super cool. It was fun, but I don't know how compatible we actually would have been in real life, outside of the fantasy, the fairy tale of the song," said Higgenson,



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who is a single dad to an 8-year-old son. DiCrescenzo did not return a Tribune request for comment.

"I think if she would want to be a part of (the TV project) somehow, that would be cool and that would be fun, but she's not really a creative type, so I don't know if she would even care to have much input," Higgenson said.

The TV pitch comes as Higgenson's band prepares to drop its new album, "Parallel Universe" — which Higgenson

describes as "like Plain White T's with a little bit of a face lift" — on Aug. 24. The T's will perform at Reckless Records in Wicker Park that day as part of a cross-country tour.

Higgenson also recently started his own record label, Humans Were Here. He signed the acoustic pop band Fairview from the Addison area, "so, keeping it west suburbs."

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JOHN SHEARER

Chris Young headlines Friday at RiverEdge Park in Aurora.

From young lions to country-pop hit-makers

Country, from Page 1

lerini and Young talked about their early days, their envelope-pushing forays into country-pop, and the pleasures and weirdness of fame. The following are excerpts from those conversations:

On whether they get nervous still doing live TV

Kelsea Ballerini: I do. There's something different about TV, it's more pressure than a live concert. It lives on forever. It's also a new audience. Tonight we're doing "Seth Meyers." A lot of people probably aren't familiar with me, so it's an introduction.

Chris Young: I'm like, what's the worst thing I can do? I've been singing on a major label almost 13 years, everyone knows I can sing. At this point, if I mess up my own song, they might be more impressed than if I do it right. ... ("Nashville Star") put me in a position where I wasn't afraid to go out and be on anything that was TV-based for a long time.

On their early days

Young: My first album, I didn't have any radio hits at all. Both the singles off the first record — I don't want to say tanked, but they did not do very well. ... The first single off the second record (underperformed). We put out the second single, and it ended up being my first No. 1, but we (first) got an email saying, "Hey, if this song goes negative again next week, it'll wind up falling off the charts." I looked at one of my reps, and I go, "If this doesn't work, I'm probably done, aren't I?" And he goes, "Probably." I'd made the record I wanted to make, and it was either going to work or it wasn't. Everything ended up working out.

Ballerini: I was 19 when I wrote my first record. It was literally the story of what I was going through in my young 20s. I realize that I am who I am now

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because of the experiences that made me write those songs, so I still have a big love for my first record, and all those songs. It brings me back to where everything started. I'll always sing those songs with a lot of appreciation.

On their cautious embrace of pop music

Ballerini: My first single was as pop-country as it gets, "Love Me Like You Mean It," and it worked, and people embraced it. For me as a songwriter, I owe it to my craft to never produce a song a certain way that doesn't fit the song. I'm really open about loving pop and being rooted in country. Luckily, country music has really embraced that. I always see myself staying in that lane.

Young: I would say "Losing Sleep" is probably the most pop-leaning (song I've ever done), but that's only from a production standpoint. My vocal is always going to be super country, and that's probably why I could get away with pushing the envelope a little on that song. There's also stuff on that record that leans more on the traditional side. I'm not doing it intentionally, it's just a song that I wrote.

Ballerini: As long as the lyric is telling a story, and as long as the lyric is strong, I don't care if there's a banjo or a beat drop. It doesn't matter to me.

On what they've learned from the superstars they've opened for

Young: When I was touring with Brad Paisley, he was talking about a part of one of his songs where he got the crowd to do something. I was saying, "I

wouldn't have ever thought to do that," and he goes, "That's what they were already starting to do anyways. I just keyed in on it." He goes, "You can never make a crowd do something they don't want to do, but if they want to do something, and you give them the opportunity, that is such a huge key to making a crowd moment."

Ballerini: Keith's never comfortable. Every single day he's on stage practicing for an hour or two before the doors open. He'll bring his family on the road, and if they're not on the road, he flies to them. ... Finding that (work-life) balance is something that changes as your life changes. Me and Morgan have a two-week rule: We don't go longer than two weeks without seeing each other.

On life near the top of the heap

Young: There's been stuff on this tour that's bigger than any rooms I've done before. We made a conscious decision, "All right, we're going to go into some really big arenas, and we're either gonna half-ass them and they are what they are, or everything goes just right and we sell a whole bunch of tickets." There's been several shows that have been over 10,000 tickets sold, and that's just a whole different level than I've done in the past.

Ballerini: I feel like it's all so new to me. I'm open to all of it. I still get excited when people come up to me and say hi. That will never be annoying to me, I don't think.

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Hollywood goes to the dogs

Dogs, from Page 1

Leavey" (which stars Kate Mara as a Marine corporal deployed in Iraq with her K-9 partner, Rex).

The common link, of course, is the tail-wagging scene-stealers getting all the close-ups.

"I think on some level, we all are suckers for watching dogs do tricks or looking cute — be it on the internet or up on a movie screen," said Ken Marino, director of "Dog Days," which stars Eva Longoria, Vanessa Hudgens, Nina Dobrev and Finn Wolfhard of "Stranger Things."

Marino said "Dog Days" explores how canines reveal the hidden humanity their owners might miss in a place as dauntingly disconnected as Los Angeles.

"The theme of our movie is the way that dogs can connect people to each other. If you put two people in a room alone, they might have trouble breaking the ice. Put a dog in the same room and those people find things in common and, just maybe, they find love or friendship."

If there's a tail end to Hollywood's dog show, it's nowhere in sight. That's both timely and appropriate in 2018 — the Year of the Dog, according to the Chinese zodiac. Upcoming releases include "A Dog's Way Home" in January (a dog treks 400 miles to find its owner, with Ashley Judd starring), "A Dog's Journey" in May (a reincarnated dog gets a new leashed on life) and "The Secret Lives of Pets 2" next June (Patton Oswalt replaces Louis C.K. as the voice of Max in the sequel to the 2016 summer hit).

The sky's the limit for Hollywood's dog ambitions, it seems: Warner Bros. last week confirmed that it's ramping up "Super Pets," an animated feature film chronicling the adventures of Superman's caped canine (Krypto the Superdog), Batman's crime-solving companion (Ace the Bat-Hound), Supergirl's orange tabby (Streaky the Supercat) and other heroic animal companions from the pages of DC Comics. The family-friendly script is being written by Jared Stern, whose credits include "The Lego Batman Movie."

Disney, meanwhile, expects filming to begin later this year on a remake of its 1955 classic "Lady and the Tramp," which will be a hybrid of live action with computer-generated visual effects (in the vein of the 2016 hit "The Jungle Book"). That movie is taking a modern path to the marketplace — instead of opening at theaters, it will be offered exclusively on Disney's streaming service, a high-priority initiative the company will launch late next year.

It sounds like Holly-



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Tone Bell, left, and Nina Dobrev in "Dog Days."

wood is becoming a kennel with cameras, but there's a long cinematic heritage of canine stars jumping through hoops for filmmakers. Rin Tin Tin, a German shepherd rescued from the battlefields of World War I by an American soldier, became an international star in the silent era and made more than two dozen pictures. The 1943 movie "Lassie Come Home" introduced the collie character to the movies. There were more than a half dozen sequels and follow-up films, as well as hit shows on television and radio. Disney's heart-tugging 1957 hit "Old Yeller" has been seen by generations — although the film's 1963 sequel, "Savage Sam," was a commercial runt (and dismissed by the Washington Post reviewer as a "dogged, listless effort.")

"Dog movies seem to come and go in cycles, like so many things in Hollywood," says Mark Forbes, a dog trainer who has worked on dozens of films, including "Alpha," "We Bought a Zoo" and the live-action "101 Dalmatians" in 1996. "Right now, there's definitely a wave of them and a lot of interest in them."

That flurry may represent more than the usual cycle of Tinseltown tastes. Pet obsession is running at an all-time high in the United States, and according to the American Pet Products Assn., Americans spent a record \$69.5 billion on their pets in 2017, a total that's skyrocketed since 2008, when \$43.2 billion was spent.

To Jennifer Nosek, editor of Modern Dog magazine, the statistics show robust growth in the number of first-time pet owners, but the more meaningful measure is the depth of passion shown by those owners, many of whom view themselves as adoptive parents.

"It's not just the number of pet lovers, it's the degree to which pets are increasingly now adored and doted on as family mem-

bers," Nosek said. "That represents the real sea change."

To "Dog Days" director Marino (the owner of two rescue pooches himself), the numbers are interesting but not especially surprising.

"I'm not sure if there's just more dog owners than ever or if they have just decided to own their obsession in a big way," he says. "You can't really throw a dog biscuit in Los Angeles — or anywhere in the country as a whole — without hitting a dog lover."

Marino said the challenge of filming "Dog Days" was capturing the magic moments of pet connection as well as the expected vagaries of working with animals. "No matter how trained a dog is," he said, "they don't understand that they're making a movie."

That challenge was even greater on the set of "Alpha," a tale of survival for a hunter named Keda (Kodi Smit-McPhee) who befriends a wounded wolf, marking the first rapport between man and canine. The film is directed by Albert Hughes ("Menace II Society," "From Hell"), who also conceived its story.

For Forbes, the veteran animal trainer, reading the script "was something special. It still gives me goosebumps." The same, he added, applied to the experience of working with Chuck, a wolf-dog whose lineage tracks back to the 1950s, when the Czech military bred German shepherds with wolves.

"He's got some dog in him, but he is very wolf-like in his look and aloof in a way that dogs aren't," Forbes said. "The experience was unique, and the story of the movie is too. I spend a lot of time thinking about dogs and their psychology, so the idea of going back to the place the friendship started? It was moving for me, and it made me appreciate dogs even more."

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Rachel Bilson and Eddie Cibrian

"Take Two" (9 p.m., ABC): A case immediately becomes more complicated for Eddie and Sam (Eddie Cibrian, Rachel Bilson) in the new episode "Shadows of the Past," as their latest client — who hired them to find his missing wife — becomes a serial killer's latest victim. While investigating both situations, Eddie gets unhappy reminders of the reason he left the Los Angeles Police Department. Aliyah O'Brien and Alice Lee also star.

"The Gong Show" (7 p.m., ABC): Rob Riggle, Ed Helms and Regina Hall form the celebrity judging panel in this new episode, as more off-kilter acts take the stage in pursuit of the top prize — which definitely doesn't match the amounts of the top prizes on most other game shows. Presumably, though, there also are certain bragging rights involved in saying you won on "The Gong Show." (Presumably.) "Tommy Maitland," alias Mike Myers, is the host.

"Supernatural" (7 p.m., CW): Here's something you don't see very often: This show's main characters team with a certain cartoon group in "Scooby-natural," and the title should indicate that the animated gang in question is that from "Scooby-Doo." Sam, Dean and Castiel (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles, Misha Collins) also take cartoon form to join Scooby, Shaggy and the others to probe a mystery that naturally — or supernaturally — involves ghosts.

"Trial & Error" (8 p.m., NBC): Though it appears that Lavinia (Kristin Chenoweth) is in the clear, the murder case isn't over yet in the new episode "A Family Affair." Strong suspicion falls elsewhere, and Josh (Nicholas D'Agosto) and his team seek information to continue their efforts — with Lavinia still serving as a needed resource. Jayma Mays, Sherri Shepherd and Steven Boyer also star.

"Black Lightning" (8 p.m., CW): This addition to The CW's dynasty of DC Comics-inspired superhero shows concluded its first season with "Shadow of Death: The Book of War" — and that title alone indicates that more torment, mental as well as physical, is likely to be in store for the series' central hero (played by Cress Williams).

"Alone" (9:03 p.m., History): In the season finale, "Cold War," the mentally and physically exhausted survivalists still in the competition are forced to stand up to the unsparing onslaught of winter in Mongolia. With their hunger pains gnawing relentlessly and temperatures plummeting to savage new lows, only one contender eventually will hang tough enough to claim the \$500,000 prize.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan visits various sites throughout the country and brings along fan favorite show staffer Jordan Schlansky.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer-songwriter Ariana Grande; actor Nick Kroll; Aerosmith performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Podcast hosts Tommy Vietor, Jon Favreau and Jon Lovett; Constance Wu; Jay Rock performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Don Cheadle; actress Zoë Kravitz; Blood Orange and A\$AP Rocky perform.*

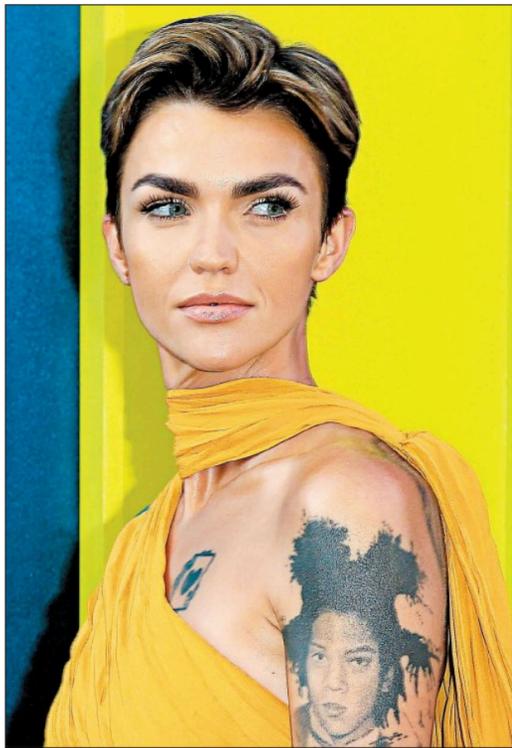
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	NBC 5	Ellen's Game of Games: "Hasta La Vista, Honey!"		Trial & Error (N) ©	Trial & Error (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit ©		NBC 5 News (N) *
	ABC 7	The Gong Show (N) ©		Match Game (N) ©		Take Two: "Shadows of the Past." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) *
	WGN 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N) *
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV 9.3	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy '04 ***				The Winning Season (PG-13)'09 ***		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		The AI Race (N) ©		10 Parks That Changed America ©		Brandi Carlile (N) *
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	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek *
	Bounce 26.5	One on One	One on One	In the Cut	Family Time	Brick Mansions (PG-13)'14 ***		
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	Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©			Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood *
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	AMC	Uncle Buck (PG,'89) ** John Candy, Amy Madigan. © (SAP)				(9:20) The Goonies © *		
	ANIM	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed: "Boating and Busts." (Season Premiere) (N)				(9:01) Northwest Law (N)		Lone Star *
	BBCA	The X-Files: "Kill Switch." The X-Files: "Bad Blood." *				The X-Files: "Patient X." *		X-Files *
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	BIGTEN	Minnesota		B1G Football (N)		B1G Football & Beyond		Football *
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	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
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	NBCSCH	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates. (N)		Postgame		The Loop (N)		The Loop (N)
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	OPX	NCIS: "Family Secret." ©		NCIS: "Ravenous." ©		NCIS: "Bait." ©		NCIS © *
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TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Jennifer & Marissa's Story." ©				Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		My 600-Lb *	
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Ruby Rose leaves Twitter after 'Batwoman' criticism



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Ruby Rose said she's taking a break from Twitter after some backlash about her playing Batwoman.

By MICHAEL CAVNA
The Washington Post

Some corners of Twitter and Instagram are criticizing actors who have been cast to play gay characters on screen — leading one of them to abandon a platform.

Over the weekend, Australian actress Ruby Rose quit Twitter and shut down public commenting on her Instagram account after receiving backlash over her being cast as Batwoman for Greg Berlanti's series of Arrowverse shows on the CW. Part of the furor centered on representation of the DC superhero, who is a lesbian.

Before abandoning Twitter, Rose got in a few final tweets about the negative reaction to her casting.

"Where on Earth did 'Ruby is not a lesbian therefore she can't be Batwoman' come from — has to be the funniest most ridiculous thing I've ever read," tweeted the actress, whose casting was announced last week. "I came

out at 12? And have for the past 5 years had to deal with 'she's too gay' how do y'all flip it like that?"

"I didn't change. I wish we would all support each other and our journeys," added Rose, who recounted last year to NBC's "Today" her experience of coming out as gay at 12 and having identified as gender-fluid.

Arrowverse colleague Stephen Amell, who stars on the CW's "Arrow," was among those who tweeted his support of the former "Orange Is the New Black" actress.

Other online commenters addressed the criticisms that Rose was "not gay enough" because she has identified as gender-fluid, as well as the fact that Rose is not Jewish. In 2006, DC Comics canonically reintroduced Batwoman (aka Kate Kane) to its modern universe as a character who is lesbian and of Jewish descent.

Much of the backlash huddled around the hashtag #RecastBatwoman, with some commenters

wanting to see "Big Legend" actress Ashley Platz get the role.

Rose will debut as Batwoman during the Arrowverse's crossover event — including "Arrow," "The Flash," "Legends of Tomorrow" and "Supergirl" — that's set to begin in December. She will then assume the Bat-mantle as the first LGBT superhero to lead a live-action TV show.

Last week, Rose wrote on Instagram to her nearly 13 million followers: "This is a childhood dream. This is something I would have died to have seen on TV when I was a young member of the LGBT community who never felt represented on TV and felt alone and different." The post has received more than 400,000 likes.

Rose also tweeted that she taking a "break from Twitter to focus all my energy on my next 2 projects." Over the weekend, Rose was widely seen in another Warner Bros. property, "The Meg," which topped the box

office with a \$44 million domestic debut.

"If you need me," Rose tweeted, "I'll be on my Bat phone."

Rose is just the latest celebrity in a geek-world project to quit a social-media platform. "Rick and Morty" creator Dan Harmon recently quit Twitter after a controversy over past content. "Star Wars" actresses Kelly Marie Tran and Daisy Ridley quit Instagram after receiving online backlash.

Rose's controversy was followed by the news that Disney has cast a straight actor, British comedian Jack Whitehall, to play its first major openly gay live-action character, as the Times reported.

Whitehall will star opposite Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt in "Jungle Cruise."

British actor Ethan Harvey reflected the sentiment of some critics when he criticized the casting on Twitter: "If only there were gay actors who could play 'camp' as well as Jack Whitehall."

3 Chicago-area home cooks advance to 'MasterChef' top 10

By TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Warning: Spoilers ahead
Andersonville contestant Emily Hallock continued to impress the "MasterChef" judges on Wednesday's episode as she and fellow Chicago-area cooks Farhan Momin and Julia Danno advanced to the top 10 of the Fox network competition.

The episode began with the 12 home cooks each breaking down a halibut and showing their fish portions to the judges. Most of the contestants struggled during the 20-minute skills challenge. "Farhan, this is a disaster," judge Joe Bastianich told Momin, a Mid-

western University dental student who lives in Downers Grove.

"Julia, look how much fish is left on the carcass there. It's shocking," judge Gordon Ramsay told Danno, who lives in the South Loop.

Hallock and Texas teacher Cesar Cano were the only contenders to shine in the challenge, and they didn't have to cook in the elimination round. "You've nailed it young lady. Great job," Ramsay said. Bastianich said Hallock, a food service research analyst, can add fishmonger to her resume.

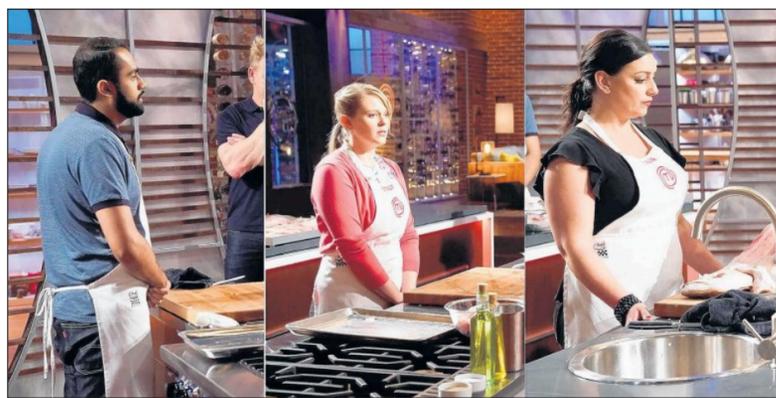
The remaining 10 contestants — including Danno and Momin — had 45 minutes to create a dish high-

lighting halibut. Momin struggled to find the right balance of spice.

"This sauce — all I taste is heat," Bastianich told Momin after he tried his fish stock. "Season it right now properly."

Momin took Bastianich's advice and got rave reviews when he served oven-roasted halibut with herb marinade and cauliflower couscous.

"It's the kind of sauce that is so provocative to your palate because it fires every aspect of your taste buds — sweet, sour, salty, savory," Bastianich said. "The cook on the fish is a triumph. It's flaky, it's light. That is on another level. You are taking your ability



FOX

Chicago-area contestants Farhan Momin, from left, Emily Hallock and Julia Danno compete on Wednesday's episode of "MasterChef."

and sensibility with spice and beginning to understand basic fundamentals of cooking, and that is a one-two punch that will knock out a lot of contenders in this kitchen."

The judges later said that

Momin's dish "really blew us away." Danno's dish and critique were not shown. Texas sales specialist Chelsea Sargent and Las Vegas college student S.J. Yun were sent home for lackluster halibut dishes.

Ten cooks remain on Season 9 of "MasterChef," which airs at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. The winner is slated to receive \$250,000.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Aug. 16): Family and home fill your heart this year. Professional surprises could get profitable. Dedicated attention to health and fitness pays outsized dividends, especially this winter. Envision perfection this summer before you and your partner surmount obstacles for a personal accomplishment. Water your garden with love.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Focus on finances today and tomorrow. Hold your temper. Impulsive actions can backfire. Ignore rumors and gossip. Plot to realize a dream.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Keep extra patience with a partner. Listen to intuition with unexpected plot twists. Wait to see what develops. Clarify miscommunications immediately.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Schedule carefully, as demand for your energy rises. Slow to clarify miscommunications or adapt to surprising news. Anticipate resistance.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Love blossoms as you avoid irritations and silly arguments. Adapt to surprises. Silence can speak volumes. Relax and keep your sense of humor.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Prioritize working out misunderstandings at home. Resolve a conflict before it happens. Household projects take unplanned detours. Expect changes and chaotic moments. Take a gentle approach.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. You're especially brilliant over the next few days. Passions may be in high gear, but look before leaping. Avoid controversy and stomping on someone's sensitivities.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Keep generating money through tomorrow. Resist the temptation to overspend. Get what you need and no more. Financial arguments sprout easily.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Pamper yourself. Try a new look or style. Avoid procrastination, and dive into a personal project. Edit your words carefully. You're creating a buzz.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Enjoy peace for thinking and planning. Words can get twisted; private meditation leads to useful solutions. Stay sensitive to what others want and need.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Keep your cool and word to manage your part of a team effort. Communication breakdowns could cause delays. Patience and diplomacy gets the job done.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Adjust to professional changes. Stay respectful, even when others don't. A challenge leads to higher levels. Ignore gossip. Avoid risky propositions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Find a nice spot to rest and enjoy the scenery. Expect delays or surprises with traffic and transportation. Get lost in your studies.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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Bridge

North-South vulnerable, North deals

North

- ♠ Q9
- ♥ J965
- ♦ J98
- ♣ J872

East

- ♠ J108732
- ♥ 87
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West

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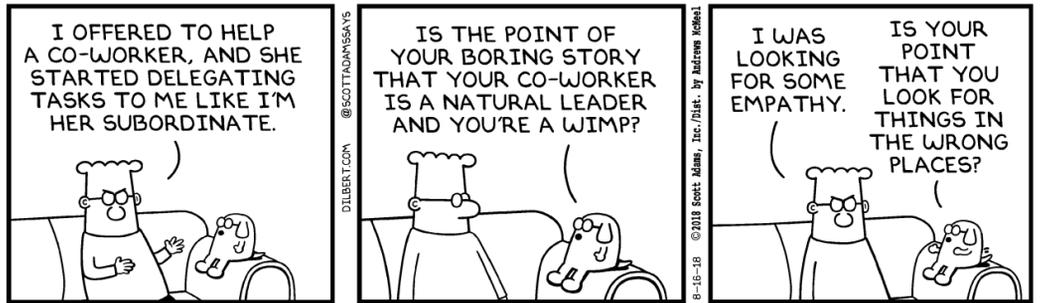
The usual suspects were slugging it out at the club's weekly duplicate when Hard Luck Louie found himself at the helm in this three no trump contract. Louie captured East's king of clubs with his ace at trick one and had to decide which red suit to go after. He decided to play on diamonds and led a low diamond to dummy's eight. East won with the ace and shifted to the jack of spades. Dummy's queen won this trick and Louie realized that he was going to need at least one heart trick to make his contract so he led a heart to his 10. West grabbed his queen, cashed the queen of clubs, and led the 10 of clubs to set up his clubs while he still had the ace of hearts. Good defense and the contract was defeated.

Lucky Larry also declared three no trump with the same opening lead. He also wasn't sure which red suit to attack and he decided to postpone his decision. He played low at trick one and allowed East to hold the trick. Larry won the spade shift in dummy and led a heart to his 10. West won with the queen but couldn't safely lead another club, so he led his last spade. Larry had time to knock out both red aces and easily came to nine tricks. Well done!

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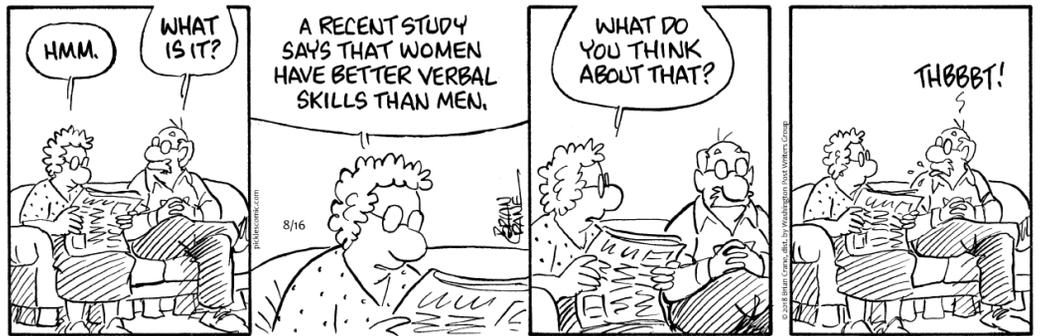
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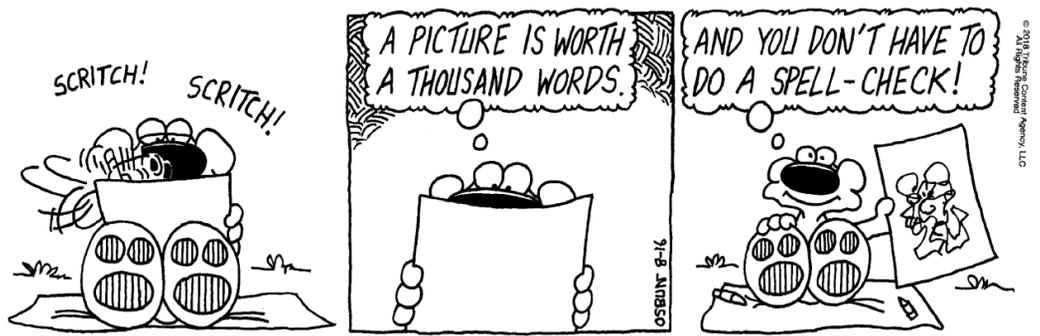
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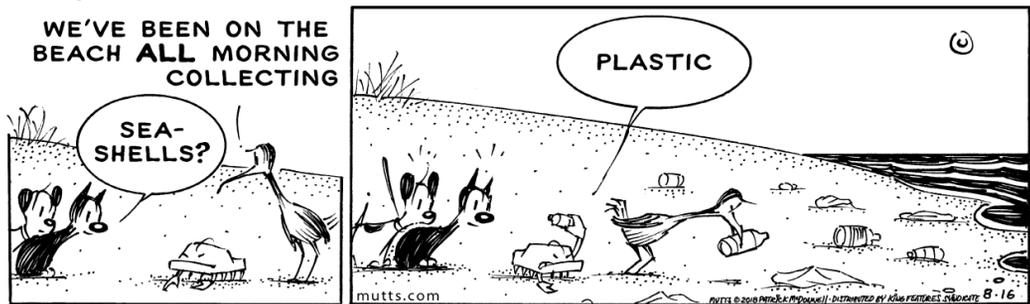
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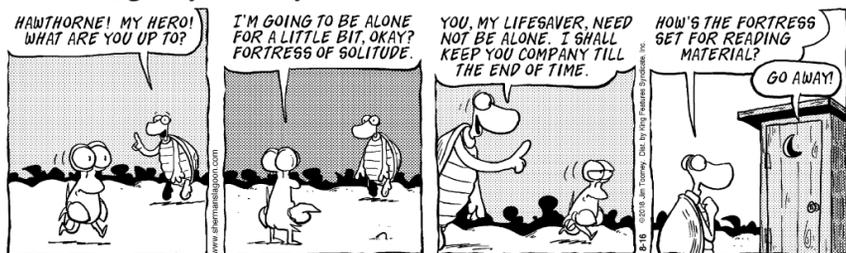
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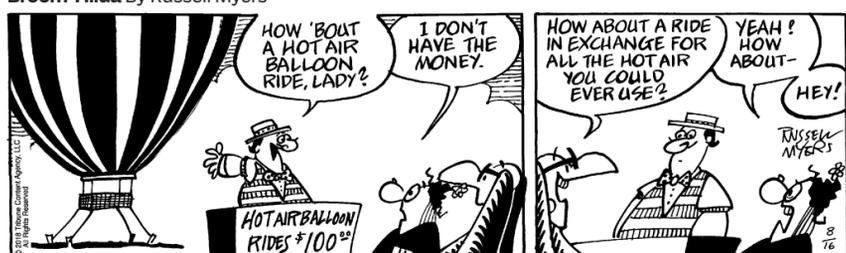
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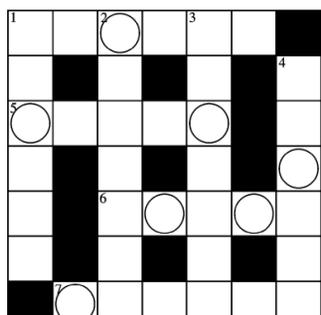
Trivia Bits

What was Babe Ruth's real first name?

- A) Albert
- B) Edward
- C) George
- D) William

Wednesday's answer: In the 17th century, Europeans used logwood from Belize to make red and purple fabric dye.

Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
1. Appeal
 5. Lava
 6. ___ Rouge
 7. ___ engine
- CLUE DOWN**
1. Respect
 2. Readable
 3. Nuclear ___
 4. Wince
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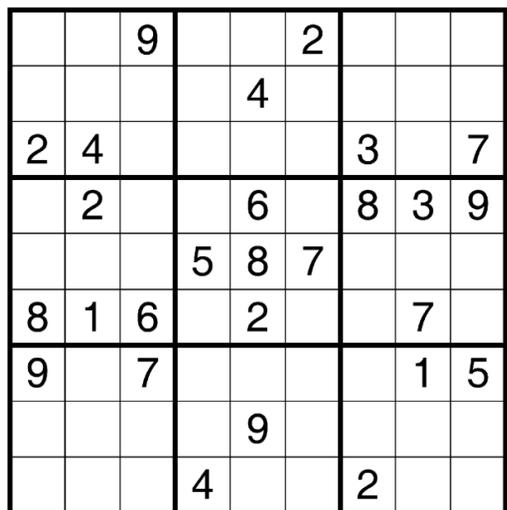
8-16-18 **CLUE:** This is home to about 14 million people.

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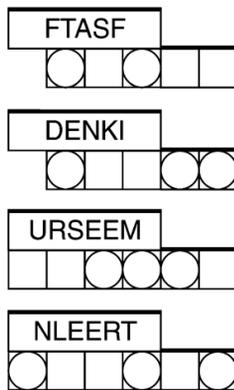
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

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



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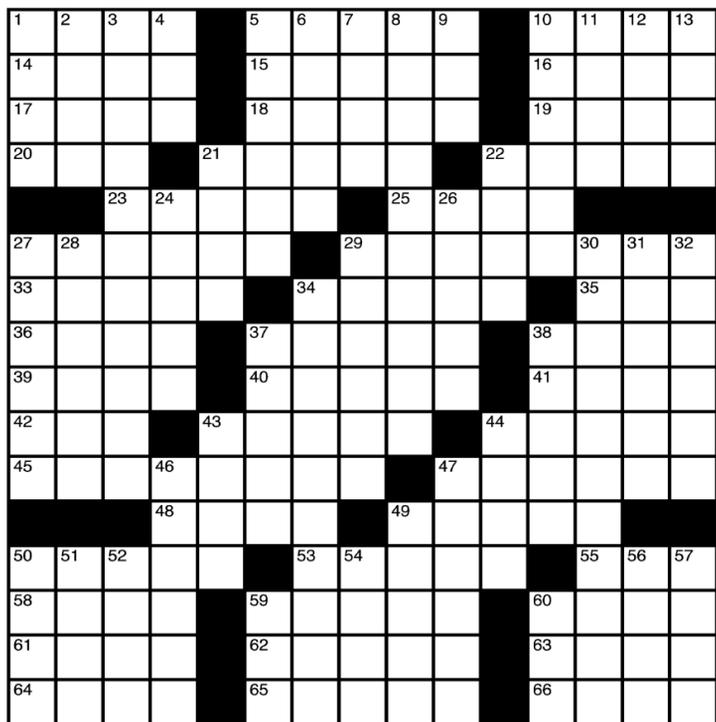
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: CHESS POKER HUGELY INSIST
Answer: The wealthy couple always flew first class and could well afford — SKY-HIGH PRICES

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Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 Set of options
 - 5 Dodge
 - 10 "Sing it, Sam" speaker
 - 14 Gospel singer Andrews
 - 15 Annual Big Apple parade sponsor
 - 16 Darned
 - 17 New Zealand bird
 - 18 ___ Wars: Rome vs. Carthage
 - 19 Tizzy
 - 20 Vogue VIPs
 - 21 ___ wrench
 - 22 With 22-Down, "People's Court" rival
 - 23 KOA campground area
 - 25 Bond film?
 - 27 Ally of "WarGames"
 - 29 "Westworld," e.g.
 - 33 "It's a Wonderful Life" director
 - 34 Juicy fruit
 - 35 Up to, briefly
 - 36 Revlon rival
 - 37 With 40-Across, party supplies found in this puzzle's four corners
 - 38 Beige shade
 - 39 Hard to find
 - 40 See 37-Across
 - 41 Fail to mention
 - 42 Hill builder
 - 43 Cantina toast
 - 44 ___ donna
 - 45 Fundamental measurement
 - 47 ___ exercise: upper arm strengthener
 - 48 The "G" of GTO
 - 49 Apple ___
 - 50 Start of a French oath
 - 53 Norwegian contemporary of Tchaikovsky
 - 55 Bullfight "Bravo!"
 - 58 One-fifth of a limerick
 - 59 Guadalajara gal pal
 - 60 Target Field player
 - 61 Is indebted to
 - 62 Lacked
 - 63 Make (one's way)
 - 64 Skin pics
 - 65 "My take is ..."
 - 66 Circle parts
- Down**
- 1 Karaoke need
 - 2 Novelist Bagnold
 - 3 Bulletins, e.g.
 - 4 "Argo" weapon
 - 5 Use
 - 6 Event for which Kerri Strug is famous
 - 7 Unpopular spots
 - 8 Endangered species
 - 9 PC bailout key
 - 10 Library, cardwise
 - 11 Give for a while
 - 12 Belt
 - 13 Deal preceder
 - 21 "Bridge of Spies" actor
 - 22 See 22-Across
 - 24 Fogg's creator
 - 26 Some aristocrats
 - 27 Egyptian beetle
 - 28 Morro Castle city
 - 29 Threaded fastener
 - 30 Electricity producer, perhaps
 - 31 Dr. Evil's cohort
 - 32 Pub handle
 - 34 Seeing red
 - 37 African title of respect
 - 38 Foe of "moose and squirrel"
 - 43 "You bet"
 - 44 Fussy sort
 - 46 Means of escape
 - 47 International agreement
 - 49 Insurance giant
 - 50 Part of a piggy bank
 - 51 Bygone audio brand
 - 52 Site for techies
 - 54 Empties (of)
 - 56 "The Mod Squad" cop
 - 57 Circle's lack
 - 59 Tuna at a luau
 - 60 Airline once owned by Howard Hughes
- Wednesday's solution**
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HOMES

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Landscape fabric not always best solution for weeds **PAGE 5**

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Blending luxury and comfort

Lush fabrics, mixed patterns and textures,
soothing hues among fall trends **PAGE 4**



TIP of the DAY

Install storm windows:

Storm windows are exterior covers that reduce energy leakage and prevent breaks during high winds. Storm windows come in a variety of options, ranging from single-ply plastic to triple-pane glass. You can also choose between fixed and operable models. Installing storm windows is simple. Place the window inside your exterior frame and screw it into place. Run a bead of latex caulk around the inside of the window to create an airtight seal. Avoid caulking over the weep holes located at the base of the window. Covering these can trap moisture and rot your sill.

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How to reduce kitchen waste

By **KATHERINE ROTH**
Associated Press

Disposables have become a mainstay of many American kitchens — plastic baggies, plastic wrap, paper towels, aluminum foil, plastic straws and more. Reducing or even eliminating them can save you money in addition to cutting down on trash that ends up in landfills.

“It’s easy to be overwhelmed by it all, but little differences really do add up,” says Lauryn Tyrell, food editor at Martha Stewart Living magazine.

“I spend about 75 percent of my time in the test kitchen and so I’m an excellent candidate for creating a ton of kitchen waste. But we’ve learned some tricks to reduce the amount of trash we produce,” she says.

(Remember that in addition to reducing and reusing, recycling is an easy option for many items, including glass, plastic containers, bottles, cans, clean aluminum foil and batteries.)

Find a few kitchen tips from the pros below.

Paper towels

“Keeping paper towel use to a minimum is one of the things Martha Stewart is really serious about,” Tyrell says. Each workspace in the magazine’s test kitchen features cloth tea towels, bar towels (similar to rags) and a roll of select-a-size paper towels, she says. The latter is used sparingly.

Tea towels are great for drying



BEES WRAP

Bees Wrap is an alternative to typical plastic cling wrap.

hands or dishes, or folding up to use as a hot mitt. Bar towels can be used for most messes. Paper towels are reserved for messes like juice from meat or raw egg.

“It helps to have all your towel options in one place, so I’d recommend keeping rags or bar towels near where you keep the paper towels,” Tyrell says. If cloth towels aren’t handy, you probably won’t use them, she advises.

And if you can’t wean yourself off paper towels, there are now several types of reusable ones made of bamboo and other sustainable materials that can be used numerous times before tossing them out, says Brandi Broxson, articles editor at Real Simple magazine.

Cleaner paper towels can be recycled.

Plastic shopping bags

Carry your own canvas or

string tote bags for groceries and other purchases. The key, as with bar towels, is to keep them handy.

“There are so many types of reusable bags out there that there’s really no excuse for bringing home single-use plastic shopping bags anymore,” Tyrell says.

Americans throw away around 100 billion plastic bags a year, she says.

Plastic produce bags

Avoid plastic produce bags by taking along a few lightweight mesh bags — often sold as “multi-use straining bags” — when you head to the grocery store, Tyrell says.

“They’re also great for making nut milks or straining yogurt,” she adds.

To avoid plastic wrapping on meat or fish, try asking the butcher at the grocery store to

wrap it instead in paper, which is biodegradable. Or bring a reusable container to put it in.

Plastic wrap

Both Broxson and Tyrell recommend Bee’s Wrap as an alternative to typical plastic cling wrap. It’s made of fabric coated in a mixture of wax, oil and tree resin, and it sticks to the top of bowls and jars. Like plastic wrap, it conforms to all sorts of shapes. Unlike plastic wrap, it can be washed and reused, and remains sticky for months, Bronson says.

Aluminum foil

“Luckily, unbleached parchment paper works great for baking and roasting, and also for wrapping sandwiches and snacks,” and is biodegradable, Broxson says.

“If you must use aluminum foil, you can wad it up into a ball and reuse it as a scouring sponge for baking dishes to get one more use out of it before throwing it away,” she suggests. Clean aluminum foil can be recycled if it’s free from food residue. And many stores now sell recycled aluminum foil.

Plastic straws and utensils

The test kitchens at Martha Stewart Living have switched from plastic to stainless steel straws, Tyrell says.

“I carry my own titanium fork and spoon, with a nylon connector so they can even be used as tongs. They’re super-lightweight, and kind of cool,” she says. “Way nicer than plastic.”

A water bottle with a bonus Bluetooth trick

By **GREGG ELLMAN**
Tribune News Service

A water bottle is certainly nothing new, nor is a Bluetooth speaker. But combine the two, just as iHome parent company SDI Technologies did with the new Aquio, and you have one innovative product.

The device is well made on both ends. The 16-ounce water bottle is double-walled stainless-steel, designed to keep your beverage hot for 14 hours or cold for 24 hours.

The 5-watt speaker on the

If you feel like talking to your bottle, go right ahead. Use it as a speaker-phone for hands-free calls.

bottom is covered by a black grill with premium woven fabric. Inside is a USB rechargeable battery, good for about six hours of playtime.

The speaker screws off easily so you can hand-wash the bottle. It is cup-holder-friendly and has a carry loop on the airtight cap for attach-

ing it to a backpack or wherever you want.

And if you feel like talking to your bottle, go right ahead. It has digital echo cancellation to use it as a speaker-phone for hands-free calls along with audio caller ID. This ensures you’ll know whom you’re talking to on

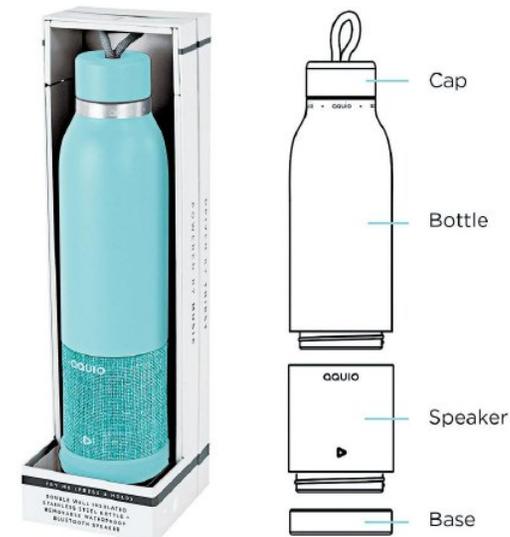
the other end of your bottle conversation.

The Aquio is iP67 rated, which makes it water- and sand-proof.

In a recent news release, Aquio said it’s the first time ever a premium-quality BPA-free water bottle has been designed with a removable high-quality iHome music system.

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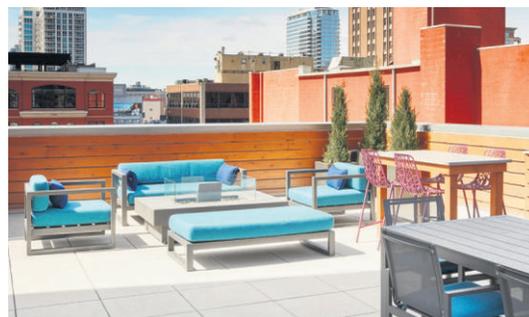


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FALL DECOR FORECAST

Stylish, functional, comfortable

Interior design is trending toward cozy this season

By **KIM COOK**
Associated Press

Unfettered from dated conventions that urged us to pick a decor style and stick to it, more and more designers and retailers this fall are blending decorative elements and playing more loosely with the color wheel.

In some cases, the result is a polished, edited space that still has compelling aspects — unexpected material, furniture or color choices.

In others, the finished room is a study in eclectic exuberance, with singular and often witty hues and style components.

And there's one piece in this design puzzle that fits no matter what the style.

"This fall, we're seeing a shift toward comfort and functionality," says designer Charlotte Dunagan of Coral Gables, Fla. "Clients are looking for beautiful spaces that are also livable and inviting — not only aesthetically captivating, but also extremely comfortable."

John Cialone of Chicago's Tom Stringer Design Partners says clients are savvy to big-picture concerns like energy efficiency and sustainability, but also want designs to address simple things like getting a better night's sleep or improving air circulation through good furniture placement.

"Lush fabrics like velvet and mohair, luxurious armchairs covered in shearing and boucle, and faux fur or cashmere area rugs are some of the trends popping up in design showrooms worldwide," says Dunagan.

"The aim is to create a curated space with pur-



WEST ELM

Designer Rosanna Ceravalo's carved console for West Elm comes in a sophisticated yet playful yellow hue, a color cropping up in many collections this fall.

pose. Interiors are shifting away from stark white, museumlike spaces and incorporating a cozy, sexy feeling. Think herringbone and patchwork, earthy shades and organic shapes."

Art deco has gained ground over the past couple of seasons, and we're seeing pieces across more affordable price ranges. There's channel upholstery, Chanel-style quilting, curvy profiles, polished metals and color combinations like glossy black with white, rich red or soft makeup-y hues.

New pieces for PB Teen include a channel tufted daybed and a glam ceiling fixture swathed in fine chain. At CB2, find Champagne-hued velvet barstools, a shapely velvet sofa and faux-shagreen casegoods. West Elm's got Rosanna Ceravalo's linear, carved media console, in a crisp citron hue.

There's a popular transitional look that never gets too far away; call it Manor House, or, as Pottery Barn is terming it this fall,



CRATE & BARREL

Crate & Barrel's Nagano collection features lightweight cotton and linen voile bedding in a navy and white stitched pattern.

"Chateau." The retailer's launching a collection influenced by European architecture and materials. Wrought-iron and wood furniture in tones of charcoal or dove are paired with easy, weathered-look textiles like Jacquard pillows and linen upholstery.

And while the mid-century modern wave

continues its strong churn, some designers are seeing slight shifts in the current.

"There seems to be a trend away from slavish midcentury modern toward a softer, plusher, more hand-wrought modernist aesthetic," observes Raun Thorp of Tichenor & Thorp Architects in Los Angeles. It's a blending of



PBTEEN/POTTERY BARN

Emily & Meritt's chain-swathed chandelier for PBteen brings vintage style to the ceiling.

the romantic and the machined that she terms "crafted modern."

For decor with an industrial yet refined look, see the finely knurled hardware collections from Buster & Punch or Jonathan Browning's lighting for Restoration Hardware, and Ian K. Fowler's Utilitaire lighting, also for RH.

The newest minimalist looks with a Japanese or Scandinavian vibe feature lots of texture and pattern. Crate & Barrel's Nagano and Kiyomi bedding collections incorporate over-stitching or waffle weaving. Ikat textiles inspired a line of organic quilted cotton blankets and pillows at West Elm. And there are new handcrafted ceramics at these stores, too.

Wallpaper and tile are a quick, impactful way to bring these patterns home. Consider Colli's kicky, masculine Mike tile collection. New Ravenna has Cean Imminger's playful new Subway pattern, with stylized subway cars rendered in ceramic.

Abstracts and geometrics, often with a nod to the 1970s, '80s or '90s, bring modernity and energy into a space. There's contemporary art galore now to grace walls, very affordably. But practice restraint: Trend watchers say the ubiquitous gallery wall may have reached its peak, and simpler displays — open shelving, for example — are poised to trend up.

When it comes to color, yellows both mellow (like mustard) and bright (like citron) are cropping up all over the fall collections.

Recent design shows in New York also featured a lot of green.

"I find myself building rooms with hunter green as my foundation layer, and working chartreuse, moss, olive and even Kelly green into the mix," says California designer Alison Pickart. "Green can be a foundational neutral. Pair it with anything, you'll see it works."

PPG Paints picked Nightwatch, a deep luxurious green, as its 2019 Color of the Year.

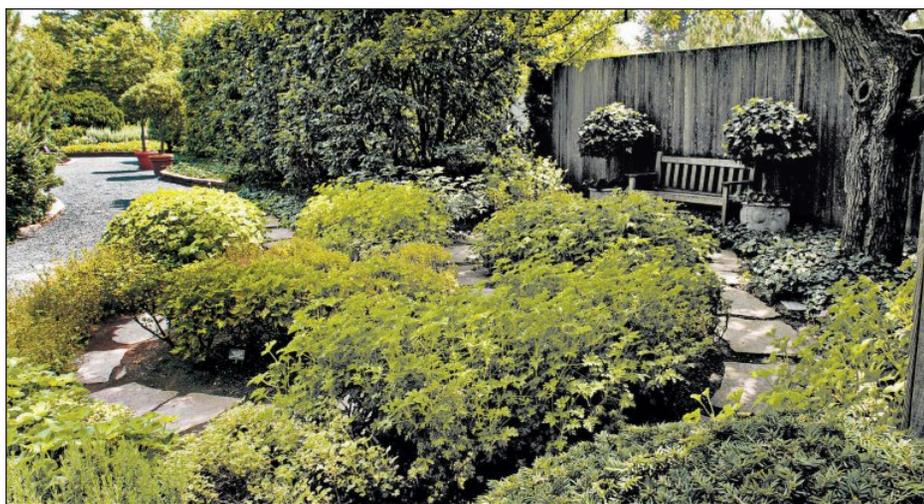
At CB2, there's the new Hoxton leather sofa in olive green and, in collaboration with Brooklyn menswear design shop Hill-Side, a rug with a deconstructed floral pattern in a forest-y palette.

Nicole Alexander of Chicago-based Siren Betty Design is working with dark blues.

"These deep, soothing tones invoke a calm feeling, while still maintaining a presence," she says. Look for more of those mineral blues, blue-blacks and navy.

Alexander is also into another trending, '70s-era hue: "organic and warm" terracotta.

For complementary palettes, check out Dunn-Edwards' Sojourn collection of dense, spicy hues, and Sherwin-Williams' Distance, Moth Wing and Dark Clove.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Landscape fabrics are marketed as an easy solution for weeds in garden beds but ultimately may not be worth it. Weeds have been a big challenge for gardeners this year.

Landscape fabrics may not be best tool to fight weeds

By **TIM JOHNSON**
Chicago Tribune

I have some large beds of trees and shrubs in my garden, and the weeds have been very difficult to keep up with this year. Will installing a weed barrier fabric be worthwhile?

— Sam Goldberg, Woodstock

Weeds have been a particularly big challenge for gardeners to keep up with this year. The rainy spring really got them going, and they still are in many gardens. Gardeners who were not routinely pulling weeds often found their beds overrun with them.

Landscape fabrics are marketed as an easy solution for weeds in garden beds but, in my opinion, the fabrics are not worth using for this purpose. They are sold in rolls of different widths and lengths and are designed to be installed over the surface of the soil and then covered with mulch or gravel. The landscape fabric needs to be permeable to water and air for proper plant growth in the bed. Solid plastic covers should never be used where desirable plants are

growing, as they prevent water and air from penetrating the soil, and plants roots need air and water.

In order to use a weed fabric in your beds, you will first need to remove all the large weeds that would prevent the fabric from lying flat on the ground. Ensure that the ground is relatively smooth, as any clods of soil will create lumps in the fabric and be harder to cover with mulch. You will need to cut the landscape fabric to fit around the existing shrubs and then cut slits in the fabric to accommodate any future plantings. In some situations, you may want to use landscape staples to pin the fabric down to help keep it from folding up and poking through the top layer of mulch.

In the short term, by using the fabric, you should get some weed suppression in your beds. Weeds will poke through any openings you left or created in the fabric, though. Organic matter will build up over time above the landscape fabric and weeds will start to grow above the fabric. These weeds will be easy to pull, but you still will need to weed the bed. The fabric will become visible

and unsightly if the mulch decomposes and is not replenished.

The Chicago Botanic Garden uses weed control fabrics in the production nursery to cover gravel areas and suppress weeds in areas used for container growing. The regular watering that container plants need creates great weed growing conditions, and combined with the difficulty in pulling weeds between the pots, weed control fabrics save a lot of work. They are taken up at the end of the season when the containers are put into winter storage.

I think it is best to continue with hand weeding your bed and skip a landscape fabric. There are pre-emergent herbicides that could be applied to your shrub beds that work by preventing the germination of weed seeds but will not control perennial weeds. These products also need to be used very carefully to avoid damaging desirable plants, thus, I do not use them in my home garden.

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HOME REMEDIES

Maintenance tips to keep your summer stress-free

By **PAUL F. P. POGUE**
Angie's List

Keeping things cool — your water, your food, yourself — is one of the most energy-intensive tasks in your house. Many of your home's systems are working in complete overdrive to provide comfort throughout the hottest months of summer.

If you follow the advice of the experts, you probably had a professional take a look at things and perform tuneups a few months ago. (And if you let that slip your mind in the hubbub of spring, it would be a good idea to have someone check them out now.) But even with twice-yearly checkups to keep your systems humming, things can go wrong as they work nearly constantly throughout the summer. Keep an eye on these maintenance tasks to ensure a comfortable, stress-free summer experience.

Check your plumbing:

People generally associate major plumbing problems with cold weather and broken pipes, but summer provides its own challenges to a plumbing system. Plumbing gets a lot of stress during summer, thanks to more people usually being in the home. Outdoor sprinklers, topping off the pool, kids at home using the toilet more often and multiple showers on sweaty days all take their toll.

In particular, hoses and connections tend to be the biggest problem areas. Inspect your hoses and valves to ensure a tight fit and to make sure valves are working. Washing machine hoses are one of the weakest links in the plumbing system. They can contribute to summer interior flooding, so pay



DREAMSTIME

Remember to inspect your washing machine hose to ensure a tight fit and prevent summer interior flooding.

particular attention to them.

Summer is also an excellent time to drain and inspect your water heater, precisely because it's not being used as much. Have a professional check the anode rods and heating elements and take a look at the gas burner.

When you go on vacation, consider turning your system off entirely with your master water shut-off switch. (And if you don't know where that is, ask your plumber to show you. That's a vital piece of homeowner knowledge!) Plumbing systems aren't designed to handle pressure for extended periods of time, and when toilets aren't flushed and faucets aren't turned, that builds up pressure.

By the way, don't forget to keep your trash cans near the toilets regularly emptied and easily accessible. Kids and home visitors have a habit of tossing stuff they shouldn't into the toilet when they don't have an obvious place to get rid of

it, and anything besides toilet paper and bodily waste can block up the system in a hurry.

Listen to your appliances: Check your air filters in accordance with manufacturer recommendations, and replace them as needed. Many HVAC filters fill up faster in summer than any other time, so consider checking them more often — as much as once or twice a month. A visual inspection takes only a moment and could save you several weeks of your system working overtime.

As with your car, don't ignore strange noises or evidence of problems; they never go away on their own. Contact a professional to investigate unusual sounds or warning signs.

You may give little thought to your refrigerator coils, but they play a vital role in keeping your fridge running and your food cool. Check and clean your coils using a vacuum and a rag. Just getting rid of that grime buildup can work wonders.

Attention to detail key to installing a prehung door

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: Oh, do I need your help, Tim. I purchased a prehung interior door and now need to install it. I thought it would be easy to do, but I've discovered it does seem to take some skill and magic. What can you share with me to get me out of this pickle?

A: Admit it. How many times have you jumped into a job and started to flounder? It happened to me countless times early in my building career, but I enjoyed challenging myself. You may only have the weekend to get something done, though, and challenges can quickly transform into disasters.

There are lots of steps to installing a prehung door. It's important to realize the rough opening needs to be about 1/2 inch to 1 inch wider than the outer width of the door frame. You need this wiggle room to install wedge-shaped shims.

The goal is to have a consistent gap between the door and the door frame. This gap is usually one-eighth of an inch. The hardest part for most rookies is getting the gap along the top of the door to be the same. One or both of the side jambs usually need to be cut off to get the top gap perfect.

Be sure to install the shims behind the door hinges. The most important step after the door is in-

stalled is to install a 2.5-inch, or 3-inch, screw in one of the screw holes of the top hinge. This screw needs to penetrate through the door jamb and embed itself into the rough lumber of the wall. This screw ensures the door will not droop over time, causing it to rub against the jamb.

I have great detailed step-by-step tips and videos for installing a prehung door at go.askthebuilder.com/installprehungdoor.

Q: What can you share about installing fence posts? My online research has me more confused than ever. Quite a few websites talk about putting concrete around each fence post. Is this a good idea? Are there other options? How deep should fence posts be? I don't want to waste time or money.

A: Have you run into lots of conflicting information at various websites? I know I have. The reason this happens, I feel, is because the barrier to publishing your opinion is now lower than a limbo stick for ants.

Before the internet, book and magazine publishers would do a good vetting process to see if the author was an authority. Now that vetting job is on your shoulders, and most are not willing to see if the online material has been created by someone who has done the job for years in a professional capacity.

In my opinion, the advice offered by those promoting concrete is ill-advised. I prefer to look at the way ranchers and farmers install fence posts as my north star. If they do use concrete, it's often only at corner posts and around gate posts in a fence line.

If you have strong soil, the compacted soil will do a remarkable job of supporting a fence post. As you install the soil around the post, just add 4 inches of soil at a time and compact it using a two-by-four as a tamping tool.

You can use crushed gravel around fence posts too. It's important to realize the gravel should have an assortment of sizes, including fines. Fines are sand-sized crushed rock and the resulting dust from the crushing process. This fine material helps interlock the larger pieces of angular gravel with one another.

Crushed gravel, once it's compacted and damp, is nearly as strong as concrete. The advantage over concrete is that if you have to remove the fence post, you can remove the gravel with far less effort than if you had to break apart the concrete around a fence post.

The depth of fence posts is important. Shallow fence posts create a fence that tips over with ease. If you live in a windy area, your fence could blow over.

I've had the best luck installing fence posts about 2 feet deep. This works well



TIM CARTER/TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

Installing a prehung door is not too hard, but it requires paying attention to detail.

for a standard 4- to 6-foot tall fence. If you plan to have a tall fence over 6 feet, then you might want to have your post extend 30 inches below the surface.

Be sure to call 811 if you

intend to dig fence post holes. There might be all sorts of underground utilities in your yard, and the last thing you want to do is cut a power or communications cable. Puncturing a

gas or water line might also ruin your day.

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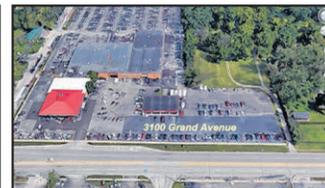
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Jumbo mortgages exceed the loan dollar amount limits put in place by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. Jumbo lenders usually have stricter underwriting guidelines.

What is a jumbo mortgage, and when do you need one?

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Home prices have shot up in some areas of the U.S. to the point where buyers need jumbo loans to finance them. In mortgage speak, jumbo refers to loans that exceed the limits set by the government-sponsored enterprises that buy most home loans and package them for investors.

Jumbo mortgages, or jumbo loans, are those that exceed the dollar amount loan-servicing limits put in place by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. This makes them nonconforming loans.

As of 2018, these limits are \$453,100 in all areas except for Alaska, Guam, Hawaii and the U.S. Virgin Islands, where the limit is \$679,650. The conforming limit is higher in counties with higher home prices, so be sure to check your area's loan limits.

The maximum loan amount varies by lender. Borrowers can get fixed- or adjustable-rate jumbo mortgages with various term options. The mortgages can be used for primary homes, as well as for investment properties and vacation homes.

Jumbo lenders usually have stricter underwriting guidelines. The main reason for this is that they're not backed by Fannie or Freddie, so they're riskier loans. On the flip side, lenders have more to gain since the dollar value is higher and they can offer additional services to these wealthier customers.

The three common hurdles borrowers must clear to get jumbo-loan approval are larger income, higher credit scores and greater reserves, says Robert Cohan, president of Carlyle Financial based in San Francisco.

"To consider a jumbo loan the FICO scores have to be higher. The average is around 740, although I have seen some as low as 660," Cohan says.

Borrowers whose scores fall beneath the normal requirements usually have to offset it with a low debt-to-income ratio.

"If you're high-leveraged and you have a low credit score it's going to be hard to get a jumbo loan," Cohan says.

Borrowers should be prepared to show enough reserves, or assets, to cover between six and 12 months' worth of mortgage

payments. The down payment on jumbo loans are, on average, between 10 and 20 percent.

"Anything lower than a 10 percent down payment and you're probably going to pay for it in higher rates," Cohan says.

The main benefit for borrowers is that a jumbo mortgage allows them to go outside of Fannie and Freddie limitations. You can still get a competitive interest rate and finance the home of your choice without being restricted by the dollar limit on conforming mortgages.

The rates on jumbo mortgages fluctuate and may be higher or lower than the conforming mortgage rate. Recently, a 30-year jumbo rate was 4.62 percent, 8 basis points lower than a conventional 30-year fixed rate of 4.71 percent.

Jumbo loans are a convenient way to finance property. Instead of getting two conforming loans to finance a home, the jumbo option eliminates that need. Some borrowers prefer to finance more of the home's cost rather than tying up cash, making the jumbo mortgages a potentially helpful financial tool.

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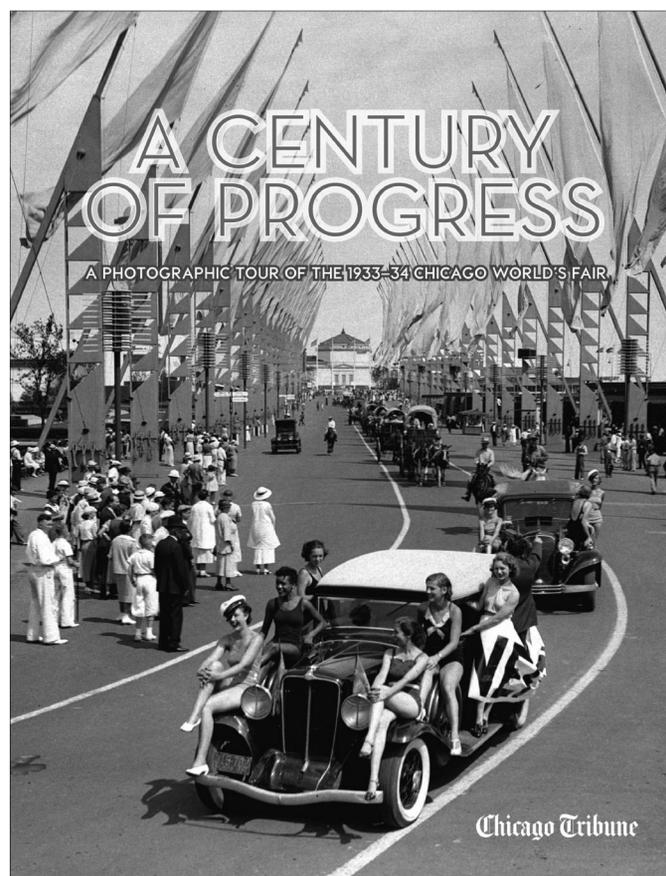
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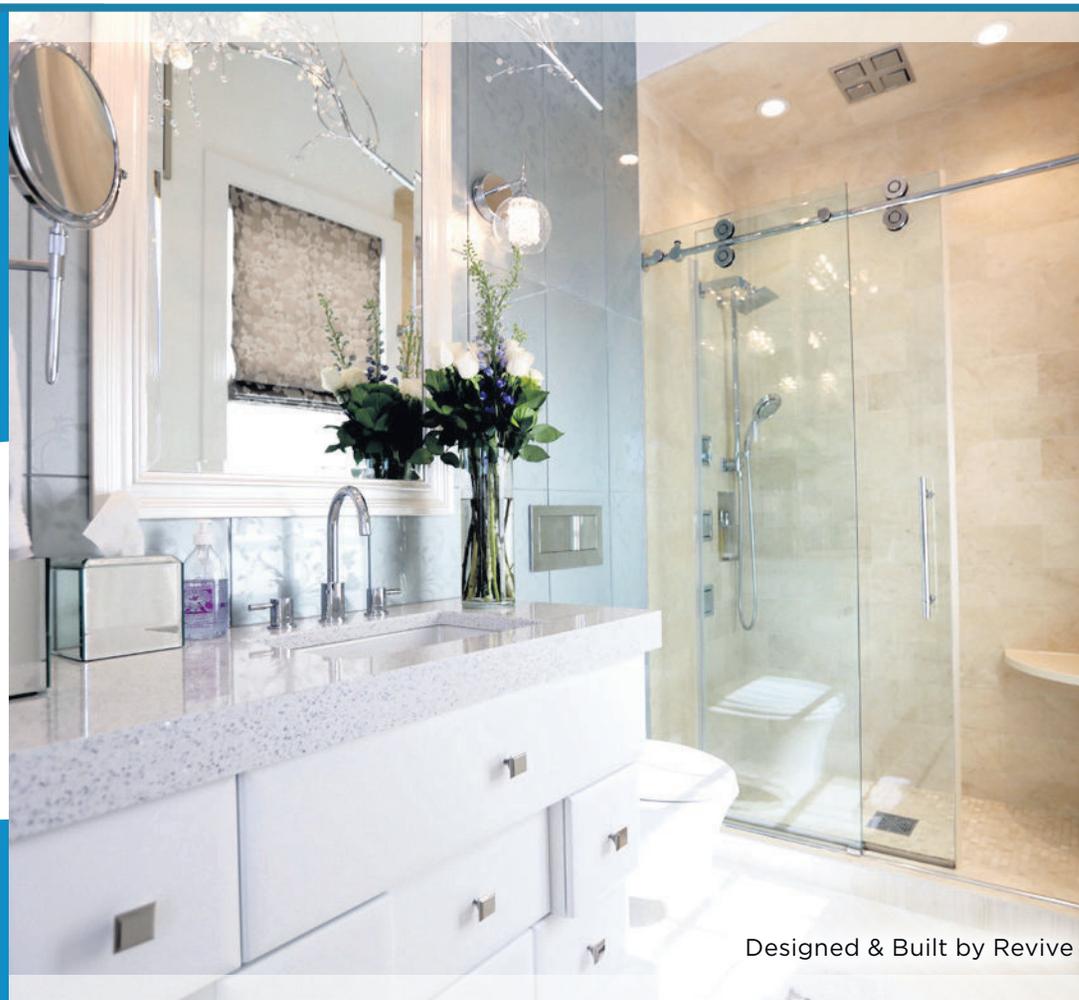
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