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Flawed lead report put kids in worse danger

7 years later, study shows East Chicago children exposed to more toxic material

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

Chicago Tribune

After federal officials assessed potential health hazards in East Chicago seven years ago, they declared young children could play safely in neighborhoods built on or near former industrial sites contaminated with brain-damaging lead.

Now the same government agency confirms it woefully misled parents and city officials.

Kids living in two of the contaminated neighborhoods actually were nearly three times more likely to suffer lead poisoning

during the past decade than if they lived in other parts of the heavily industrialized northwest Indiana city, according to a report unveiled last week by an arm of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Written in dry, bureaucratic language, the mea culpa is the latest acknowledgement that federal and state officials repeatedly failed to protect residents in the low-income, predominantly Hispanic and African-American city, despite more than three decades of warnings about toxic pollution left by the USS Lead smelter and other abandoned factories.

The new report comes as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency oversees the excavation of contaminated soil from dozens of East Chicago yards, a project delayed in part because the CDC branch — the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry — advised the EPA in 2011 that “breathing the air, drinking tap water or playing in soil in neighborhoods near the USS Lead Site is not expected to harm people’s health.”

Many current and former residents are angry the hazards weren’t identified and removed years ago. Some had no idea they were



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In 2016, East Chicago’s mayor ordered the evacuation of the West Calumet Housing Complex, which was built on toxic land.

living on toxic land until East Chicago’s mayor ordered the 2016 evacuation of the former West Calumet Housing Complex, built on the grounds of another lead smelter.

“Nobody ever told us about the lead,” said Akeesha Daniels, a lifelong city resident who moved into the taxpayer-funded complex

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FLIGHTSEEING

Spectators watch as the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform during the Chicago Air and Water Show at North Avenue Beach on Sunday.

Red tape delays closure for family

Body of Vernon Hills father awaits autopsy in Puerto Rico morgue

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

Chicago Tribune

Rodney Vincent, a successful consultant and married father of two sons, was supposed to spend two weeks this summer on a vacation in Puerto Rico, thousands of miles from his home in north suburban Vernon Hills.

But several days into his trip, the 48-year-old's phone went dead, worrying his family and friends.

In the weeks that followed, family members learned the worst — that Vincent had been killed, possibly when a car hit him, though many details about his death remain unclear. Police have not released information on Vincent's death and would not discuss the case.

The tragedy, though, has been compounded for Vincent's family as they struggle to bring his body home. It has been languishing in a morgue in San Juan since June 24, caught in a backlog of



TRACY VINCENT CHAMBERS

Rodney Vincent, 48, of Vernon Hills, died while on a vacation in Puerto Rico in June.

autopsies that has grown since Hurricane Maria battered the island 11 months ago.

“It’s horrible,” said his wife, Esther Vincent. “All this time, the body has been decomposing there. I wanted the kids to see him one last time.”

Karixia Ortiz Serrano, a spokeswoman for the island’s Department of Public Safety, said forensic pathologists are investigating Vincent’s death. She declined to comment on a backlog of autopsies at the San Juan morgue, which has been reported by various news outlets this summer.

In June, a group of Puerto Rican lawmakers tried to conduct a surprise inspection of the San Juan morgue in response to allegations of understaffing, bad

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Aldermen considering cap on ride-share vehicles



MARY WISNIEWSKI

Getting Around

Two Chicago aldermen are considering capping the number of ride-share vehicles for services such as Uber and Lyft.

“Something has to give, because congestion is ridiculous,” said Ald. Anthony Beale, 9th, who along with Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, is discussing a proposal to cap ride-share vehicles and get better pay for drivers. The Economic Policy Institute found that the average ride-share driver makes \$9.21 an hour, less than Chicago’s minimum wage.

The number of ride-share vehicles in Chicago has quad-

rupled in the last three years, to nearly 66,000, according to city data.

This explosion of drivers has meant some good things, like being able to get a ride on the South or West sides. It also offers people a source of extra income with flexible hours. But ride sharing has hurt business for cabs, cut into transit ridership and may be worsening traffic.

Taxi and ride-share regulation raises a complex problem for cities — too much can hurt competition and give people fewer choices, but too little can put too many drivers on the roads and depress wages. Last week, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio signed a law capping the number of new ride-sharing vehicles for one year in that city.

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Ex-CIA chief could sue to stop ‘abuses’

John Brennan said Sunday that he is considering legal action to keep the president from removing security clearances, calling Trump’s revocations “abuses.”

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White House counsel Don McGahn has reportedly been interviewed by the special counsel.



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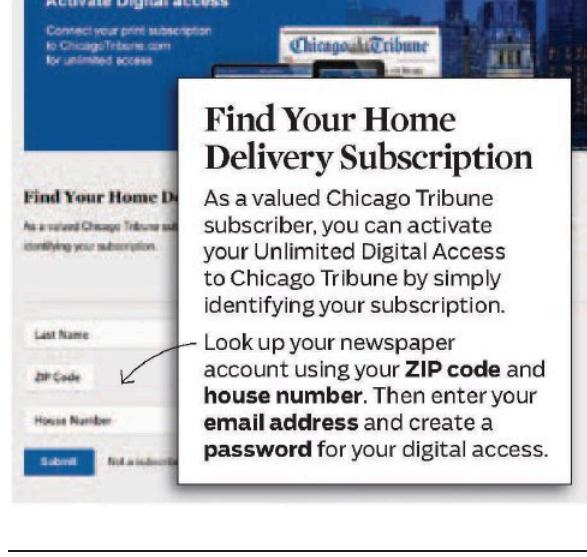
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The festival continues through Aug. 26 with special dinners, barbecues, beer tastings, cultural celebrations and panel discussions affecting the industry. Among those events: a Chinese cuisine boat trip and tour of Chinatown; Taps Through Time, a look at the past, present and future of Chicago craft beer; and Restaurant Summit, a series of seminars hosted by Tribune restaurant critic Phil Vettel exploring industry issues and topics, such as staffing, the MeToo movement and the restaurant bubble. A number of local chefs will participate in the Restaurant Summit, including Rick Bayless, Matthias Merges, Sarah Gruenberg and Beverly Kim. Find details and ticket information ctfoodbowl.com.

— Joe Gray, Food & Dining editor

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JOSE OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Defendants Kenneth Williams, second from left, and Micheal Ward, second from right, stand with attorneys at the start of the Hadiya Pendleton murder trial at Chicago's Leighton Criminal Court Building last week.

What if the men accused of killing Hadiya had made other choices?



DAHLEEN GLANTON

In the courtroom, I was struck by the appearance of the two defendants.

Dressed in muted-tone suits — one gray, the other blue — button-down shirts and ties, they seemed to exude confidence. Had I not known, I might have assumed both were among the team of lawyers seated at the defense table.

Their shoulder-length dreadlocks gave them an aura of self-awareness — the kind of attitude African-American men exhibit when they are proud of their heritage and steadfast in their purpose.

But these young men were standing trial, charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton, a high-school honor student killed five years ago in a random act of violence.

It is a scene that plays out regularly in courthouses across Cook County, where young black men accused of the bloody carnage that has gripped poor and neglected neighborhoods make a case for freedom before often being hauled off to prison.

Murder defendants, of course, almost always are told to dress for success in court. The image the jury sees is the opposite of the mug shots taken at the time of arrest. Their carefully crafted appearance is designed to make us doubt their guilt.

According to prosecutors, Micheal Ward and Kenneth Williams are anything but upstanding young men.

A Chicago police gang expert took the stand Friday and identified Ward as the leader of a faction of the Gangster Disciples street gang known as SUWU. Williams also is a member of that gang, and had been shot himself six months before Hadiya, according to testimony.

But as I watched Ward and Williams conferring with their lawyers and listening to every detail of testimony, sometimes even taking notes, I wondered, "What if?"

What if these young men had lived in a different place, grown up in a different environment where children

aren't lured into gangs before they can get out of grade school?

What if they had made better life choices? What if they had hung out with a different set of friends?

What if they, too, had been celebrating the completion of final exams that afternoon — just as Hadiya and her King College Prep High School classmates were doing — rather than riding around looking for rival gang members to shoot, as prosecutors allege?

Certainly, they would not be in this courtroom. Perhaps they would be out in the world pursuing promising careers.

From testimony thus far, there appears to be little question that Ward and Williams have not been model citizens. The judge pointed out to jurors several times, however, that membership in a gang or even leadership of a gang cannot be used to determine Ward's or Williams' guilt or innocence. It can only be used to establish motive.

According to prosecutors, it was a retaliatory shooting that went awry.

The defendants are members of a ruthless band of outlaws that formed in the midst of gentrification in the Oakwood Shores neighborhood, not far from the lakefront.

As public housing on the South Side was torn down in the early 2000s, displaced residents moved into subsidized housing in and around this neighborhood, forming new gang factions and expanding old ones.

SUWU was one of them. And their biggest rival at the time was 4-6 Terror, now known as Trigger Happy Family.

The gangs are made up of young men who have nothing — no jobs and little hope for a future. So, in this case, they carved out a little territory for themselves and used guns to defend it.

Harsh Park, where Hadiya was killed, was one of the areas under pursuit.

Desperate for respect they certainly could not receive outside their own community, rival gang members went after other young men who looked like them and who had just as little as they had.

When a rival gang member shot Williams in the arm, Williams refused to identify his assailant. Police knew the suspect, but he was never taken to trial because Williams would not cooperate.

Instead, the gangs taunted each other on social media, provoking each other with videos and lyrics that made their members appear fearless. But on the witness stand last week, they cowered.

Fellow SUWU gang members who previously had testified before a grand jury that Ward and Williams had talked about the Pendleton shooting denied recalling any such conversations under oath last week. "I don't remember" was a standard answer when both prosecutors and defense attorneys questioned gang members about what they knew.

Perhaps it was fear of their own gang that kept them quiet on the witness stand.

Gangs, you see, have their own set of rules, their own form of justice. They operate independently from police and the rest of society. It is the gangs' own code of silence that keeps the cycle of violence turning. That is perhaps one of the greatest obstacles to stopping the killings in our streets.

One of the things we learned from police testimony is that gangs inflict stiff penalties on their own people. Testifying against another gang member is a serious infraction, and the result can be death.

The SUWU gang members saw themselves as family. But it is clear from testimony that there was no loyalty among them, not really. There was only a false sense of security that kept them bound to one another on the streets.

Theirs is a culture that police have learned to understand but too often cannot penetrate. Trust in the police just isn't there.

Defense attorneys contend that police officers, desperate to solve a high-profile murder not far from former President Barack Obama's Kenwood home, based the charges on unreliable information, erroneous identifications and high-pressure interrogations.

In the end, the verdict likely will come down to whom the jurors believe — the gang members or the police. There's a good chance that won't bode well for the defendants, no matter how clean-cut they look in court.

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GOP appoints ex-congressman Walsh's wife

Helene Miller Walsh replaces Nick Sauer who resigned amid nude photo scandal

BY MIKE RIOPPELL
Chicago Tribune

Helene Miller Walsh, the wife of conservative radio host and former GOP U.S. Rep. Joe Walsh, has been picked to fill the state House vacancy of a former Republican lawmaker who stepped down after being accused of sending an ex-girlfriend's nude photos to other men online.

Nick Sauer, of Lake Barrington, resigned from his Illinois House seat this month after the accusations surfaced in a Politico report.

Local Republican officials on Saturday chose Walsh to replace Sauer both in the General Assembly and on the November ballot.

Now, Walsh faces the potentially difficult task of building a campaign in the few months before the election. She will run against Mary Edly-Allen, a teacher from Libertyville, in the race to represent a central and southern Lake County district in the state legislature.

Lake County Republican Party Chairman Mark Shaw said he voted for Walsh

because he thinks she will be a good lawmaker and able to set up a campaign in a hurry.

"I know how tenacious she can be and how hard a worker she can be," Shaw said.

Shaw said Walsh was picked from about 20 contenders to replace Sauer. The process was set off by allegations in the Politico report this month. Sauer resigned hours after it was published.

An accuser said she and Sauer met on a dating app and began a long-distance relationship. She moved to Chicago in 2017, but they broke up in March 2018 after she found out he was

seeing other women. She said she later discovered an Instagram account with nude photos of her and said Sauer had been using the photos in conversations with other men, the report said.

Sauer was a member of the House Sexual Discrimination and Harassment Task Force that Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan formed late last year after several dozen women who work in and around Illinois government and politics signed on to an open letter outlining rampant sexual harassment at the Capitol and on the campaign trail.

The allegations against

Sauer are among the latest to cast questions on lawmakers and aides as the #MeToo movement seeks to highlight harassment and gender inequality and discrimination in industries across the nation.

In his resignation letter, Sauer wrote that he decided to step down "as a result of the allegations" by "a former girlfriend" but did not address them further beyond calling them "a distraction."

"After speaking with my family, I feel it best to step away from my public responsibilities," he wrote.

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KERI WIGINTON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Helene Miller Walsh replaces Nick Sauer both in the Illinois House and on the November ballot.

Pritzker adds \$20M to campaign

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

Billionaire J.B. Pritzker has pumped another \$20 million into his Democratic campaign for governor, bringing his record self-funding total to \$126.5 million with 2½ months to go before the Nov. 6 general election.

Campaign finance reports filed late Saturday night showed Pritzker made his latest out-of-pocket contribution Tuesday, two days before he was a featured speaker at Democrat Day at the Illinois State Fair.

At the fair's Republican day, Gov. Bruce Rauner asked the gathered crowd for financial help, warning that he would be outspent by Pritzker by a 3-1 ratio, though he offered no specifics.

Pritzker, an entrepreneur and an heir to the Hyatt Hotels fortune, is worth an estimated \$3.5 billion, according to Forbes. Rauner, an equity investor, has said he is not a billionaire.

Still, the Republican governor has put \$95.3 million of his own money into his campaign fund since March 2013, when he announced his first candidacy for governor. In December 2016, Rauner made a record one-time contribution of \$50 million to his re-election fund.

Pritzker's cash injection last week was his first since a \$25 million check he wrote to his campaign at the end of May. He spent a record \$68.3 million of his own money to win the March Democratic primary.

Since Pritzker announced his candidacy in May 2017, he has also given nearly \$71 million to a variety of Democratic organizations and candidates.

That includes \$2 million to the Democratic Majority fund headed by Rauner's chief political nemesis, House Speaker Michael Madigan. He's also given \$1 million apiece to the Senate Democratic Victory Fund headed by Senate President John Cullerton, the Illinois Democratic Heartland Committee that also assists Senate Democrats, and the Rock Island County Democratic organization, chaired by Doug House, who also heads the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association.

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Democrat J.B. Pritzker is running for governor.



Davonte Smith and other Englewood neighborhood residents attend the annual "Bridging the Gap Globally" charity basketball tournament Saturday.



Troy Pryor takes a shot while competing in a skills challenge Saturday. The event is the brainchild of 16th Ward alderman candidate Kenny Doss Jr.

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Englewood event carries on despite gun violence at other city parks

BY ESE OLUMHENSE
Chicago Tribune

Just about every person at the "Bridging the Gap Globally" charity basketball tournament, held in Englewood for most of last week, knows Kenny Doss Jr.

Many of the more than 100 in attendance at 61st and Halsted streets on Saturday grew up with the 23-year-old. Some went to school with him in the neighborhood, they said, as they lounged on bleachers or waited in line for snow cones, a needed respite from the day's heat. Others had parents who knew Doss. Or they'd played basketball with him.

Doss' love of basketball is what prompted him, three years ago, to start the outdoor tournament, to "bring blocks together" in the neighborhood he's lived in most of his life. Regular shootings are a troubling reminder that Englewood is not like the neighborhoods he sees when he's away at school, studying business at Manchester University in North Manchester, Ind.

According to Tribune data, through Sunday afternoon, 74 people have been shot in the Englewood community this year. Of those, 18 were fatalities.

"It wasn't until college that I saw the gap in experience between me and my peers," Doss said, standing just off the concrete court. "There's a huge disconnect."

That disconnect — and violence within the community — are largely why Doss is running for 16th Ward alderman, he said. If successful, he'd be one of the youngest aldermen ever elected in the city.

"I realized I'd never seen the alderman," Doss said, recalling the moment he decided he'd seek office. He was trying to find out how to get streets blocked off for the event, to allow food trucks and other vendors to participate. "I didn't even know who that person was."

And though the violence affecting parts of the city did not touch the weeklong event, it was certainly on the minds of some attendees. Just a day before, on Friday, a fight broke out at a basketball league in Garfield Park. A 15-year-old was shot in the chest and later died at Stroger Hospital. He would have turned 16 this weekend.

Courtside, some of the youngest attendees expressed sadness that an outing meant to be fun ended fatally for one of their peers, even though they did not know him.

"I don't like it," said Aaliyah Davis, also 15. "Too many kids are dying."

Meanwhile, as the tournament was underway Saturday, a shooting broke out at a similar event, a "peace picnic" held in a Near North Side park. Three people were shot after a personal argument ended in gunfire, said a witness. At

that scene, bloody gauze pads littered the playground, steps from the slide. Nearby, toddlers played as adults chatted, holding hushed conversations between bites of barbecue. Young men nearby continued to play basketball. Others walked dogs.

The violence is worrisome, organizers of the Englewood event said, but tragedy would not stop them from concluding their tournament.

"We've been getting together for three summers with no incidents," said Darnisha Holliday, who worked with Doss to put the event together. She's also his campaign manager.

As she spoke, she gestured behind her, to the flurry of color and energy sandwiched between a vacant lot and a boarded-up building: Kids grinning as they danced to hip-hop hits, older men behind the grill, holding court and

cooking hot dogs. To the flirty teenagers giggling on the bleachers. To the many tables courtside, some loaded with donated sneakers to raffle off to the players, with chips and other snacks. The persistent optimism of some in the community, what she's branded "Englewood goodness," is uplifting, she said.

But "it could happen anywhere," Doss said of the violence. "It could have been here."

Still, he hopes to make an impression on Englewood's youth, to model that goodness whether his bid for alderman is successful or not. When he graduates in December, he'll be the first in his family to finish college, he said. He'd like to rent a bus and bring some of the local kids to the graduation so they can watch him walk across the stage.

"I am them, you know?" he said. "If you look at me, I look just like every young boy here. If I can do it, we can do it."

"It wasn't until college that I saw the gap in experience between me and my peers. There's a huge disconnect."

—Kenny Doss Jr., organizer of Bridging the Gap Globally charity basketball tournament

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More than 100 protest shooting death

Family denies claims by authorities that teen killed himself

BY MATTHEW WALBERG
Chicago Tribune

More than 120 people gathered to protest the death of 15-year-old Steven Rosenthal, who police say fatally shot himself on the back stairwell of his West Side home after he was briefly chased by officers who allegedly saw him holding a handgun.

Shouting "No justice, no peace," or "Let us see Steve," the crowd gathered Sunday at Johnson School of Excellence at 1420 S. Albany Ave. and marched to Mount Sinai Hospital a few blocks away, shutting down both lanes of Ogden Avenue at times.

A brief altercation ensued outside the hospital's emergency room when a large group chanting "Let us see Steve" tried to force their way into the building and scuffled briefly with security officers blocking the doorway. A few people in the crowd wondered why the protesters went to the hospital rather than the Cook County medical examiner's office, where the teen's body was taken for an autopsy.

The protest later moved west down Ogden and continued along 16th Street as Chicago police officers in squad cars closed down streets to allow the marchers to pass unhindered by traffic.

Rosenthal died Friday evening at his home in the



Robert Level, from left, his wife, Terinica Thomas-Level, and her brother Dashaun Thomas speak at a news conference Sunday about 15-year-old Steven Rosenthal. Robert and Terinica are the legal guardians of Rosenthal.

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1500 block of South Keeler Avenue in the Lawndale neighborhood, and the medical examiner's office ruled his death a suicide from a gunshot wound to the head.

Police said the teen fled when officers tried to question him after spotting him with a weapon just before 7 p.m. Friday. A short time afterward, Rosenthal shot himself in the head, police said.

But Rosenthal's family vehemently denies the teen

would have ever shot himself and laid the blame on the officers, who they said they believe shot him based on what individuals who claim to have witnessed the incident have said.

"Steven was on the stairwell of his grandmother's house on the West Side of Chicago when police officers stormed up the stairwell chasing," the family's attorney, Andrew Stroth, said at a news conference prior to the march Sunday. "Within moments, these of-

ficers, without cause or provocation, shot and killed 15-year old Steven ... Based on several eyewitness accounts, these officers ended the hopes and the dreams of a talented young man with a bright future."

Rosenthal's aunt, the teen's legal guardian, sobbed as she made a public plea to Mayor Rahm Emanuel to order the release of any body camera recordings of the shooting.

"My 15-year old nephew Steven was shot and killed

by the Chicago Police Department," Terinica Thomas-Level, 28, said, weeping and shaking visibly as she stood before the news media. "I need the attention of Mayor Emanuel. I need to see evidence. Body cams. They need to release the video. My nephew would never commit suicide ever. ... If he (Emanuel) even had the smallest compassion for our family, he'd get those videotapes released."

On Sunday, police spokesman Michael Carroll



A sign held at a news conference Sunday shows a photo of Steven Rosenthal.

said that the shooting remains under investigation and that the department "has not come to a point where the decision has been made to release the body cam video."

Carroll said he was not aware of whether any formal complaint had been lodged by the family alleging police misconduct in the death of Rosenthal.

Stroth said that he and the family are demanding a "full, independent and transparent" investigation into Rosenthal's death. So far, the family has not been able to view his remains, he said.

"The medical examiner has not released Steven's body," Stroth said at the news conference. "The family is demanding to see the body, the family is demanding to see the evidence, the family is demanding to see the supposed, alleged weapon that was on the scene. The family deserves justice, and that's what the family is fighting for."

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More lead exposure for East Chicago kids

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a month after her now-14-year-old son was born. "It's been two years since they forced us to move, and we still haven't gotten our questions answered."

With the help of public interest lawyers working on behalf of former tenants, Daniels said she discovered medical records that showed her son had elevated levels of lead in his blood when he was a toddler, a possible explanation for the attention deficit hyperactivity disorder he was diagnosed with a few years later.

The EPA found lead levels in Daniels' apartment as high as 32,000 parts per million — 80 times the federal safety limit for areas where children play.

Lead is unsafe to consume at any level, according to the EPA and CDC. Ingesting tiny concentrations can permanently damage the developing brains of children and contribute to heart disease, kidney failure and other health problems



Akeeshea Daniels found medical records showing her son had high levels of lead in his blood when he was a toddler.

later in life. A recent peer-reviewed study estimated more than 400,000 deaths a year in the U.S. are linked to lead exposure — or 18 percent of all deaths.

According to the new report by the toxic substances registry, more than 27 percent of West Calumet children ages 5 and younger who were tested between 2005 and 2015 had lead levels at or above 5 micrograms per deciliter of blood, the CDC's current threshold for medical intervention and home inspections.

Roughly the same percentage of kids were poisoned in the residential neighborhood immediately east of the former housing complex.

By contrast, 11.5 percent of young kids in the rest of East Chicago and 7.8 percent of children statewide had lead levels at or above the CDC threshold in the same period, according to the report.

Following the infamous public health disaster in Flint, Mich., where actions

by state-appointed officials triggered alarming levels of lead in drinking water, about 4.9 percent of children tested there had high lead levels.

Federal health officials based their flawed 2011 assessment of East Chicago on lead poisoning rates throughout the city rather than data from specific neighborhoods targeted by the EPA's Superfund program for highly contaminated industrial sites.

Relying on the wrong data led to erroneous or

misleading conclusions such as "declining blood lead levels in small children appear to confirm that they are no longer exposed to lead from any source."

Since the EPA tends to prioritize cleanups the same way battlefield medics assess the wounded — concentrating on immediate or obvious risks first — agency officials have said the 2011 report factored heavily into their decision to focus initially on a gradual approach at the East Chicago site.

The toxic substances reg-

istry is required by law to assess risks to public health at every Superfund site. Its new report pins the blame for its East Chicago snafu on Indiana state officials who provided data used in the 2011 report.

After promising a response, a spokesperson for the health agency did not answer emailed questions from the Tribune. In a statement, the EPA said it has removed contaminated soil from more than 400 yards so far and "will continue to partner and coordinate with ATSDR to protect human health and the environment."

Local, state and federal officials had plenty of reasons to act years ago.

They always knew the public housing complex had been built on the site of a former lead smelter. In 1994, the toxic substances registry recommended extensive soil testing and blood screening, and four years later the agency reported unusually high rates of childhood lead poisoning in the area.

Yet a 2016 Tribune investigation found officials were slow to propose a cleanup or inform residents about potential hazards. Only a

single soil sample from the public housing complex had been collected and analyzed before the EPA declared the development and surrounding neighborhoods a Superfund site in 2009, the newspaper found.

Since then, lead poisoning rates have been declining in neighborhoods within the Superfund site boundaries, as well as in all of East Chicago, the rest of Indiana and the nation as a whole, according to the new report from the federal health agency. But the percentage of kids tested throughout Indiana also has declined dramatically in recent years, suggesting an untold number of poisoned children aren't accounted for in official statistics.

"These results reflect the harms that stem from environmental injustice," said Debbie Chizewer, a lawyer with the Environmental Advocacy Center at Northwestern University's Bluhm Legal Center, who has been working with East Chicago residents to ensure they have safe housing. "Government agencies at all levels all failed this community."

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Family frustrated by Puerto Rican red tape

Family, from Page 1

odors and backlogs, the Associated Press reported. The island's Institute of Forensic Sciences denied the lawmakers access to multiple storage containers that reportedly held at least 76 bodies.

On July 23, Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello requested more pathologists to help process bodies and address the morgue's shortfall, according to a spokeswoman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In response, FEMA mobilized a group of 13 reserve soldiers who specialize in forensic science and were already based in Puerto Rico to help transport and store human remains.

Federal workers cannot help conduct autopsies, however, because the island allows only its Bureau of Forensic Science to legally certify deaths, a FEMA spokeswoman, Lenisha Smith, said in an emailed statement.

Though the Puerto Rican government has maintained that only 64 people were killed in the storm, academic studies, including one by a Penn State University demographer, and independent news analyses have

found the toll to be at least 1,000.

Last week, the head of the Institute of Forensic Sciences, which oversees autopsies, resigned, citing health reasons, Puerto Rican news media reported.

The island has historically struggled to complete autopsies in a timely manner, but the backlog has grown much worse since the hurricane hit, experts said.

The Vincents understand they are among many families suffering from Maria's everlasting consequences.

Tracy Vincent Chambers, Rodney's sister, places the blame on the Trump administration's response to the humanitarian crisis.

From her home in a suburb of Cincinnati, where Rodney Vincent grew up, she has been trying to monitor his brother's situation, but it has been hard to reach Puerto Rican authorities by phone.

"I'm not a gambling woman, but I feel like it would be a sure bet that the state of Ohio would not be in this predicament and the same disgraceful situation months after the storm," Vincent Chambers said.

For now, the Vincent family is stuck in a waiting game. Puerto Rican officials

have not said when they will conduct Rodney Vincent's autopsy.

All the family knows for certain is the nightmare began shortly after he left for Puerto Rico on June 9.

Vincent was a reflective person who would take some time to clear his head, so it wasn't unusual at first when he wasn't using his phone, said a childhood friend, Chuck Baker.

"He was supposed to be coming right back ... but his phone went dead, and that's when we really got concerned," Baker said.

On June 18, Tracy Vincent Chambers called the Vernon Hills Police Department, worried that she had not heard from her brother, according to Kim Christenson, a spokesman for the agency.

When officers weren't able to make contact with him, she filed a formal missing persons report on June 23. That allowed Vernon Hills police to work with other agencies since the case had out-of-state ties, Christenson said.

"When our investigator got involved, he started contacting airlines and getting finance records," Christenson said. "He tried contacting hotels down there."

During all this, Puerto

Rico police told Vincent's family that someone had to go to Puerto Rico in person to file a report about his disappearance, according to Christensen and relatives.

Since her husband went missing, Esther Vincent has made two trips to the island, where she was also born. During one of the visits, she published an advertisement in a newspaper seeking information about him, asking anyone who may know something to call police.

A woman saw it and called police to say she witnessed Rodney Vincent get hit by a car on a dark stretch of road in San Juan, according to Esther Vincent. The woman told Esther Vincent that she remembered calling an ambulance for Rodney, who was bleeding profusely.

Several days after the crash, he was found dead without his wallet or any identification, Esther Vincent said.

"I want answers because it's been so long," she said. "I know that's not going to bring my husband of 22 years back, but I want justice for him."

Friends have started two fundraising pages for the Vincents. One, which has raised \$9,305, is a scholarship fund for Rodney's

sons. The other fund, which has raised \$15,271, will help support the family in transporting the body and paying for a funeral.

The Vincents have two sons, Tyler, 20, who's a running back at the University of Dayton, and Jordan, 16, who attends Adlai E. Stevenson High School.

Rodney Vincent worked at Procter & Gamble for 17 years in Cincinnati, according to the company. He took up his own consulting work in business development when he moved to Chicago about seven years ago.

At Brown University, Vincent played football and graduated in 1991, according to the university. In 1987, he was named the most

valuable player of the freshman football team.

Vincent's death came as a shock to those who knew him as a larger-than-life personality. He always seemed to beat the odds, friends and family said, like when he came back to play college football after a moped accident in his first year of high school crushed his leg.

"He was an unbelievable person and he was always up, always optimistic and always energetic," Tracy Vincent Chambers said of her brother. "He really just wanted the world and people to be happy."

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Rodney Vincent, center, with sons Tyler, left, and Jordan.

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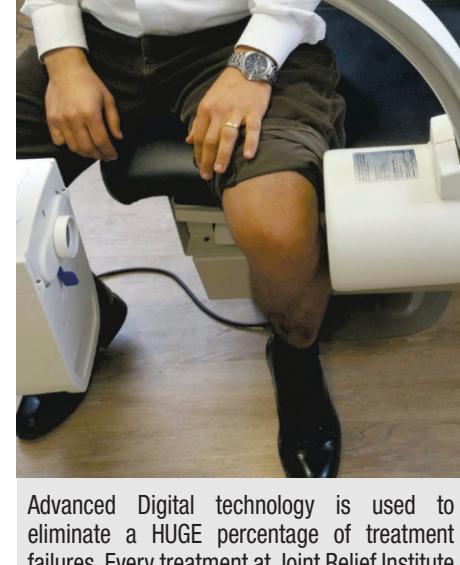
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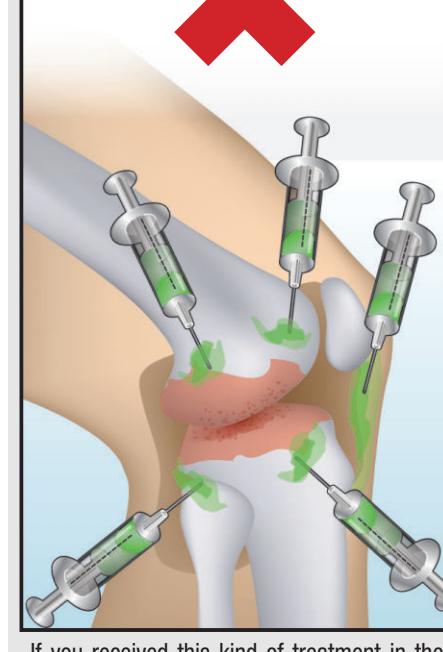
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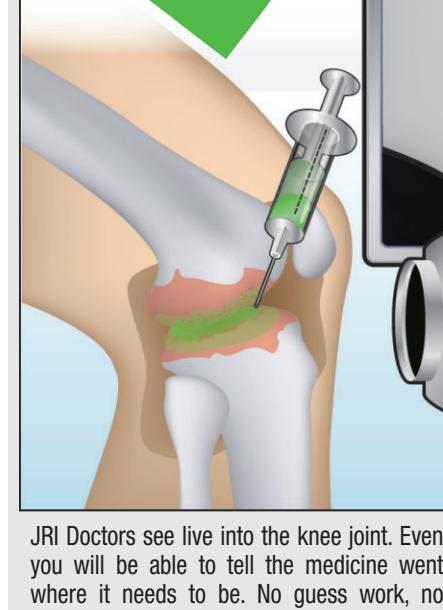
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Naperville musician recalls backup gigs with Aretha

BY ERIN HEGARTY

Naperville Sun

A Naperville resident who twice performed as part of a band backing Aretha Franklin, including one stint during a New Year's Eve show at the Chicago Theatre, recalled the Queen of Soul as someone who crossed generational lines and was able to lead a band with just her voice.

Franklin, 76, died Thursday at her Detroit home from pancreatic cancer.

More than 15 years earlier, Pete Ellman, 56, had the chance to play in the horn



ERIN HEGARTY/NAPERVILLE SUN

Trumpeter Pete Ellman twice played in a band with singer Aretha Franklin.

section when the legendary singer graced the Chicago Theatre stage, a memorable

experience for someone who's been playing the trumpet since third grade and helps manage Ellman's Music Center in Naperville. He also has his own group, The Pete Ellman Big Band.

Artists such as Franklin typically travel with their own core rhythm sections but hire a contractor in town to fill in the band with backup players. That's where Ellman came in.

While he didn't have a chance to talk with Franklin, he did get to practice with her the afternoon before the show, he said. What was more impressive is what he saw the night of the

show from his spot on the stage, which gave him a view of the stage door.

"We started playing, someone opened the stage door and I could see someone was opening the door to (Franklin's) limo," Ellman said. "She got out of the limo, walked in, someone took her fur coat off, she just kept going and went on stage and started singing."

Franklin and the band played from 9 p.m. to midnight and brought in the new year with the traditional "Auld Lang Syne," Ellman said.

He also played a benefit show with Franklin at a

downtown Chicago hotel a few months later, he said.

Ellman said Franklin's singing reminded him of the instrument he's played for decades.

"She sang like a lead trumpet player plays," Ellman said. "The way she leads the group, you wouldn't need to have someone conducting to tell you where you're going. You would just know by the way she's singing."

Having also performed with other artists, including Wayne Newton, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Anita Bryant, he noted that Franklin had the skill to reach a vast

audience.

"She's crossed generations. She did gospel, she did jazz, rock and roll, funk, and she started at a young age," Ellman said.

"Parents knew her music, children knew her music, three generations of people could have enjoyed her music. It was something that could bring families close together. There's just not a lot of people with that longevity."

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Gov. Rauner signed a bill adding the "Dutch Reach" method of opening car doors to Illinois' Rules of the Road manual.

Mayor opposed to ride-share cap

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Mayor Rahm Emanuel, whose brother Ari is an Uber investor, successfully pushed for an increase in the ride-share tax to direct new funding to the CTA, which is using the money to pay for new security cameras and rail upgrades.

But Emanuel is opposed to a license cap, arguing that choice, competition and better service has benefited all parts of the city.

"For decades the taxi industry had a monopoly in this city, but good luck getting a taxi to pick you up or drop you off on the South or West sides," said mayoral spokesman Matt McGrath in an email.

"That's another kind of cap, an industry-imposed cap that existed forever."

The number of cabs in Chicago is limited to 6,999, but there are no limits on the number of drivers signing up for ride-share, and there are fewer requirements in terms of background checks and training.

Taxi regulations balance the needs of passengers, cab companies, drivers, other road users and residents, said Nicholas Fahri, a mobility expert with OC&C Strategy Consultants. Ride-share companies have avoided regulation and grown so fast that the balance has gotten out of whack — tilting too far in favor of passengers and operators and against drivers, other road users and residents, Fahri said. He believes ride-share caps will be tried in other major cities.

But Fahri does not think congestion problems caused by ride-share in Chicago are as bad as they are in places like New York and London, and he believes that some kind of regulation to increase driver pay is more likely here than a license cap.

"From my conversations with Chicago Uber drivers and residents, there actually has been a material improvement in the ability to get around with Uber, especially outside of the Loop," said Fahri. "If I were a regulator in Chicago, I might decide this is delivering a public good."

It is certainly a job more people are trying. The number of vehicles that provide four or more trips a month, defined by the city as "active registered

vehicles," increased from 15,078 in March 2015 to 65,668 in March 2018, according to data from the city's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, which licenses ride-share operators.

Cab Drivers United/AFSCME Local 2500, the union representing Chicago cab drivers, supports a ride-share cap, calling it exactly what is needed to undo damage caused by "regulatory double standards."

Not surprisingly, both Uber and Lyft oppose a cap.

"Artificial and unnecessary cuts to ride-sharing services would cause wait times and prices for passengers to increase, and eliminate job opportunities for drivers," said Lyft spokesman Campbell Matthews.

An Uber spokesperson said that drivers in Chicago mostly work part-time, whereas most New York drivers are full-time, so conditions are different. Matthews said that 91 percent of Lyft's Chicago operators drive less than 20 hours a week.

Gary Hallgren, president of Chicago-based Arity, an Allstate spinoff aimed at helping ride-share companies reduce risk, said he thinks caps could encourage more drivers to go downtown.

"If you limit vehicles, they're going to go to the absolute busiest part of town because that's the place where they can make the best living," said Hallgren. "If you allow more people than that, you saturate that area and people will go to other parts of the city."

It is hard to say whether or how much ride sharing has increased congestion in Chicago since the city does not have estimates of the total number of vehicles on the roads over time. Ride sharing may be keeping some drivers off the streets because they are using Uber or Lyft to avoid high parking rates, or driving drunk.

Professional drivers interviewed say they believe traffic has gotten worse in Chicago in recent years because of ride-share, particularly downtown and on routes to and from airports.

"Starting from Thursday into the weekend, you cannot move," said Nnamdi Wazie, 55, who has been

driving a cab for 23 years. He said trips that used to take five minutes can sometimes take 30.

Uwazie said the financial impact of ride-share on cab drivers has been "devastating." He said drivers who used to be able to work eight-hour days are putting in 14 or even 18 hours to make the same amount of money.

Beale, who has advocated previously for stronger licensing requirements for ride-sharing drivers, said he thinks Uber and Lyft ought to be able to find a way to increase driver pay, since the companies are making billions of dollars in revenues. "It's highway robbery," said Beale.

Rep. Jaime Andrade, a Chicago Democrat, has seen both sides of ride-share: He's driven for services and used them to get around. He said his drivers often turn out to be people he knows, working for supplemental income on top of their regular jobs.

"They're trying to survive," Andrade said. He noted that many people who sign up as drivers do not continue or do it infrequently.

"I don't think it will solve any situation by capping the number of people who register," Andrade said.

Distracted driving fine, bike safety law

Two new driving safety measures were signed into law this month — one cracking down on distracted driving, and the other encouraging motorists to watch for bikes.

One law signed by Gov. Bruce Rauner imposes a harsher penalty on drivers caught using a phone behind the wheel without a hands-free device.

The new law, which goes into effect next July, makes the penalty \$75 for a first offense, \$100 for a second, \$125 for a third and \$150 for a fourth or subsequent offense. Under current law, drivers get a warning and no fine the first time.

Distracted driving has been cited as a factor in an increase in traffic deaths nationally over the last three years.

Jeff Kroll, an attorney with the firm Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard who spe-

cializes in crash cases, said he thinks the law is too lenient and "of no consequence."

"Drivers can gamble and the rest of society loses," said Kroll, who said driving while using a phone can be more dangerous than driving drunk. "If I drive distracted three times, I'm paying \$125. There's no hammer to this."

Another bill signed by the governor adds the "Dutch Reach" method of opening car doors to Illinois' Rules of the Road manual and adds bike safety questions to the state driver's license exam.

The Dutch Reach encourages drivers and passengers to use the hand farthest from the door to reach across the body to open the door after parallel parking. This prods people in motor vehicles to look back for cyclists and other traffic, and can help prevent sometimes-fatal "dooring" crashes, said the Active Transportation Alliance, a bike, pedestrian and transit user advocacy group. It is called the Dutch Reach because it is taught and used in the Netherlands.

Illinois Department of Transportation data shows dooring crashes on the rise across the state. In 2015, there were more than 300 reported in Chicago, a 50 percent increase from the previous year.

"A moment of carelessness for a driver can cause a lifetime of misery for a family," said Kroll.

Transportation song quiz

Last week's song references multiple ways of getting around, including a bike, a car, a train, a wing and a prayer. But the destination does not matter.

The song is "Any Road" by the great George Harrison. "If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there." Bill Meyer, of Norwood Park, was the winner.

This week's transportation song names seven U.S. cities, but focuses on a drug bust in one of them. What's the song, and who did it?

The winner gets a Tribune pen, and glory. If you have won in the last six months, let someone else try. I'll post the answer on Twitter at noon.

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2nd Chicago boy dies in Lake Michigan drownings

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

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and he was rushed to Porter Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

About an hour later, the 14-year-old was rescued by two Porter police officers about 50 yards from shore, the release said.

The older boy was taken to Porter Regional Hospital but then was airlifted to Comer Children's Hospital, where he was in critical condition.

He died Sunday morning at Comer Children's Hospital, according to a news release from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The 10-year-old was found facedown in the water about 40 yards from shore around 4:45 p.m. Rescuers performed CPR,

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By WILLIAM LEE

Chicago Tribune

Assistant State's Attorney Ben Williams said during a bail hearing Sunday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

The victim took small steps back toward a rear yard where two friends were waiting. The victim's friends, both 42, appeared, one holding a pit bull between his legs, Williams said. After one of the men urged the pet to attack, Hannah pulled the trigger, but the weapon misfired, Williams said. The dog then bit the attacker, who again unsuccessfully attempted to fire the weapon.

The men held the gunman and injured him while trying to restrain him until police arrived, authorities said. Police recovered a .38-caliber revolver.

Hannah, of the 7100 block of South Bishop Street, was on probation at the time of his arrest.

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Brennan considers suing to stop 'abuses'

Other officials join in denouncing Trump's security clearance threats

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former CIA Director John Brennan said Sunday that he is considering taking legal action to try to prevent President Donald Trump from stripping other current and former officials' security clearances.

Speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press," Brennan said he's been contacted by a number of lawyers about the possibility of an injunction in the wake of Trump's move to revoke his clearance and threaten nine others who have been critical of the president or are connected to the Russia probe.

"If my clearances and my reputation as I'm being pulled through the mud now, if that's the price we're going to pay to prevent Donald Trump from doing this against other people, to me it's a small price to pay," Brennan said. "So I am going to do whatever I can personally to try to prevent these abuses in the future. And if it means going to court, I will do that."

Brennan, who served in President Barack Obama's administration, said that while he'll fight on behalf of his former CIA colleagues, it's also up to Congress to put



Former CIA Director John Brennan testifies in Congress about Russian actions during the 2016 election.

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aside politics and step in. "This is the time that your country is going to rely on you, not to do what is best for your party but what is best for the country," he said.

Trump yanked Brennan's security clearance last week, saying he felt he had to do "something" about the

"rigged" probe of Russian election interference. And he has said he may do the same for nine others, including a Justice Department official whose wife worked for the firm involved in producing a dossier on Trump's ties to Russia.

An executive order

signed in 1995 by President Bill Clinton lays out the process for approving security clearances and describes a detailed revocation and appeal procedure.

Former Obama-era CIA Director Leon Panetta, who also served as defense secretary, said Sunday that

Trump must abide by the executive order unless he decides to change or cancel it. Speaking on CBS' "Face the Nation," he said Trump's decision to revoke Brennan's clearance raises questions about whether he followed due process.

Brennan's legal warning

came as other officials joined the growing chorus of critics — now more than 75 intelligence officials — denouncing Trump's security clearance threats, saying they have a right to express their views on national security issues without fear of punishment.

Retired Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under George W. Bush and Obama, likened it to President Richard Nixon's use of a political enemies list.

Mullen told "Fox News Sunday" that while he doesn't agree with Brennan's decision to criticize the president, the former CIA director has the right to freedom of speech unless he's revealing classified information.

"It immediately brings back the whole concept of the enemies list," Mullen said, "and even before that, in the early '50s, the McCarthy era, where the administration starts putting together lists of individuals that don't agree with them and that historically, obviously, has proven incredibly problematic for the country."

Republican Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin agreed with Trump that Brennan's comments "really did cross a line."

But, he said, rather than pulling officials' security clearances, Trump should avoid politicizing the issue and simply deny them access to classified material.

"I don't want to see an enemies list," he said.



Cars on the Grand Central Parkway pass LaGuardia Airport in New York. Conserving oil is no longer an economic imperative for the U.S., the Trump administration said.

U.S. says don't worry about conserving oil

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Conserving oil is no longer an economic imperative for the U.S., the Trump administration declares in a major new policy statement that threatens to undermine decades of government campaigns for gas-thrifty cars and other conservation programs.

The position was outlined in a memo released last month in support of the administration's proposal to relax fuel mileage standards. The government released the memo online this month.

Growth of natural gas and other alternatives to petroleum has reduced the need for imported oil, which "in turn affects the need of the nation to conserve energy," the Energy Department said. It also cites the fracking revolution that has unlocked U.S. shale oil reserves, giving "the United States more flexibility than in the past to use our oil resources with less concern."

With the memo, the administration is formally challenging old justifications for conservation — even congressionally prescribed ones, as with the mileage standards. The memo made no mention of

climate change. Transportation is the single largest source of climate-changing emissions.

President Donald Trump has questioned the existence of climate change, embraced the notion of "energy dominance" as a national goal, and called for easing what he calls burdensome regulation of oil, gas and coal.

Despite the increased oil supplies, the administration continues to believe in the need to "use energy wisely," the Energy Department said, without elaboration. Department spokesmen did not respond Friday to questions about that statement.

Reaction was quick.

"It's like saying, 'I'm a big old fat guy, and food prices have dropped — it's time to start eating again,'" said Tom Kloza, longtime oil analyst with the Maryland-based Oil Price Information Service.

Climate change is a "clear and present and increasing danger," said Sean Donahue, a lawyer for the Environmental Defense Fund.

In a big way, the Energy Department statement just acknowledges the world's vastly changed reality when it comes to oil.

In summer 2008, oil

global economy. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries was enjoying a massive transfer of wealth, from countries dependent on imported oil. Prices now are about \$65.

Today, the U.S. is vying with Russia for the title of top world oil producer. U.S. oil production hit an all-time high this summer, aided by the technological leaps of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

How much the U.S. economy is hooked up to the gas pump, and vice versa, plays into any number of policy considerations, not just economic or environmental ones, but military and geopolitical ones, said John Graham, a former official in the George W. Bush administration, now dean of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

"Our ability to play that role as a leader in the world is stronger when we are the strongest producer of oil and gas," Graham said. "But there are still reasons to want to reduce the amount we consume."

Current administration proposals include one that would freeze mileage standards for cars and light trucks after 2020, instead of continuing to make them tougher.

Korean families await reunions with longing and trepidation

BY SIMON DENYER
The Washington Post

SOKCHO, South Korea — Kim Kwang-ho was just 14 years old when his family was ripped in two during the Korean War. It was December 1950, and Chinese troops were advancing on his small hometown. With his father, two older brothers and an older sister, he fled south.

His mother stayed behind with his 10-year-old brother and several cousins, expecting to join them later when the fighting was over, the journey safer.

"It was a pretty light-hearted farewell," he said. "We thought we were only going to be apart for three days or a week."

It was to be the last time he ever saw or even heard from his mother, who, he has just found out, died in Communist North Korea in 1967. On Monday, more than 67 years after they parted, he finally gets to see his younger brother again.

Kim is one of 172 South Koreans who will travel into North Korea to meet relatives this week, in the first reunion of divided families to take place for three years, as relations thaw between the neighbors.

These reunions are simultaneously a reminder of the deep bonds between the two nations, and an illustration of just how far they have grown apart in the decades since their painful division.

The reunion program began in 1985, stalled, then got underway properly at the turn of the millennium.

In all, more than 17,000 South Koreans have taken part in more than 20 meetings, seeing their relatives in person or over video link. But more than 130,000 have registered as members of divided families since the program began, and more than half of them died before getting to see their relatives again. Many on the waiting list are over 90 years old.

Kim has vivid memories of life in North Korea: of climbing an apricot tree



Kim Kwang-ho, 79, speaks about his separated family members in North Korea at his home in Seoul, South Korea.

outside his house and sitting up there singing; of running up into the hills when he heard the planes of the U.S.-led United Nations force flying toward his rural town, and watching their bombs exploding in a line along the railway tracks.

But he can't remember his brother's face, or even his mother's anymore.

Still, he says he was happy to be chosen for the reunion and is looking forward to seeing his brother again.

He will come bearing gifts: some warm jackets, socks, soap and cosmetics for his brother's wife, and two packets of Choco Pies, the cake-and-marshmallow chocolate sandwich snack made in South Korea but particularly coveted in the North.

Participants are discouraged from bringing cash, and he has chosen not to, worried that his brother probably wouldn't get to keep it anyway.

On Sunday, the South Koreans gathered for a briefing on how to behave and what they can and cannot say, before traveling by bus across the border to North Korea.

Kim will have to stay in a different hotel than his brother, but they will be brought together for group

reunions, dinner banquets and lunches, including a three-hour individual meeting.

Southern participants are advised not to criticize the North Korean leadership or ask about the country's economic situation in case it causes problems for their relatives. And if their counterparts start singing propaganda songs or making political statements — a common problem in the past — participants are advised to "naturally lead the conversation to another topic."

Still, Kim is looking forward to hearing about his mother, and about how his hometown has changed.

Then, on Wednesday, after just 11 hours together, he and his brother will part again, almost certainly for the last time.

The meetings are like a sudden spark of light after nearly seven decades of darkness. Many people have heard nothing about their relatives in the North during that entire time, and are nervous about who and what they will encounter.

"I really wish we could exchange letters afterwards, or talk to each other the phone, or by video call," Kim said, "but these reunions are one-time-only meetings."

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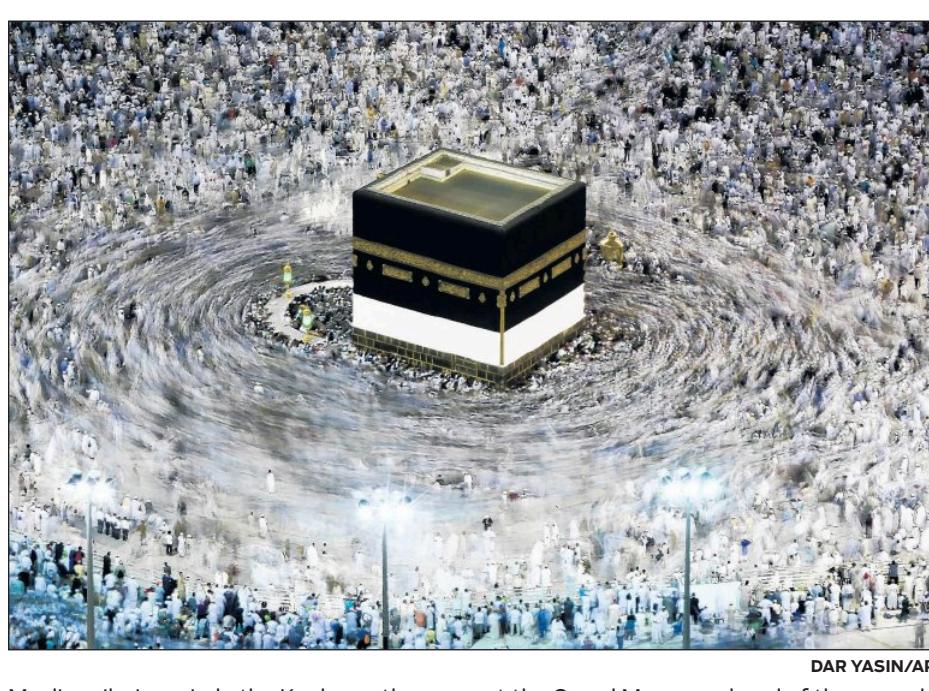
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Muslim pilgrims circle the Kaaba as they pray at the Grand Mosque, ahead of the annual Hajj pilgrimage in the Muslim holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia prepares for annual hajj pilgrimage

BY OMAR AKOUR

Associated Press

MECCA, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia is preparing to host the annual hajj pilgrimage beginning Sunday, as over 2 million Muslim faithful are ready to take part in the ultraconservative kingdom.

The pilgrimage represents one of the five pillars of Islam and is required of all able-bodied Muslims once in their life. In recent weeks, the faithful have arrived in Mecca from across the world, all chanting "Labayk Allahuha Labayk," or "Here I am, God, answering your call. Here I am."

The hajj offers pilgrims an opportunity to feel closer to God amid the Muslim world's many challenges, including the threat of extremists in the Middle East after the Islamic State group was beaten back in Iraq and Syria and the plight of Myanmar's Muslim Rohingya minority.

"My feeling is indescribable to perform the hajj," said Imad Abdel-Rahem, an Egyptian pilgrim. "I also want to pray for all Muslim countries, for them to live

free in all places, in Palestine and in Burma, in all places, in Afghanistan and in India."

Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki, the spokesman of the Saudi Interior Ministry, told journalists Saturday that over 2 million Muslims from abroad and inside the kingdom would be taking part in this year's hajj.

Since arriving, many have circled the cube-shaped Kaaba in Mecca — Islam's holiest site. The Kaaba represents the metaphorical house of God and the oneness of God in Islam. Observant Muslims around the world face toward the Kaaba during their five daily prayers.

The hajj is by no means an easy journey. The temperature in Mecca and Mina will be around 107 degrees. Pilgrims walk 3 to 9 miles a day. Long lines and even longer waits can strain the most patient as they weave through the throngs of people.

For Saudi Arabia, the hajj is the biggest logistical challenge the kingdom faces. Its ruling Al Saud family stakes its legitimacy in part on its management

of the holiest sites in Islam.

The kingdom has spent billions of dollars of its vast oil revenues on security and safety measures.

Saudi Arabia faces threats from al-Qaida militants and a local faction of the Islamic State group. The Interior Ministry acknowledged arresting a Saudi wearing an explosive vest in the kingdom's central al-Qassim region who shot at security forces.

Politics often intrude into the holy pilgrimage. Saudi Arabia under King Salman and his son, the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, have had strained ties with Iran, which boycotted the 2016 hajj. They will be there this year, as will Qataris, who is being boycotted by Saudi Arabia and three other Arab nations.

Those on the hajj said they hoped for better relations across the Muslim world.

"I hope this year would be a good one for the Islamic nations," said Ahmad Mohammad, an Egyptian pilgrim. "I hope the situation will be better, and I ask Allah to accept my pilgrimage."

President says White House counsel not a 'rat'

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lawyer whose testimony helped bring down President Richard Nixon. Although the substance of McGahn's statements to Mueller is not publicly known, Dean went on Twitter on Saturday to praise the White House counsel for "doing right."

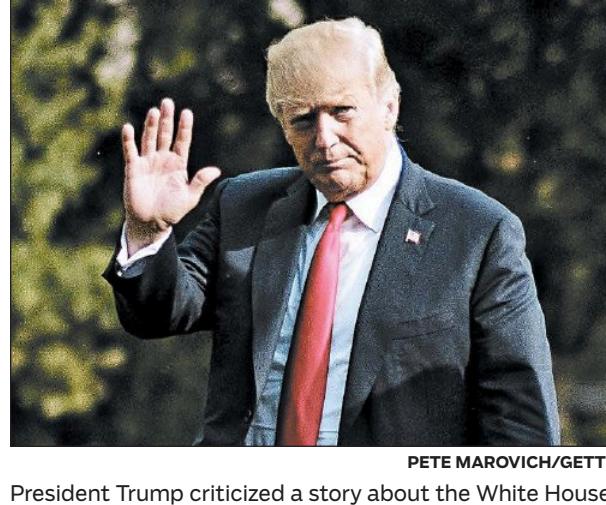
Meanwhile, a parallel Mueller-related drama was playing itself out. A federal jury was set Monday to resume deliberations in the trial of Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, who is on trial on tax evasion and bank fraud charges.

Trump, who in recent months has issued presidential pardons to some political supporters, last week took the highly unusual step of publicly opining about the case while the jury, which is not sequestered, was still out. The president said Manafort had been treated badly and was a "very good person."

For the past week, the White House has also been confronted with a steady drip of allegations by fired presidential aide Omarosa Manigault Newman, who became a reality-show star under Trump's tutelage.

She is promoting a book billed as a tell-all about her months in the White House, with some elements of her story backed by surreptitiously made recordings. On Sunday, she said on MSNBC that Trump is trying to start a "race war."

In addition, the president has prompted an outcry by stripping former CIA Director John Brennan, an outspoken critic, of his security clearance, with the White House indicating more such revocations are in the works. Dozens of retired intelligence professionals, including prominent former agency chiefs, have called the president's move against Brennan an act of petty vengeance mo-



President Trump criticized a story about the White House counsel cooperating with special counsel Robert Mueller.

tivated by an improper desire to muzzle critics.

National security adviser John Bolton, defending the decision to nullify Brennan's security clearance, suggested the former CIA director's denunciations of Trump were prompted by his knowledge of classified matters — implying, perhaps inadvertently, that such secret documentation of wrongdoing exists.

But Bolton said he didn't know "the specifics" and did not offer any proof that Brennan had improperly cited classified information, even indirectly.

Trump's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, said in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" that "truth isn't truth."

About the possibility of Trump submitting to an interview with prosecutors, Giuliani said: "I'm not going to be rushed into having him testify so he gets trapped into perjury. And when you tell me that he should testify because he's going to tell the truth and he shouldn't worry, well that's so silly because that's somebody's version of the truth, not the truth."

"Truth is truth," Chuck Todd, the "Meet the Press" moderator, replied.

"No, it isn't," Giuliani responded. "Truth isn't truth."

Trump, not for the first

time, invoked the McCarthy era in his Sunday posts, echoing his contention that the Mueller investigation is a witch hunt akin to the late Wisconsin senator's crusade against supposed Communist sympathizers in the 1950s.

"Mueller and his gang ... make Joseph McCarthy look like a baby!" the president wrote.

Some national security figures also pointed to the McCarthy precedent — but in connection with the rationale employed by Trump to revoke security clearances of former intelligence officials who voice dissent.

Retired Navy Adm. Michael Mullen, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Trump's clearance revocations were reminiscent of the McCarthy era and of Nixon's famous "enemies list." Former senior officials retain their security clearances so they can be consulted for advice in the event of a national emergency or international crisis.

"I am concerned about the whole issue of free speech, and as long as (Brennan) is not revealing classified information that he shouldn't, I certainly think he has the right to speak," Mullen said.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Flooding in southern India has killed 350, displaced 800K

CHENGANNUR, India — Some 800,000 people have been displaced and over 350 have died in the worst flooding in a century in southern India's Kerala state, officials said Sunday, as rescuers searched for stranded people.

The downpours that started Aug. 8 have triggered floods and landslides and caused homes and bridges to collapse across Kerala.

Thousands of rescuers

were continuing efforts to reach stranded people and get relief supplies to isolated areas by hundreds of boats and nearly two dozen helicopters, said a disaster management official. He said weather conditions had improved and expected the nearly 10,000 people still stranded to be rescued by Monday.

Weather officials have predicted more rains across the state through Monday morning.

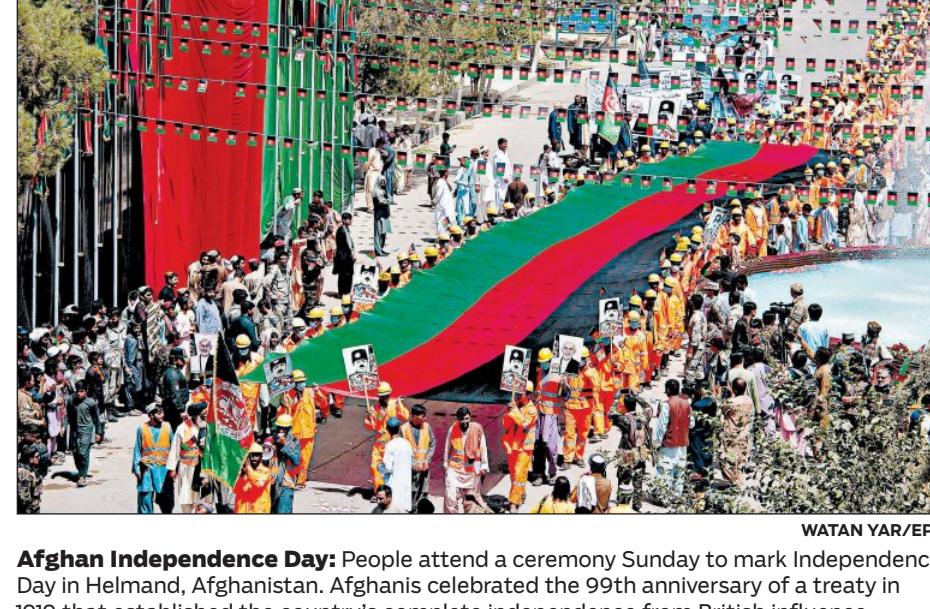
Doctor found guilty of sexual assault won't serve prison time

HOUSTON — A former Houston doctor convicted of sexually assaulting a patient while she was tethered to machines and receiving treatment for asthma won't serve any prison time and will instead serve 10 years' probation.

The punishment has surprised defense attorneys, disappointed law enforcement and raised concerns from a victims advocacy group, the Houston

Chronicle reported. The victim said through a former attorney that she had no comment.

Dr. Shafeeq Sheikh was sentenced Friday, a day after a Harris County jury of five women and seven men found him guilty after 14 hours of deliberations. He acknowledged at trial that he had sexual contact with the woman at Ben Taub hospital in 2013 but told jurors it was consensual.



Afghan Independence Day: People attend a ceremony Sunday to mark Independence Day in Helmand, Afghanistan. Afghans celebrated the 99th anniversary of a treaty in 1919 that established the country's complete independence from British influence.

Ala. governor limits use of jail food funds by sheriffs

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey

says the state comptroller has updated an agreement with county sheriffs to end a practice that let some of them pocket state money left over from inmate food programs.

Al.com reports the affidavit that county sheriffs must sign effective Sept. 1 contains new language clarifying the use of jail food funds. It states they must agree funds will only be spent on "preparing food, serving food and other service incident to the feeding of prisoners." The old version didn't specify use of funds.

State Auditor Jim Ziegler says the move could cause issues. Critics argue only the Legislature can change how such funds are spent.

Ivey last month halted paying the food service allowance directly into sheriffs' personal bank accounts.

Romania's interior minister

says hundreds of protesters attacked riot police during an anti-corruption demonstration. Speaking for the first time since the Aug. 10 protest, Carmen Dan said police were being investigated on suspicion of committing five cases of abuse against non-violent protesters.

3 dead after more quakes strike Indonesian island

SEMBOLUN, Indonesia — Multiple earthquakes cut power across the Indonesian island of Lombok, toppled buildings and killed at least three people as the tourist hotspot was trying to recover from a tremor earlier this month that killed hundreds of people.

A shallow magnitude 6.9 quake that hit about 10 p.m. was one of several powerful earthquakes Sunday in the northeast of the island that also caused landslides. The nighttime quake was followed by strong aftershocks.

Two people died when their homes collapsed on

Lombok and neighboring Sumbawa island, National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho tweeted Monday morning. Another person died earlier Sunday during a magnitude 6.3 quake.

The swarm of quakes caused panic in Sembalun subdistrict on Lombok in the shadow of Mount Rinjani, but many people were already staying in tents following the deadly jolt in early August and its hundreds of aftershocks. On Sumbawa, a neighborhood was engulfed by a fire that started in a collapsed house.

"People panicked and scattered," Nugroho said. "Some people are hysterical because they feel earthquake aftershocks that are harder than before. They heard a roar that probably came from landslides and Mount Rinjani."

Sunday night's tremor occurred on a different fault and was not an aftershock of the magnitude 7.0 quake on Aug. 5 that killed 460 people.

The quake lasting five to 10 seconds also was felt in the neighboring island of Bali and as far away as East Java and Makassar in Sulawesi.

Brazil sends troops to curb violence on border

SAO PAULO — The Brazilian government plans to send troops to the border town of Pacaraima after residents there attacked Venezuelan migrants.

Government-run news agency Agencia Brasil said Sunday that the Public Security Ministry plans to send at least 60 soldiers of

the elite National Force to Pacaraima. Calls to the ministry for details went unanswered.

Pacaraima is a major border crossing with Venezuela, where economic and political turmoil has driven tens of thousands to cross into Brazil over the past few years.

Authorities have said that Saturday's violence erupted after a local store-owner was robbed, stabbed and beaten in an assault blamed on four migrants.

Groups of angry residents then roamed the town hurling rocks at the immigrants and setting fire to their belongings.

Trump speechwriter fired over white nationalist conference

WASHINGTON — A White House speechwriter for President Donald Trump was fired last week after revelations that he had spoken at a conference attended by well-known white nationalists, according to three people familiar with the decision who were not authorized to speak publicly.

Darren Beattie, who was a visiting instructor at Duke University before he joined the speechwriting

A retired U.S. Navy captain in Hawaii has been indicted on federal charges of receiving at least \$145,000 in bribes from a Malaysian defense contractor. David Haas is the latest former or current Navy official to be caught up in a wide-ranging bribery scandal the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Saturday.

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EDITORIALS

Willow Creek and America's roll call of disgrace

In April, one of America's most prominent pastors, the Rev. Bill Hybels of Willow Creek Community Church, resigned after the Tribune revealed allegations of sexual misconduct against him. Since then, the rest of the South Barrington church's leadership — the people who were accountable for the oversight of Hybels and everyone else who works in Willow Creek's name — has followed him out the door.

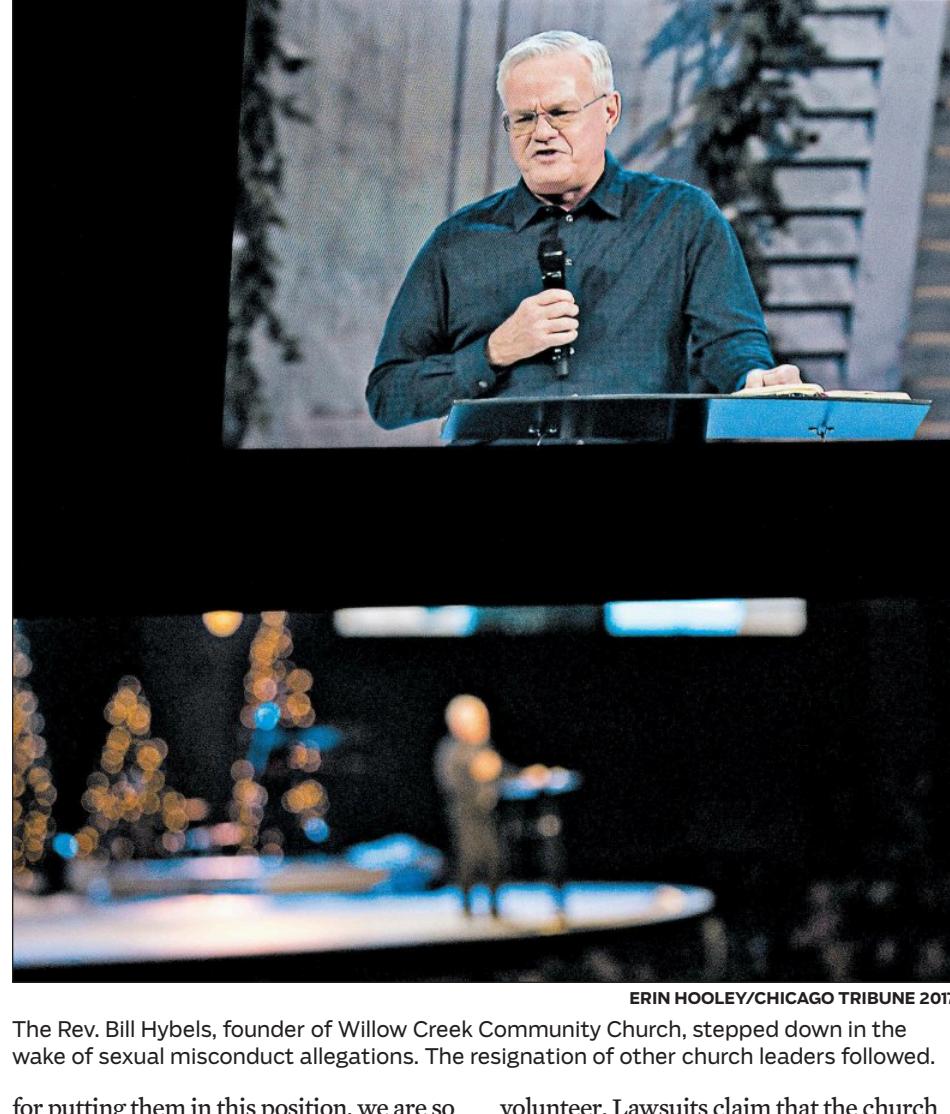
That's the right move. "Trust has been broken by leadership, and it doesn't return quickly," Willow Creek lead pastor Heather Larson explained when she stepped down. "There is urgency to move in a better direction."

Americans have heard similar sentiments from celebrities and leaders of major institutions in business, academia, sports, politics, entertainment. The list of the disgraced is long — and getting longer by the week.

How did Willow Creek land on this long-growing list that now includes Michigan State University, Chicago Public Schools and the Swedish Academy, which awards the Nobel Prize in literature?

In a recent investigative report, Tribune reporters Manya Brachear Pashman and Jeff Coen detailed how Hybels managed to avoid a rigorous investigation by the church's board of elders. The women's accusations against Hybels included an unwanted kiss, intense hugs that lasted too long, and invitations to hotel rooms while on overseas trips. Hybels angrily denied it all. Church officials evidently believed him or wanted to believe him. They had faith. They deflected blame. They doubted the accusers until the facts piled so high they could not be denied.

What went wrong? "We viewed the allegations through the lens of trust we had in Bill, and this clouded our judgment, which resulted in us not acting quickly enough ..." the elders confessed in a resignation statement. Lead pastors and church execs "trusted our process and publicly stood behind the work we had done. This caused people to question their (the pastors and the executive team's) integrity, and



The Rev. Bill Hybels, founder of Willow Creek Community Church, stepped down in the wake of sexual misconduct allegations. The resignation of other church leaders followed.

for putting them in this position, we are so sorry."

The elders' grave failure of oversight was underscored recently when news of a separate scandal broke. Willow Creek has agreed to pay more than \$3 million to settle lawsuits over the sexual abuse of two developmentally disabled boys by a church

volunteer. Lawsuits claim that the church should have acted on warning signs earlier.

Willow Creek says it has worked with law enforcement and security experts" to learn how this happened and how we can ensure it never happens again." Again, words we've often heard. Too often.

The Willow Creek and similar scandals don't just torch lives and reputations, they scorch institutions for generations. Who can think of Michigan State, for instance, without recalling the serial abuser Dr. Larry Nassar and all those prominent women gymnasts who movingly confronted him in court?

Or Chicago Public Schools leaders, scrambling to build new safeguards after the Tribune exposed the district's failure to protect students from sexual predators, including teachers, coaches — and fellow students.

Or the latest revelations about leaders of the Roman Catholic Church in Pennsylvania, who allegedly covered up the sexual abuse of more than 1,000 children over seven decades.

The same questions now haunt these institutions: How did we allow this to happen? What can we do to rebuild trust?

The answer starts *before* the scandal. And it applies as much to large corporations and megachurches as to mom-and-pop businesses and the tiniest parishes.

Groups, large or small, have best practices. Or not.

There's a culture of vigilance, not just to detect sexual abuse but misconduct of all sorts. Or not.

People are encouraged to speak up if they see something, suspect something. Or not.

Victims can come forward feeling assured that they'll be heard, not dismissed. Or not.

Leaders deal vigorously and pre-emptively with allegations. Or they shrug off reports and rely on protocols too tepid to ferret out wrongdoers.

Tomorrow may bring revelations about another major institution, in Chicago or elsewhere, that has failed to heed the lessons of Willow Creek, of CPS, of Michigan State and all the rest. The leaders of that freshly scandalized and embarrassed institution will have no one to blame but themselves.

A driverless streetscape? Plan on it.

To find a prism into how cities and suburbs will evolve in coming years and decades, look no further than the lowly curb.

That concrete barrier between street and sidewalk has always been that place where we park cars, alight buses and hail taxis. During parades, it's that makeshift bench that gives our tired legs a moment of rest.

Now, fast-forward to, say, 2050. What will the curbside world look like? Will segments be set off as pick-up/drop-off points for driverless Ubers and Lyfts flitting in and out with clockwork precision? Will Divvy or scooter docking stations take up more space along the curb, as we embrace ways to get off our duffs and out of our cars? Will there be any room for the holdouts among us who refuse to let go of SUV steering wheels?

It's that kind of imaginative yet necessary conceptualizing that regional transportation planners are undertaking right now, and urging municipalities to undertake on their own.

Like every American metro area, the Chicago region faces head-spinning changes to the way people get around in coming decades. Driverless car and truck technology will be one part of that transformation. It won't change just the way we get to and from work — it will change the movement of goods and freight, our streetscape infrastructure, even our choices of where we live.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning has begun mulling these concepts, and its input will appear in its "Go to 2050" Plan, a blueprint for tackling the region's myriad challenges three decades from now.

The plan's research and guidance will help steer decisions about how and where local, county and state governments spend your tax dollars. Transportation projects in Chicago's seven-county region that are vying for federal funding must be endorsed by CMAP's plan to be eligible for that money.

CMAP officials tell us that city and sub-

urban leaders don't have to wait until 2050 to begin mapping out strategies for an increasingly driverless world. They can — should — start doing that now.

"Planning for these things today does help," Elizabeth Schuh, a principal policy analyst at CMAP, tells us. "So when we talk about automated vehicles, we're talking about people getting dropped off at a curb and the car going somewhere else. There are best practices for you as a community to rethink your curb space ... sorting out bikes, pedestrians, parking, drop-off zones, bus stops — rethinking that environment so that everyone moves smoothly."

There's only so much planning that you can do — or need to do. Aircraft manufacturers are already working on prototypes for flying taxis, but that doesn't mean Chicago or Schaumburg should start repurposing parking garage rooftops as landing zones. Ride share through the air is still many years away. We think.

But the advent of driverless cars is a

much more realistic prospect. In a recent research report, CMAP said industry experts project sales of driverless vehicles to begin sometime between the mid 2020s and early 2030s. Driverless car testing in real-life settings has already begun. "If you think automated vehicles are 20 years away, you're living in a dream world," Randy Blankenhorn, director of the Illinois Department of Transportation, told the City Club of Chicago last November. "They are here, and they are here now."

CMAP's finished 2050 plan is expected to be published in October. When we met with the CMAP folks, one take-away was a message for regional and local leaders: Don't wait until 2040 or 2030 or even 2020 to start thinking about how the region's streets, curbsides, and infrastructure will need to change once driverless technology rolls around. "They need to think about these things now," CMAP's Tina Smith told us. That's not fanciful thinking — it's smart planning.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Earth is smoldering. From Seattle to Siberia this summer, flames have consumed swaths of the northern hemisphere. ... Yet as the impact of climate change becomes more evident, so too does the scale of the challenge ahead.

Three years after countries vowed in Paris to keep warming "well below" 2 C relative to pre-industrial levels, greenhouse-gas emissions are up again. So are investments in oil and gas. In 2017, for the first time in four years, demand for coal rose. Subsidies for renewables, such as wind and solar power, are dwindling in many places and investment has stalled; climate-friendly nuclear power is expensive and unpopular.

It is tempting to think these are temporary setbacks and that mankind, with its instinct for self-preservation, will muddle through to a victory over global warming. In fact, it is losing the war. ...

Insufficient progress is not to say no progress at all. As solar panels, wind turbines and other low-carbon technologies become cheaper and more efficient, their use has surged. Last year the number of electric cars sold around the world passed 1 million. In some sunny and blustery places renewable power now costs less than coal. ...

Politicians have an essential role to play in making the case for reform and in ensuring that the most vulnerable do not bear the brunt of the change.

Perhaps global warming will help them fire up the collective will. Sadly, the world looks poised to get a lot hotter first.

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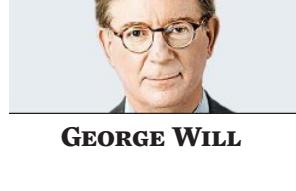
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Are we headed for another Lehman-like episode?

**GEORGE WILL**

WASHINGTON — Eric Sevareid (1912-92), the author and broadcaster, said he was a pessimist about tomorrow but an optimist about the day after tomorrow. Regarding America's economy, prudent people should reverse that.

On Aug. 22, according to the Financial Times' Robin Wigglesworth and Nicole Bullock, "the U.S. stock market will officially have enjoyed its longest-ever bull run" — one that rises 20 percent from its low, until it drops 20 percent from its peak. And Sept. 15

will be the 10th anniversary of the collapse of Lehman Bros., the fourth-largest U.S. investment bank. History's largest bankruptcy filing presaged the October 2008 evaporation of almost \$10 trillion in global market capitalization.

The durable market rise that began March 6, 2009, is as intoxicating as the Lehman anniversary should be sobering: Nothing lasts. Those who see no Lehman-like episode on the horizon did not see the last one.

Economists debate, inconclusively,

this question: Do economic expansions die of old age (the current one began in June 2009), or are they slain by big events or bad policies? What is known is that all expansions end. God, a wit has warned, is going to come down and pull civilization over for speeding. When He, or something, decides that today's expansion, in its 11th month (approaching twice the 58-month average length of post-1945 expansions), has gone on long enough, the contraction probably will begin with the annual budget deficit exceeding \$1 trillion.

The president's Office of Management and Budget — not that there really is a meaningful budget getting actual management — projects that the deficit for fiscal 2019, which begins in six weeks, will be \$1.085 trillion. This is while the economy is, according to the economic historian in the Oval Office, "as good as it's ever been, ever."

Leavening administration euphoria with facts, Yale's Robert Shiller, writing in The New York Times, notes that since quarterly gross domestic product enumeration began in 1947, there have been 101 quarters with growth at least equal to the 4.1 percent of this year's second quarter.

The fastest — 13.4 percent — was

1950's fourth quarter; perhaps produced largely by bad news: The Cold War was on, the Korean War had

begun in June, fear of the atomic bomb was rising (New York City installed its first air-raid siren in October), as was (consequently) a homebuilding boom outside cities and "scare buying" of products that might become scarce during World War III. Today, Shiller says, "it seems likely that people in many countries may be accelerating their purchases — of soybeans, steel and many other commodities — fearing future government intervention in the form of a trade war." And fearing the probable: higher interest rates.

Another hardy perennial among economic debates concerns the point at which the ratio of debt to GDP suppresses growth. The (sort of) good news — in that it will satisfy intellectual curiosity — is that we are going to find out where that point is: Within a decade, the national debt probably will be 100 percent of GDP and rising. As Irwin Stelzer of the Hudson Institute says, "If unlimited borrowing, financed by printing money, were a path to prosperity, then Venezuela and Zimbabwe would be top of the growth tables."

Jay Powell, chairman of the Federal Reserve, says fiscal policy is on an "unsustainable path," but such warnings are audible wallpaper, there but not noticed. The word "unsustainable" in fiscal rhetoric is akin to "unacceptable" in diplomatic parlance,

where it usually refers to a situation soon to be accepted.

A recent International Monetary Fund analysis noted that among advanced economies "only the United States expects an increase in the debt-to-GDP ratio over the next five years." America's complacency caucus will respond: But among those economies, ours is performing especially well. What, however, if this is significantly an effect of exploding debt? Publicly held U.S. government debt has tripled in a decade.

Despite today's shrill discord between the parties, the political class is more united by class interest than it is divided by ideology. From left to right, this class has a permanent incentive to run enormous deficits — to charge, through taxation, current voters significantly less than the cost of the government goods and services they consume, and saddling future voters with the cost of servicing the resulting debt after the current crop of politicians have left the scene.

This crop derives its political philosophy from the musical "Annie": Tomorrow is always a day away. For normal people, however, the day after tomorrow always arrives.

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Stable work schedules are good for Chicago workers and employers

BY JOHN ARENA AND AMEYA PAWAR

Michael Ortiz is a wheelchair attendant at Midway Airport.

He works about 35 hours a week, but when his employer Prospect Airport Services assigns him mandatory overtime at the last minute, it means he has less quality time to spend with his 6-year-old son.

"Sometimes the schedules aren't available with enough time for me and my coworkers to know whether we have to work mandatory overtime, and that can make arranging child care a big challenge for many of us. Sometimes I miss my son's after-school activities because I'm required to work overtime, and I need the money to pay for the things my family needs," says Ortiz. "If I had a set schedule, with advance notice of my overtime, I could better support my family."

The City Council has the chance to make life more stable and predictable for hundreds of thousands of workers like Ortiz.

Thirty aldermen and a broad coalition of organized labor,

workers and advocacy organizations are supporting the Chicago Fair Workweek Ordinance, which would create common sense rules about how and when work schedules can be changed.

This ordinance would give workers the right to request more flexible or predictable work arrangements and, in some cases, to receive a more customized schedule. Workers would have the right to refuse shifts with 11 hours or less between them, since workers are often expected to work a closing shift and then an opening shift just a few hours later, without even enough time to go home and change or rest.

The ordinance would guarantee workers at least two weeks advance notice of their schedules, and require employers to first offer existing employees additional hours prior to hiring additional workers. This will help in combating underemployment and underscheduling of Chicago workers. If an employer changes an employee's schedule with less than 24 hours' notice, the employer would have to provide one additional hour of pay for each

changed shift, except when changes are due to unforeseen causes beyond the control of the employer.

The bill also would require clear expectations about hours and schedules from the start. Employers would have to provide a good faith estimate in writing of the employee's work schedule and minimum hours prior to or on commencement of employment.

The Chicago Tribune Editorial Board slammed the ordinance in an Aug. 8 editorial, saying it would hurt business. But the truth is, this ordinance is a compromise. After hearing from business owners and employees from across Chicago, aldermen amended the bill to exempt businesses with fewer than 50 employees. This ordinance focuses on the largest sectors of our economy, such as retail, food service, hospitality and health care.

The reality is, in light of the national trend around fair work-week laws, companies such as the Gap and Starbucks have already done away with on-call scheduling. They provide two weeks

notice or more, and have done so to great success to their bottom line. Most labor contracts negotiated by unions have significant scheduling clauses in them. Hundreds of companies in all industries across the Chicago area are already making this work.

The Tribune also overlooks new data that shows that for the Gap, enacting many of these changes sparked a 7 percent growth in sales and a 5 percent increase in worker productivity. The data, from the Center for WorkLife Law, a research and advocacy organization at University of California Hastings College of the Law, shows that fair scheduling policies have helped reduce costs to companies who have to deal with increased hiring, training and retention costs for a workforce that gets burned out because they can't predict their schedules week to week.

Protecting workers who bear the brunt of last-minute changes to their schedules, some even after they've shown up to work, is a practice that many businesses already do. If you hire a catering

company or book an event space, and cancel at the last minute, most caterers or event spaces keep deposits to cover the built-in costs of doing business. The same protection should be granted to workers who are told to go home or have to set up extra child care coverage, or skip a class or training program, when their schedules change. There are costs associated with getting to work: think parking, public transportation charges, paying for gas, setting up child or elder care or telling your other job or schooling that you can't make it because you're committed to upholding your end of the employment bargain.

Michael Ortiz and others like him can have a voice in their workweeks, so when they clock out they can be with their families, take vocational or college courses or volunteer in their communities.

All aldermen have to do is pass the Chicago Fair Workweek Ordinance.

John Arena is alderman of Chicago's 45th Ward. Ameya Pawar is alderman of Chicago's 47th Ward.

PERPECTIVE

Appealing to the center no longer a winnable strategy



JONAH GOLDBERG

If there's a single idea that has defined the politics of the last 70 years it is the notion of "the center."

What constituted the center of American politics has always been up for debate. Did the center mean mushy moderation? Was it the "reasonable" midpoint between the right and left where most American voters clustered? Was it a set of clear principles most Americans rallied around? Or was the center whatever positions could win over enough people who called themselves "centrists" or "independents"?

The truth is, it varied from one political moment to another. Politics is about building coalitions of support, and how that is done can change with the times and the personality.

When Barry Goldwater was seen as too extreme in 1964,

Lyndon B. Johnson won in a landslide. In 1968, the perceived inability of liberals to keep the left in check tilted the country to Richard Nixon.

Some politicians had the base in their pockets and needed to persuade the moderates, like Reagan in 1980. Some politicians had the moderates in their pocket but needed to persuade the base that their heart was in the right place, like George H.W. Bush in 1988.

But this idea that each party had to win over enough of the great American middle in order to be the majority party informed pretty much every presidential election since the end of World War II.

All of that seems to have vanished.

Donald Trump is the first president in living memory who seems utterly contemptuous of even appearing to care about voters outside of his base in a sustained way. He often refers to "my people" as if he is president of his fan base and no one else.

The bizarre irony is that Trump is less extreme on (some) policy issues than media coverage

might lead you to believe.

Trump doesn't want to touch entitlements, and neither do most voters. When pressed, most Americans don't like it when NFL players kneel for the national anthem. On countless other issues, from trade and foreign policy to immigration, Trump's underlying positions are much less controversial than the way he talks about them and the way he handles them. Most Americans don't want immigration increased, and most Americans don't like the way Trump talks about immigrants. Most Americans don't want to see Confederate statues toppled, and I suspect that most Americans don't like the way he talks about that issue either.

As we've seen in recent primaries, GOP candidates are taking their cues from Trump. The main issue in race after race was which candidate was more supportive of President Trump rather than any public policy issue. It's no wonder that only 33 percent of Americans think Republican congressional candidates are within the mainstream.

Meanwhile, Democrats, in part

as a reaction to Trump's base-appeasing style, have become policy extremists. The competition among Democrats is to see who can be the most reasonable-sounding defender of unreasonable policies, from midwifing a new socialist era to abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. So it's also no surprise that only 33 percent of Americans think Democratic congressional candidates are within the mainstream.

I don't think Trump created this dynamic, but he's accelerating it.

Much of this political transformation is downstream of a demographic transformation. Because of what has been called "the big sort," Blue America is becoming bluer, and Red America is becoming redder. Thus, the political incentive for most politicians isn't to cultivate the center to cobble together a majority coalition, but to gin up the base as much as possible.

Barack Obama refused to "pivot to the center" when he got the nomination in 2008. Instead, he brilliantly blew up the standard model by increasing turnout

among minorities and young people. He received fewer votes in 2012, but the strategy worked for him again. It didn't work very well for the rest of his party. In response to Obama, Republicans gained more elective positions than at any time since the 1920s. Moderate Democrats were all but wiped out as a force within the party, leaving what was left to be even more ideologically extreme.

The GOP didn't moderate under Obama either. Trump, blessed with an ideal 2016 opponent in Hillary Clinton, adopted a mirror-image strategy to Obama's and torqued up white turnout.

For both parties, the notion of appealing to the center, or simply expanding their coalitions, faded from collective memory. The challenge for the GOP in the long run is that this strategy depends on an ever-shrinking supply of white voters.

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Palestinians don't deserve disempowered lives

BY HUSSEIN IBISH

In a tiny West Bank village not long ago, a teenage girl slapped a heavily armed soldier outside her home. The prevailing sense among 7 million Jews was that she was a violent renegade, a kind of apprentice terrorist. But almost 7 million Palestinians saw her act as effectively, or at least relatively, nonviolent. They viewed her as fully justified and, indeed, heroic.

This clash of completely irreconcilable perceptions reveals the fundamental realities between Israel and the Palestinians. This month, Israel released Ahed Tamimi, a 17-year-old Palestinian, after she had served eight months for "assaulting" an Israeli soldier. Her 15-year-old cousin was allegedly shot in the head with a rubber bullet by Israeli occupation forces during a demonstration, after which there was a confrontation with the soldiers outside her home. That's when the slap occurred.

Why would a teenager slap a soldier? Why would she be lionized and vilified internationally for doing so? Because her people and the Jewish population of Israel do not operate on equal ground.

One side has every reason to try to change that, but many on the other side are content to ignore the disparity.

Lessons learned

If the 20th century taught us anything, it is that people cannot long abide living in a condition in which they have no power, no agency and no self-determination. This is why the European colonial project broke down so completely. It's why segregation in the American South could not survive. It's why apartheid in South Africa simply collapsed.

In the territory between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, variously known as Eretz Yisrael, historical Palestine or mandatory Palestine, two peoples live in equal numbers. However, one group in it has all the

power.

A small group of Palestinians are Israeli citizens, making up a manageable minority of about 20 percent. They face lots of official and unofficial discrimination, but they have many of the basic rights of citizens.

The overwhelming majority of Palestinians, however, are not citizens of Israel or any other country. They do not have any say in the government that effectively rules them, or any influence on the laws, regulations, bureaucracy or courts that determine their fate. They cannot travel more than a few miles in any direction without the permission of a hostile occupying army.

They have no vote. They have no passport. They have, simply, no meaningful rights.

In a world of citizens, Palestinians are the only remaining large group of stateless people. This is particularly striking because most of them are not refugees and are living in their own towns and villages.

Lives of humiliation

Young Palestinians like Tamimi have never known another reality. They have grown up in an environment where they know that another people control their lives completely and that they are utterly powerless. Their parents have no real authority. Their fathers are routinely subject to all manner of arbitrary humiliations in front of them.

Some try to rationalize these realities. They blame the Palestinians themselves, the Arabs or others. And yet this fundamental reality of basic empowerment for Jews versus near-total disempowerment for Palestinians is still the essence of lived reality. This is the basis of the Israeli-Palestinian relationship. That no one can deny.

No people disempowered to this extent will ever be able to accept that status. Nor should they be expected to.

Yet, increasingly, many Jewish



A mural shows Ahed Tamimi, 17, who has been embraced as a face of the Palestinian resistance but is seen by many Israelis as a provocateur.

Israelis and Americans are beginning to assume that Palestinians can and should remain effectively powerless for the indefinite future. Not because they have any substantive rebuttal to anything I've said about the inhumane treatment of the Palestinians. But simply because they see it as convenient for Israel.

Practically speaking, there are only two ways for Palestinians to gain any structural authority over their lives. They could have an independent state. Or they could become full and equal citizens of Israel or some other entity. There is no third path to basic human rights. The alternative to those options is the formalization of Israeli apartheid. Yet this is what many are now openly promoting.

Is he for real?

The Wall Street Journal recently responded to Tamimi's release by printing a sort of Rosetta Stone for this perspective. In it, Daniel J. Arbess, an American

investor, presumes to offer Tamimi "advice." Dismissing this brutal reality as a "so-called occupation," he effectively offers her and other young Palestinians a deal: They can enjoy some measure of integration "into Israel's thriving economy and culture of innovation" with "self-determination" for "local communities" (whatever that means).

Here's the catch: The "Jewish character of the state" will be guaranteed under "any demographic circumstances." So even if Palestinians become a majority, as they probably soon will, they will still somehow have to live in a "Jewish state." Arbess clarifies that a central feature of any such arrangement will be sustaining "Jewish control of immigration and other policies of national identity and security." Again, apparently under any demographic conditions.

Arbess isn't hiding his demand for perpetual, guaranteed, Jewish supremacy in all of the land, with or without a Jewish majority. In

effect, Palestinians can get some secondary economic benefits and localized political crumbs if they surrender any hope for dignity or self-determination.

This sounds a lot like Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's notorious, and preposterous, vision of "economic peace" with Palestinians receiving a "state minus." In effect, of course, it means Palestinians will agree to live as "humans minus."

The bottom line

There are disturbing signs from the U.S. special envoy to the Middle East, Jared Kushner, and the U.S. ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, that the Trump administration shares such a vision, and that any administration "peace plan" will, in effect, embody it as well.

But "economic peace" is an absurdity because this is a political conflict, not a squabble over money. Even disputes about land hide what lies, very obviously, directly underneath: power.

It's no good saying Jews should know what it means to live without power, and under someone else's whims and control. People don't work like that; suffering is rarely ennobling. As ever, the powerful do what they can, and the weak suffer what they must.

But the same dynamics of fundamental human psychology mean that Palestinians, alone among all the peoples of the Earth, will not uniquely agree to live in a formalized, fundamental, structural condition of radical disempowerment.

Would Arbess, Netanyahu or the others ever agree to that for themselves or their families? Would they ever dream of asking Jewish Israelis to? To ask the question is to answer it — possibly with a slap.

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Nobody threatens the free press in the United States. Your personal experiences with menacing behavior are likely not as severe as those of President Donald Trump's supporters who wear MAGA hats or other Trump indicia in public.

The mainstream media rarely give President Trump credit where it's due, and often present facts with implicit negative connotations respecting the president. The New York Times, CNN and MSNBC are openly and proudly hostile to everything Trump. Even the thriving economy is an illusion to them.

The Tribune tried to deftly sidestep the coordinated nature of media editorials on imagined threats to free speech, but it is apparent to many that the anti-

Trump media are almost always coordinated.

— Jack Kenesey, Palatine

Empty nester

I don't have school-age children anymore. I have a grown daughter who now teaches children of her own. But I feel pangs of heartbreak when I see the effervescent colors of Crayola boxes, the back-to-school clothing commercials, and the bright yellow school buses on street corners as I go for my run early on a mid-August morning.

There in the distance, I see a woman grabbing one last Instagram shot of her sweet daughter before she goes off to kindergarten, and my heart skips a beat. There, beaming from ear to ear, is the pigtailed happiness of the future alongside the panic of a

mother relinquishing her control for the very first time.

The memories of my own daughter on her first day of school send tears streaming down my face. Hard to decipher that from all the sweat pouring down me at that moment. But I know the difference.

Even today, I still have a compulsion to go out and buy No. 2 pencils, highlighters, glue sticks and rulers for fear that I'm missing out on this societal rite of passage.

As I run down the streets seeing the backpacks tugging at the clusters of kids waiting for their buses to arrive, I revel in my knowledge that I still keep the Texas Instruments TI-30 calculator from the 1990s under lock and key. I'm convinced that there will be a time capsule one day, and I will have to relinquish it for memory's sake.

The angst of the start of the school year is never lost on me. I'm certain that as kids grow older and more parents become "empty nesters," the feelings are

similar. I call myself an Empty Nester 2.0, because I am further removed from this than ever before. Yet, the desire to still feel that connection remains.

For me, it's the reality that, as life moves on and I get older, I now look at those past moments as joys, whereas I might have once felt they were stressful. Years of making a mad dash for the right colored folders. Feeling panicky that we couldn't find the correct protractor. Bolting into the office supply store in search of the last calculator in our ZIP code. It was all part of the process of spending quality time with my child. I get that now. I didn't quite then. And for that, I will forever be sorrowful.

As an Empty Nester 2.0, I write this to all the parents who are filling backpacks, buying snacks for lunches, or planning itineraries for the school year. Love every minute of it! It goes by so fast. And one day, you might be running by it, like me, and thinking, "Just one more No. 2 pencil!"

— Terri Mlotek, Skokie

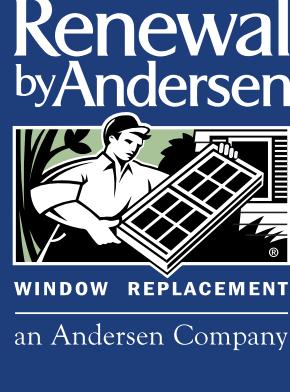
'Active shooter' drills

Over the next few weeks, young people — our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, kids we coached this summer in Little League or drama camp — are returning to school.

Within the first few weeks of their return, many will have to go through "active shooter" drills in their schools. So these children and teens we care about begin the school year not with enthusiasm and energy, but with anxiety and dread over what could happen to them any day, anytime they are in school.

We have allowed the gun lobby and the Second Amendment advocates to hijack what going to school ought to mean for our students. Is there any reasonable person who believes that worrying every day about an active shooter in school will not have an impact on the emotional and educational lives of our children?

— Joseph A. Mulcrone, Chicago



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Your Monday guide to managing money, work and the business of life



JILL SCHLESINGER
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Want to be happier? Use your vacation time

I am preparing to take a much-needed vacation, and I am trying to figure out how to disconnect and recharge.

According to a recent study from Project: Time Off, the average time a worker took off in 2017 was 172 days, and more than half didn't use all their allotted days. That's a shame, because there are health benefits to being away, especially when it involves travel. Americans taking all or most of their vacation days to get out of town report dramatically higher rates of happiness than those using little to none of their time for travel, the study found.

I don't really need to be convinced to take vacation, but in order to receive the restorative benefits, I need to be more mindful of what I will do while I'm away. Like many Americans, I have fallen into the habit of constantly checking my e-mail. This is partially due to a pattern that I established when I was in a client business.

While I no longer have clients, the media industry makes me a slave to the news cycle, which in turn keeps me tethered to email. Perhaps most importantly, I am compulsive about keeping my inbox cleared out.

I tried letting the emails pile up for a day after interviewing Tim Harford, author of "Messy: The Power of Disorder to Transform Our Lives," but fell off the wagon after a couple of weeks.

One problem with my habit is that it sucks me back into work, when I should be getting a break, even if just for the night. According to the latest data from the Labor Department's American Time Use Survey, Americans ages 35 to 44 are on average working 5 hours and 13 minutes each day. That may be just an average, but I am definitely logging more time working than that.

After talking to colleagues and productivity experts, here's my to-do list to better manage my time off. Feel free to shoot me a note with your tips.

Two weeks before vacation: I communicated with bosses and co-workers about my plans. I sent an email to (and then followed up with) TV and radio producers and bookers, with my vacation dates and also noted that if something big occurred (i.e. a stock market drop of more than 4 percent in a single day), they should contact me by phone, not email.

I prepared a detailed list of what needed to be ready to go. I recorded a bunch of radio pieces and also wrote a few weeks of columns.

One week before vacation: I made an email plan. When I first told my producer that I was not going to check email while on vacation, he scoffed and said: "You're never going to do that. Why don't you try something more realistic, like once a day?" Good idea.

The day before vacation: I set up a detailed out-of-office reply, alerting everyone that I will be gone and that I won't check email frequently. I also provided a contact person, who may be able to assist while I'm out.

Vacation mode: I turned off notifications and am ready to head to the beach!

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HER HUBS

Women-only co-working spaces popping up in several cities

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Working from home certainly has its perks, but in the past few years, co-working spaces have become a desirable alternative for those who like independence mixed with a pleasant space, some networking opportunities, an officelike environment and a bit of social interaction. Oh, and good coffee.

Despite the benefits, many female entrepreneurs weren't sold on their shared environments, perhaps because many of the spaces were dominated by men.

Enter women-only co-working spaces. In the #MeToo era, as conversations about workplace harassment grow, these hubs aim to offer a safe and supportive work environment for women and people who identify as non-binary.

As Minneapolis-based The Coven notes on its website, "Our business is designed to provide services that allow our members to reclaim their time and be any version of themselves."

Of course, the women-only model isn't just about creating a safe space, it's also about "good business sense," as Hera Hub founder Felena Hanson told CNBC.

"We ... have confidence that women-owned businesses are the key to the next wave of U.S. prosperity," the Hera Hub website states. And female co-working spaces help foster that prosperity with perks, amenities, expert advice, a support network and smartly designed spaces that you'll want to spend time in.

Whether you're a woman building your business as a solopreneur or working with a team, here are five spaces that could be just the environment for your success.

The Wing

The most well-known on the list, The Wing, has been soaring since opening its first space in 2016, having raised more than \$40 million

from investors including WeWork and SoulCycle founders Julie Rice and Elizabeth Cutler.

The Wing's locations are an Instagram-worthy dreamland of blush-colored, mid-century modern furniture and light-filled open spaces. But the offerings are more than visual. In addition to the long list of amenities, including a lactation room, showers and a library, The Wing hosts regular events and scores big names, such as Hillary Clinton as speakers. And it's growing rapidly.

In addition to the three locations in New York, The Wing has a space in Washington and more coming in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, London, Toronto and Seattle.

Price: \$215 per month or \$2,350 a year for a single location; \$250 per month or \$2,700 a year for all-access.

The Coven

The Coven came to fruition via a crowdfunding campaign, raising about \$315,000 from 284 backers.

The Minneapolis space, which opened this year, offers female and non-binary members amenities such as a prayer room, beauty bar, concierge service and organic snacks from a local community co-op, as well as a calendar full of smart events and useful classes.

And it all takes place on two floors of a historic building designed so beautifully (by women) that it looks more like a trendy home in a magazine than an office.

Price: \$200 per month or \$2,200 a year.

evolveHer

EvolveHer's minimalist design (bright white tables, gold accents, uncluttered bookshelves and greenery) is the perfect antidote to your always-full inbox.

The Chicago co-working office is a 5,000-square-foot loft that includes conference rooms, spaces for photo shoots and an open floor plan

room with various areas to gather and work.

EvolveHer also offers an online member network, child care through a partnership with another local business, a book exchange, discounts for partner events and more.

Price: \$100-\$389 per month.

Hera Hub

Hera Hub has been in the game since its San Diego launch in 2011, steadily working toward its goal of supporting more than 20,000 women in business by 2020.

The company has co-working spaces in California, Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, and Sweden with more coming soon in Atlanta, Seattle and Houston.

In addition to the office space, Hera Hub is a business accelerator, offering support for businesswomen, including gurus who share their expertise in one-on-one sessions and a Writers' Lounge led by a professional writer.

Price: Varies by city (check individual locations for pricing).

Quilt

If you're feeling torn between the work-from-home life and an office environment, Quilt might be the solution.

The company was launched in 2017 and connects women on and offline. Members can attend facilitated conversations in women's homes, post in online groups or connect one-on-one through the member directory.

Quilt also offers a calendar of co-working sessions, tea chats, learn shops, side-hustle Saturday events and more in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. If you're feeling inspired, you can apply to be a host and lead a session in your home.

Price: \$79 per quarter or \$199 a year.

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Multi-year guarantee annuity primer

Tax deferral and other benefits



I have written previously that there are some worthwhile annuities that don't involve high commissions.

A multi-year guarantee annuity falls into this category. It is also known as a fixed-rate annuity. Typically, they are purchased with a single premium amount. You can look at this product as a certificate of deposit with tax deferral.

If your time horizon is more than two years, consider purchasing a MYGA. Similar to CDs, surrender charges apply if you take your money out before the contract period ends. However, most MYGAs allow you to take out 10 percent of the funds penalty free if you need liquidity.

Naturally, before you purchase a MYGA, make sure you understand the regulations regarding penalty-free withdrawals. You also must understand whether the MYGA will automatically renew, which would restart the surrender charges. It is also important for you to understand that some guarantee periods don't match up with the surrender periods.

Don't purchase any MYGA without fully understanding the guarantees, the surrender charges and automatic renewal rules.

More than 30 companies offer this product, so your financial adviser should be able to obtain the best rates for you by contacting several companies.

The major advantage the MYGA has over the CD is tax deferral. With a CD that is not in an IRA or other retirement account, taxes have to be paid annually on the interest earned.



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

Most investors know that the Fed in the last few years has been regularly increasing short-term interest rates. Nobody knows when that trend will change. Accordingly, it makes sense to consider a ladder approach, in which you can ladder durations over, say, three or five years to take advantage of increasing rates. If your time frame is three years or more, then consider an MYGA over a CD in order to obtain a higher interest rate.

Naturally, you should consider safety when you compare MYGAs to CDs. There is no question that CDs are very safe because of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. MYGAs are regulated at the state level, and if the carrier undergoes financial problems, then it is up to the state guarantee fund to protect the investor. You should consider only carriers with the highest ratings.

Your representative should use what is known as COMDEX rankings. These ratings are based on the four major rating services: A.M. Best, Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch. Make sure your carrier has a high quality rating.

You can obtain the best rates in MYGAs in your state by using the following

web site: <https://goo.gl/JrhPLH>.

All deferred annuities, including MYGAs, can be converted into an income stream by annuitizing the contract. Accordingly, at your option, you can convert your MYGA into a lifetime income stream by purchasing a single premium annuity, which I discussed in a recent column.

Even if you purchase a relatively short-term MYGA, such as three years, at the end of the term, according to IRS rules, you can transfer a non-qualified annuity, such as the MYGA, to another non-qualified annuity. This transfer is a non-taxable event, and accordingly you would be postponing a tax liability. This can be a useful option if you have no need for the money then.

Most MYGAs offer the accumulation value at the time of your death. It is important for you to understand how the benefit is contractually calculated. Some companies do not waive the surrender penalty at death. Consider only companies that do waive this penalty.

The beneficiaries you specify will receive a lump sum from your MYGA when you die. If your beneficiaries would rather receive payments over a period of years rather than a lump sum, you can ask your agent to structure a policy that will accomplish this. You can change the beneficiaries whenever you choose.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphaeliot@gmail.com.



TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Rounding up small change, turning it into more

From little acorns grow mighty oaks. That's the premise of the Acorns app. Now Acorns has sprouted and grown into something else.

It's about to become a full-fledged financial institution with its own checking account and debit card. It will continue the goal of rounding up small change and turning it into investment dollars.

The initial Acorns app allows you to link your checking account and your credit cards. Whenever you spend money using a linked card, the amount is rounded up to the next whole dollar. Then, when you reach \$5 in savings, the money is automatically moved into one of five investment portfolios. You have your choice of risk level, from conservative to aggressive.

Since the Acorns app started less than four years ago, 3.8 million people have opened accounts, and more than \$1 billion have been moved into Acorn investment portfolios. You can add more money to the account whenever you want.

It's the modern-day version of the old penny jar, as I wrote four years ago. But while pennies and nickels in a jar don't grow in value, Acorns' round-up strategy allows those small contributions to grow into real investments. But, keep in mind that if you're dealing with only a few dollars every month, the \$1 fee that Acorn charges isn't always the smartest move. Investing more money makes the most sense.

Acorns recently introduced individual retirement accounts, called Acorns Later, in the form of a traditional IRA, Roth IRA or SEP. Acorns automatically selects the appropriate investment portfolio for you. It works just like the round-up feature in Acorns, but now the money can grow tax-deferred in a traditional, deductible IRA. Or it can grow tax-free in a Roth IRA.

That incentive has inspired customers to add more money on an automatic transfer basis from their checking accounts. They are contributing an average of \$70 per month to their Acorns Later accounts, says Noah Kerner, CEO of Acorns.

Millennials and Gen Y like a lot of things about the savings app. Easy, automatic and featuring portfolios designed for growth, the process is almost invisible. That is, invisible until you suddenly see your balances grow and realize that your money is working for you.

But what if you wanted to take money out? Acorns recognized that people might have a need for those savings (outside the IRA accounts). So starting in November, it is offering a full-fledged bank checking account, called Acorns Spend, complete with an Acorns debit card that saves and invests for you.

The basic Acorns service charges you \$1 per month. Getting Acorns and Acorns Later costs \$2 a month. The combo account — checking, debit card, investment account, retirement account and their Found money rewards and Acorns Grow education products — will cost \$3 per month.

Kerner says: "At Acorns, we believe that the tools of wealth-making should be in everyone's hands."

So now it's up to you to use those tools. And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four best-selling books, including "The Savage Truth on Money." She responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

Using 529 money for elementary school

Not all states allow it

BY EILEEN AMBROSE

Kiplinger

Q: Can I use money in my daughter's 529 college-savings plan to pay her private elementary school tuition?

As: Yes. The new federal tax law allows families to withdraw up to \$10,000 a year from a beneficiary's 529 account to pay tuition for kindergarten through 12th grade without federal taxes or penalties.

Even so, you shouldn't rush into this decision without checking with your state's plan — or a tax professional. Laws in many states have yet to catch up with the federal legislation passed in late December, and several states have signaled that they don't plan to conform.

If your state treats a withdrawal for your daughter's tuition as a nonqualified distribution, you could owe state income taxes on a portion of the money withdrawn. And raiding your college savings to pay private school tuition may not be the best financial move.

State-sponsored 529 plans were created more than 20 years ago to help families saving for college keep up with rapidly rising tuition. Money invested in these plans grows tax-deferred and can be withdrawn tax-free for a wide range of college expenses.

Thirty-four states plus the District of Columbia also offer a tax deduction or credit to residents, usually for contributing to their home-state plan. Up until now, if you used the money for anything except higher education, the earnings on the withdrawals would be subject to income taxes and a 10 percent penalty.

States were caught off-guard when Congress expanded the use of 529 money. When states drew up legislation years ago to create their 529 plans, many specifically stated that the money was to be used for "higher education," says Susie Bauer, 529 manager with the Baird investment firm in Milwaukee. Now they must change their laws to reflect that the accounts can be used for primary and secondary education too.

As of early August, 34 states said they will follow the new federal law, says Bauer. California, Hawaii, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, Oregon and Vermont are not conforming. It's unclear how the rest will treat withdrawals for K-12 tuition, Bauer says, and some states may seek to reclaim old tax deductions on contributions if the money is withdrawn for K-12 tuition.

Even if your state permits tax-free K-12 withdrawals, it may not be a money-wise move. The advantage of a 529 college-savings plan is that you can aggressively invest in stocks, which have high growth

potential, when your child is young and there's time for the earnings to compound.

Dipping into 529 savings early to pay tuition, particularly if you don't replace the funds, could leave you with a shortfall when much larger college bills come due. You could end up borrowing money from your retirement savings to pay for college, says Jason Lina, a certified financial planner in Alpharetta, Ga.

But if you've already salted away enough for college in a 529 — or can afford to continue to save for college while contributing money for K-12 tuition bills too — using the account for the early school years can be a smart tax move if your state offers a tax break. For example, a parent could deposit the current year's elementary school tuition in a 529, then immediately withdraw the money to pay the school bill — and still take the tax deduction.

That's essentially a discount on tuition. This strategy might not be so easy in Michigan, Minnesota, Montana or Wisconsin, which limit tax deductions if residents immediately withdraw contributions.

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Can we talk?

At some point, everyone has to face a difficult conversation at work. If you have a tough talk in your future, here are a few things you can do to maintain emotional self-control and stay focused on the end game.



1. Map out your goals. This will help you to replace ego-centric behaviors with outcome-centric behaviors.

SOURCE: Inc.



2. Focus your intention on being collaborative rather than combative. Are you focused only on being right, or are you focused on a mutually beneficial outcome? Do you view the other person as an enemy, or someone with whom you are trying to work?



4. When appropriate, ask for clarification. "Can you restate that?" "Can you further explain that?" It's OK if you need explanation. What matters is that you conclude with all the information you need to plan your next move.



3. Listen. Rather than formulating what you are going to say, zero in on what is being said.



5. Remember that you are gathering information to make a non-emotional, informed decision. There is no need to commit to anything right away.

SUCCESS

By WANDA THIBODEAUX
Inc.

What's the worst thing a boss could do?

Taking credit for someone else's work, according to a survey by human resources firm Bamboo HR. Such an egregious act makes us feel powerless and ignored, which can threaten our whole sense of self and security. While it can be scary to stand up for yourself if your boss steals your credit, it's important that you do, not just to protect yourself and others in your office, but also to emphasize what's ethical so your boss can, hopefully, learn.

Here's what you can do if your boss takes credit for your work.

1. Document everything

Create a record of what was said and assigned. Save emails, printouts of project ideas and early versions of assignments that you've spearheaded.

If it's appropriate, use CCs or give file permissions to specific leaders/team members, including senior-level workers you want to be aware of what you can do.

2. Talk about your work

Make general references about your work to colleagues, ideally to more than one person at a time. You also can note progress or mention what you're up to in broad terms on social media channels, especially LinkedIn where the professional ramifications of being found out arguably are harsher for your boss.

The more you reference the project or are open about your ideas within the bounds of confidentiality requirements, the harder it will become for the boss to get others to believe you were just on the sidelines or not involved.

One trick here is to set yourself up to be an information source. For example,



Credit counsel

Steps to take when your boss steals your thunder

ple, tell others they can come to you with questions about the work. If there are details about the work your boss can't provide when asked, politely offer the information to the person making the inquiry.

You're not trying to make your boss look unprepared or incompetent here, and in fact, you can still reference your boss as you answer. Rather, the objective is to show that you have undeniable expertise that only someone closely connected to the job could have.

3. Reframe your language

Because you don't neces-

sarily want to humiliate your boss in public, praise or agree with him or her about the project in front of others. Then slip in your own "I" statements, such as "I'm so glad I was able to be part of this and take care of x on it!" "I'm really honored/flattered you decided to go through with my idea."

Your boss likely will have to acknowledge these statements of inclusion, but at the same time, you're not saying a bad thing about him or her.

4. Take a break

Emotions can fire hot when you believe your boss

has betrayed you. Take a few hours or even a full day to re-evaluate your evidence. Because this has the potential to affect your career, make sure you're taking the next steps based on logic and fact, not on spur-of-the-moment feelings.

5. Confront your boss

Sometimes a boss doesn't even realize he or she is hogging the glory; he or she may think that accepting accolades as the team leader is the correct thing to do. And sometimes nerves can get the best of even seasoned pros, causing them to respond care-

lessly during a group conversation.

Have a private discussion with your boss to make the offense clear. Say what you observed (e.g., "I noticed that ...") and ask if that's what he or she meant to do. Investigate, don't accuse.

6. Notify others

If your boss had an oversight or two that he or she willingly tries to correct, forgive and let go. But if the problem persists even after you discussed the problem, ask for advice from other senior-level employees and/or your mentor. You also should notify HR,

formally filing whatever paperwork the department requires.

The senior employees/mentors are crucial here, as they can verify your work ethic, conversations, etc.

7. Do work on the side

We're talking here about stretch projects, speaking engagements, ideas or hobbies you're passionate about that can further demonstrate your expertise, and that aren't necessarily completed under your boss' eye. Make the projects and engagements as visible as you can without divulging sensitive information. They will demonstrate your capabilities, interests and potential, and your boss can't touch them. They'll also help you build a bigger network of people who can vouch for you.

Bosses take credit for the work of others for all kinds of reasons, such as their own need for recognition or because they genuinely believe others will receive concepts better if their name is attached. Whatever their motivator, intentional theft of credit isn't something you should tolerate. Use these strategies to rebuild your relationship or get the company to take action.

Leaving your job because of a boss stealing credit should be a last resort. If you do, make it absolutely clear to HR in writing why you felt you had to go. If hiring managers ask why you left, emphasize that values such as fairness and cooperation matter to you, and focus on the fact that the situation has reaffirmed your positive sense of ethics and personal direction.

You'll look grounded and more trustworthy without badmouthing, which is a win-win for everyone.

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OBITUARIES

ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE 1924-2018

Prime minister made India a nuclear power

BY RAMA LAKSHMI
AND SOPAN JOSHI

The Washington Post

NEW DELHI — Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Indian prime minister who oversaw nuclear tests that ushered in a new arms race in South Asia starting in the late 1990s, died Thursday at the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences in New Delhi. He was 93.

The former prime minister had a stroke in 2009 that severely affected his ability to speak. He was admitted to the hospital in June after his health worsened, doctors said.

A member of Parliament for five decades, Vajpayee was sworn in three times to the country's top elected executive office, and he forged and held together a fragile federal coalition of disparate political parties during his tenure.

From 1999 to 2004, he headed India's first non-Congress party government that lasted a full five-year term. This was a significant achievement in a country where the Indian National Congress party — the party of the country's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru — had dominated politics since independence from Britain in 1947.

Weeks into his second stint as prime minister, Vajpayee shocked the world in May 1998 with five underground nuclear tests, prompting international sanctions, rattling neighbors and setting off an arms race with archrival Pakistan.

India first conducted a test in 1974 but had long maintained that its nuclear program was meant for peaceful purposes. The new tests established India as an overt nuclear-weapons state.

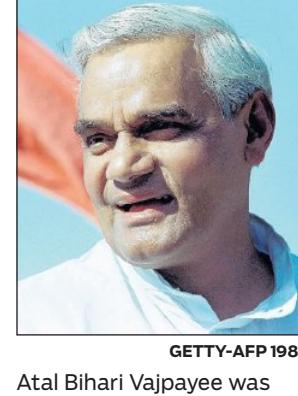
"We will not use these weapons against anybody. But to defend ourselves, if the need arises, we will not hesitate," Vajpayee said in a speech to his supporters at the time.

Pakistan followed with its own nuclear tests, prompting fears from analysts who began describing the Indian subcontinent as the world's likeliest nuclear flash point. Domestically, the tests made Vajpayee's party immensely popular and bolstered its image of being tough on national security.

In the immediate aftermath of the testing, President Bill Clinton denounced India for undermining the stability of South Asia and directly challenging the firm international consensus to stop nuclear proliferation."

But Vajpayee worked discreetly behind closed doors and set in motion a friendly dialogue with Clinton, who went to India in 2000, the first visit by a U.S. president to the country in more than two decades.

Vajpayee, known as an avuncular politician, was credited with helping bring mainstream acceptance to



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Atal Bihari Vajpayee was sworn in three times to the country's top elected executive office.

his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party.

The party had struggled for many years before gaining political prominence in the 1990s by carefully nurturing religious pride and projecting the Congress party as being softer on the country's Muslim minority group.

The BJP became the single-largest party in the elections in 1996 and 1998 but did not win in enough voting districts to form a majority in the lower house of Parliament. As a result, Vajpayee's government in 1996 lasted just 13 days, and his second term as prime minister lasted 13 months in 1998 and 1999.

But later, it was Vajpayee's personal charisma and moderate image that helped the BJP stitch together a broad-based coalition of smaller, disparate regional parties. Between 1999 and 2004, he deftly managed the unwieldy coalition government of fractious partners.

He deployed similar skills to begin a new peace process with his Pakistani counterpart, Nawaz Sharif, and traveled to Lahore in northeastern Pakistan by bus in February 1999. But the effort was undermined three months later when the Pakistani army and separatist militants launched an offensive in the Kargil mountains of Kashmir, a Himalayan region claimed by the two South Asian neighbors.

About 1,200 troops from both countries were said to have died in the short conflict; Sharif would later say that up to 4,000 Pakistanis died in the fighting.

Vajpayee went on to parlay the Kargil events into victory at the polls, winning another term in October 1999 general elections.

Sharif was soon removed in a military coup by Gen. Pervez Musharraf as Pakistan sank into political instability. While condemning the coup, Vajpayee continued to negotiate with Islamabad. This resulted in a 2001 peace summit in Agra, the city of the Taj Mahal, but it failed to get the peace process moving.

The biggest blot on his term came in the February 2002 religious rioting between Hindus and Muslims in the western state of Gujarat. A government estimate said 1,024 people,

mostly Muslims, were killed.

The government in Gujarat was then headed by the Hindu nationalist hard-liner Narendra Modi — a future prime minister who at that time was widely accused of not doing enough to stop the attacks on Muslims by Hindu mobs. The reprisal violence erupted after some Muslims set fire to a train coach killing 59 Hindus.

At a news conference, Vajpayee told Modi to carry out the "duty of the ruler," which was widely interpreted by many as a public rebuke. More than a decade later, Modi overcame the taint of that episode and was swept to power in the 2014 general election.

Vajpayee continued privatizing and reforming the economy during his third term, a process set in motion in 1991 by the previous Congress party government. In 2004, the BJP campaigned on his economic accomplishments coining the slogan "India Shining."

But the voters apparently did not feel as prosperous as the BJP thought they were, and Vajpayee was dislodged. He retired from active politics the next year.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee was born in the central Indian city of Gwalior on Dec. 25, 1924. His father was a schoolteacher and Hindu scholar.

As a teenager, he was drawn to the Hindu nationalist organization Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, a controversial group that was banned briefly after a former member assassinated the Indian independence movement leader Mahatma Gandhi in 1948. Over the years, Vajpayee brought back to Hindu nationalists some of the respectability they had lost since Gandhi's assassination.

After graduating from what was then called Victoria College in Gwalior, Vajpayee earned a master's degree in political science from Dayanand Anglo-Vedic College in Kanpur. He dropped out of law school to edit an RSS magazine.

In 1951, Vajpayee joined the newly formed political party called the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the predecessor of the BJP. Later, he became the party's leader and began a long parliamentary career. He served as foreign minister in the late 1970s in a coalition government.

Under Vajpayee's leadership, the old Bharatiya Jana Sangh was reborn as the BJP in 1980.

An orator who peppered his speeches with wit and lines from his own poems, Vajpayee was viewed more as a kind of philosopher-king and less as a hard-nosed politician.

Vajpayee, who never married, was known to like good meat and expensive whiskey, and he made several public denials over charges of eating beef, a serious allegation against a Hindu leader.

Chicago Daily Tribune

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Edward A. Cushman, 91 Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Cushman (née Tully). Loving father of the late Anne (Glenn) Harris, Dorothy (Greg) Gulsvig, Constance (Robert) Felten and James Cushman. Adored grandfather of Therese, Kathleen and Claire Gulsvig and Lucas and Sam Felten. Preceded in death by his parents, James and Helen Cushman and his sister, Florence Rockoff. Visitation (9am) and Funeral Mass (10am) at Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Ln. Deerfield, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly would be appreciated.

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Dalton Dart, Patricia L. 'Patty'

Patricia L. "Patty" Dalton Dart, Age 54, Born into Eternal Life on August 16, 2018. Together forever with her beloved parents, the late Mary L. and James J., and her late brother Robert Dalton. Loving sister of James (Donna) Dalton, Mary Jo (Mike) Hosman, Anne Marie (Don) Knibbs, Carol (John) Russell, and sister-in-law to Georgean (Joe) Wegzyn.

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Deja, L. Barbara

Barbara L. Deja, 83, of Hoffman Estates, IL and Jensen Beach, FL, died August 17, 2018. She is the loving wife of Robert Deja; loving mother of Linda Daro, Kim Niccolai, and Gayle (Carl) Deja-Schultz; adored grandmother of Shawna who proceeded her in death, and Meghan (Matt), Matthew (Sarah), Dylan, Jack, David, Michael, Katelyn, and Emilee; and great-grandmother of Elliott and Eslee. Visitation will be held 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM Friday, August 24, 2018, at Moss-Norris Funeral Home 100 South Third Street, St. Charles, IL. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church 950 Hart Road Batavia, IL. Visitation will also be at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Walk to End Alzheimer's through Barbara's page at http://act.alz.org/goto/barbieguyssanddolls. 630-584-2000, www.mossfuneral.com

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Fisher, Morris 'Maury'

Morris "Maury" Fisher, age 85, of Chicago, prominent real estate developer in Chicago; beloved husband and best friend for 62 years of Elaine, nee Newdelman; loving father of Randi Heichman, Marla (Larry) Gilbert, and the late Susan Glick; adored Zadie of Andrea (Josh) Leventhal, Brian (Jessica) Glick, Shayna, Ben, and Adam Heichman; Madelyn and Taylor Gilbert; proud great grandfather of Jacob and Eliana Leventhal; devoted son of the late Benjamin and the late Minnie Fisher; cherished brother of Joseph (late Estelle) Fisher; dear brother-in-law of Marilyn Glass; treasured uncle and friend to many. Maury always welcomed a friendly competition, and fulfilled his dream of leaving everything on the court. Service Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave., Glencoe. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Keshet, 600 Academy Dr., Suite 130, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.keshet.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Lazar, James "Jimmy"

James "Jimmy" Lazar, 59, beloved husband of Marla nee Siegel; adored father of Jorie (Blake) Dermer and David (Jamie); beloved son of Jerry Schor and the late Harriet "Cissy" and Harvey; treasured brother of Felice (Craig) Boyer, Danny (Mara), Debbie (John) Plested, Pam (Steve) Zohn and Scott and Marilyn Siegel. Phenomenal and loving uncle to all his nieces and nephews. Devoted to so many lifelong friends. Jimmy was deeply loved and will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate to have known him. Graveside service, Tuesday 12:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. For information or condolences, Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Macaulay, John H.

John H. Macaulay, 77, of Des Plaines, passed away August 19th, 2018. He was the loving life partner to Ginny Mortensen. Beloved brother of Mary Alice (Don) Skowbo; Cherished uncle of Sharon Grimm, Steve (Cindy) Skowbo; Great-Uncle of Amanda Skowbo and Amy Skowbo. Dear cousin of Pat (Andy) Kulik. John was an avid golfer as well as an amazing friend, mentor, co-worker, advisor and helper to many people from whom he received life lessons. Visitation will be Tuesday, August 21st from 3pm-9pm at Oehler Funeral Home, 2099 Miner St. (corner of Northwest Hwy/Rt14 and Rand Rd) Des Plaines. Service will be held, Wednesday August 22nd , 10 am, at Oehler Funeral Home. Interment at Mount Emblem Cemetery to follow. For information please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Myscofski, Ronald F.

Ronald F. Myscofski, age 75, of Lombard. Beloved husband of 42 years of Jeanne nee Ward. Loving father of Andrew (Elizabeth nee McDowell) and Kerry (Timothy) McHugh. Doting grandfather of Emily, Owen, Lucy, Madeleine, and the late Erin. Dear brother of Evelyn (John) Poulos and Carole (Ted McNair) Myscofski. Devoted son of the late Henry and the late Estelle nee Gnojek. Dear brother-in-law of Frank and Juliana Ward. Fond uncle of Megan (David) Dixon, Matthew (Fiancee Lydia Ehoodin) Poulos, Sonya Myscofski, Jeff (Susan) Ward, Dana (Michael) DeBoer. Great uncle of many. Visitation Tuesday, 3-9 PM at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Prayers Wednesday, August 22nd, at 9:30 AM, from **Brust Funeral Home** to Christ the King Church for 10 AM Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. Memorials to Christ the King Church, Lombard, appreciated. Info www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.

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Nadolny, Roger A.

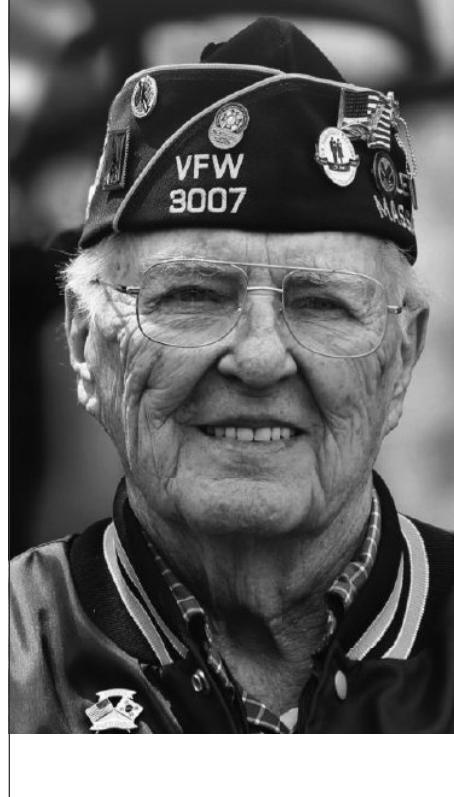
Roger Alan Nadolny passed away on August 15 in Phoenix, Arizona, at the age of 57, with his sister and friends by his side. A graduate of Mount Carmel High School in Chicago and St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota, Roger enjoyed a career as managing editor for trade magazines in the construction industry. He was a lifelong avid sports fan, especially of baseball and the Chicago White Sox, as well as a keen aficionado of classic rock and other musical genres. Roger was preceded in death by his mother, Ines Marcon Nadolny, and is survived by his father, Robert A. Nadolny; his brother, Paul (Jane) Nadolny; his sister, Susan (Rajinder) Nath; his nieces, Jennifer (Tony Abbate) Nadolny and Tricia (Cory Francer) Nadolny; and his good friends Dan Solarz and Shannon Mathewson. All of Roger's loved ones will miss his witty sense of humor and delightful gift for repartee. Visitation will be Thursday, from 3 to 8 p.m. at **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home**, 18230 Dixie Highway, Homewood, Illinois. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.

Funeral will proceed at 9:45 a.m. Friday to Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Church, 1131 Douglas Avenue, Flossmoor, Illinois, for Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by interment at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Alsip. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Roger's name (773-779-6700, ext. 101, or <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1440642>).

Weber, D.V.M., William P. 'Bill'
William P. "Bill" Weber, D.V.M. of Lincolnshire. Longtime resident of Park Ridge. Beloved husband of Elizabeth "Liz." Loving father of Lisa (Robert) Olson and the late Rob (Debbie) Weber. Devoted grandfather of Rebecca, Sarah, and Will Weber. Dr. Weber was a longtime owner of Park Ridge Animal Hospital. Memorial Visitation Friday, August 24, from 3-7 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice are appreciated. Info, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Scholl, Joyce

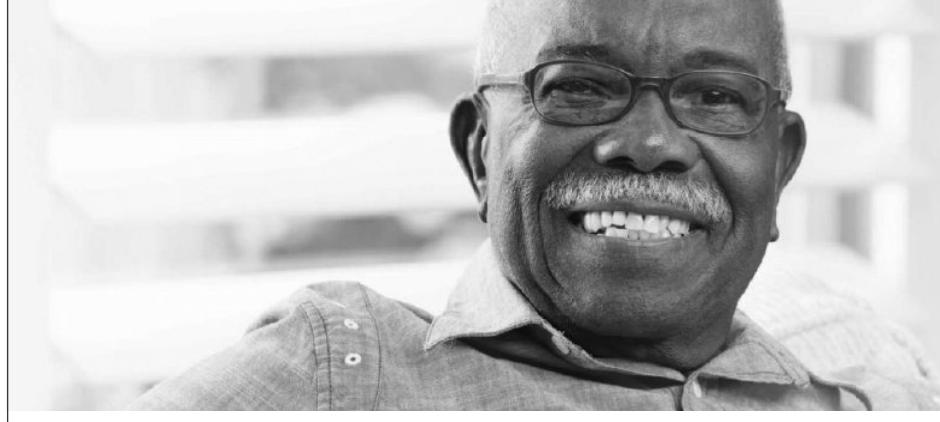
Joyce Scholl, nee Gordon, age 83, beloved wife and best friend for 61 years of Arnold; loving mother of Steven (Laura), Jeffery (Ann), and Adam (Ellen); adored grandma of Jason, Jake, Dana, Jamie, Emily, Eric, and Sami; devoted daughter of the late Morris and the late Edith Gordon; cherished sister of the late Gladys (late John) Wallach; treasured aunt and friend to many. Life member and past president of Groves Hadassah. Service Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Groves Hadassah, Chicago-North Shore Chapter, 60 Revere Dr., Northbrook, IL 60062 or the charity of your choice. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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IN THE INTEREST OF
Brianna Green

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Brittany Green
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00680

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Antonio Maldonado (Father), Unknown (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 23, 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 09/07/2018, at 10:00 AM, 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.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD, IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 20, 2018

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Irany Turner

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Carrie Turner
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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 20, 2018

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Messiah Hall

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Carrie Turner
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00522

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Novajah Ringgold, Jr

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Paris Martin
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00626

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Novajah Ringgold, Jr

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Paris Martin
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00626

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Dion, Wolford (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 3, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 09/04/2018, at 11:30 AM, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 20, 2018

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Kopech's call-up gift for Sox fans

Touted pitching prospect brings excitement, pressure



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

Kopech will be in uniform and on the mound Tuesday night at Guaranteed Rate Field, making his long-awaited debut in front of a packed house.

Well, we hope it's a packed house, since this may be the most highly anticipated call-up since Frank Thomas arrived 28 years ago. If Sox fans don't come out for Kopech's debut, they might as well stop the rebuild.

Sure, he'll have a hard time outdoing Sister Mary Jo Sobieck, who went viral after bouncing the ball off her biceps and unleashing a perfect off-speed strike while throwing out the first pitch before Saturday's White Sox-Royals game.

But when he lights up the scoreboard with his first triple-digit fastball, you'll know the wait for Kopech was worth it.

You've been hearing about Kopech since he arrived in the Chris Sale trade

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MORE INSIDE

■ Sox know there will be pressure but look forward to Kopech's arrival. **Page 3**

Bears still waiting for Floyd's time

Injury to linebacker another obstacle to breakout year



BRAD BIGGS

On the Bears

DENVER — Not again. That's what the Bears have to be saying about outside linebacker Leonard Floyd, who exited Saturday night's 24-23 exhibition victory against the Broncos in the first quarter with a left hand injury.

Floyd, injured on a cut block by Broncos left tackle Garrett Bolles, was in real pain as he went to the sideline and was in a hard cast after the game.

The Bears said they would put Floyd and tight end Adam Shaheen through further evaluation Sunday. Shaheen left earlier in the first quarter after his right ankle turned as he lost his footing along the sideline following a 5-yard reception.

Bears coach Matt Nagy said he didn't think either player suffered a fracture, "but we don't know that yet."

It would be a blow for Floyd to miss time at the start of the season because durability has been a knock on him through his first two seasons, and the Bears are thin at outside linebacker. There have been a variety of things with Floyd too. There was the concussion he suffered his rookie season — running into players with his head lowered — and that was problematic as the symptoms followed him far into the off-

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EXHIBITION GAME 4

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■ Five observations from Saturday night's game in Denver. **Back Page**



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Pinch hitter Albert Almora Jr. reacts as he is called out on strikes with the bases loaded in the 11th inning. The Cubs left 11 runners on base.

PIRATES 2, CUBS 1 (11)

Positively brutal

Rizzo looks on bright side after 'O' held to 1 run in 4th straight game

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

PITTSBURGH — The Cubs can't count on a late contribution to their playoff drive from Yu Darvish, but they believe their offense will once again help carry the load after struggling over the last 10 games.

"Instead of hanging our heads because our offense is brutal right now, we take the positive out of it," Anthony Rizzo said Sunday after the Cubs managed a split of their four-game series following a 2-1 loss to the Pirates in 11 innings. "We scored four runs, and our pitching kept us in it."

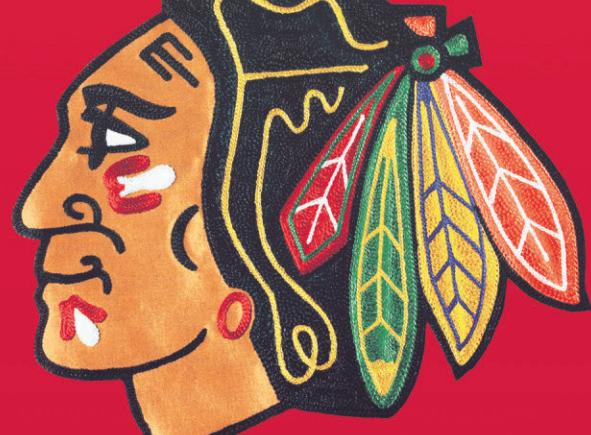
Adam Frazier's home run on a 3-0 pitch off Brandon Kintzler with two outs in the 11th won it for the Pirates

and cut the Cubs' lead over the Brewers in the National League Central to 3½ games.

The Cubs set a modern major-league record by scoring one run in four straight games with all the runs coming on solo home runs. They have averaged 2.2 runs over their last 10 games, and the offense will need to regain its resourcefulness and take advantage of exceptional pitching.

That pitching likely won't be getting a boost from Darvish. He has missed the last three months because of right biceps tendinitis and will be examined Monday by Dr. Stephen Gryzlo after feeling discomfort after throwing only

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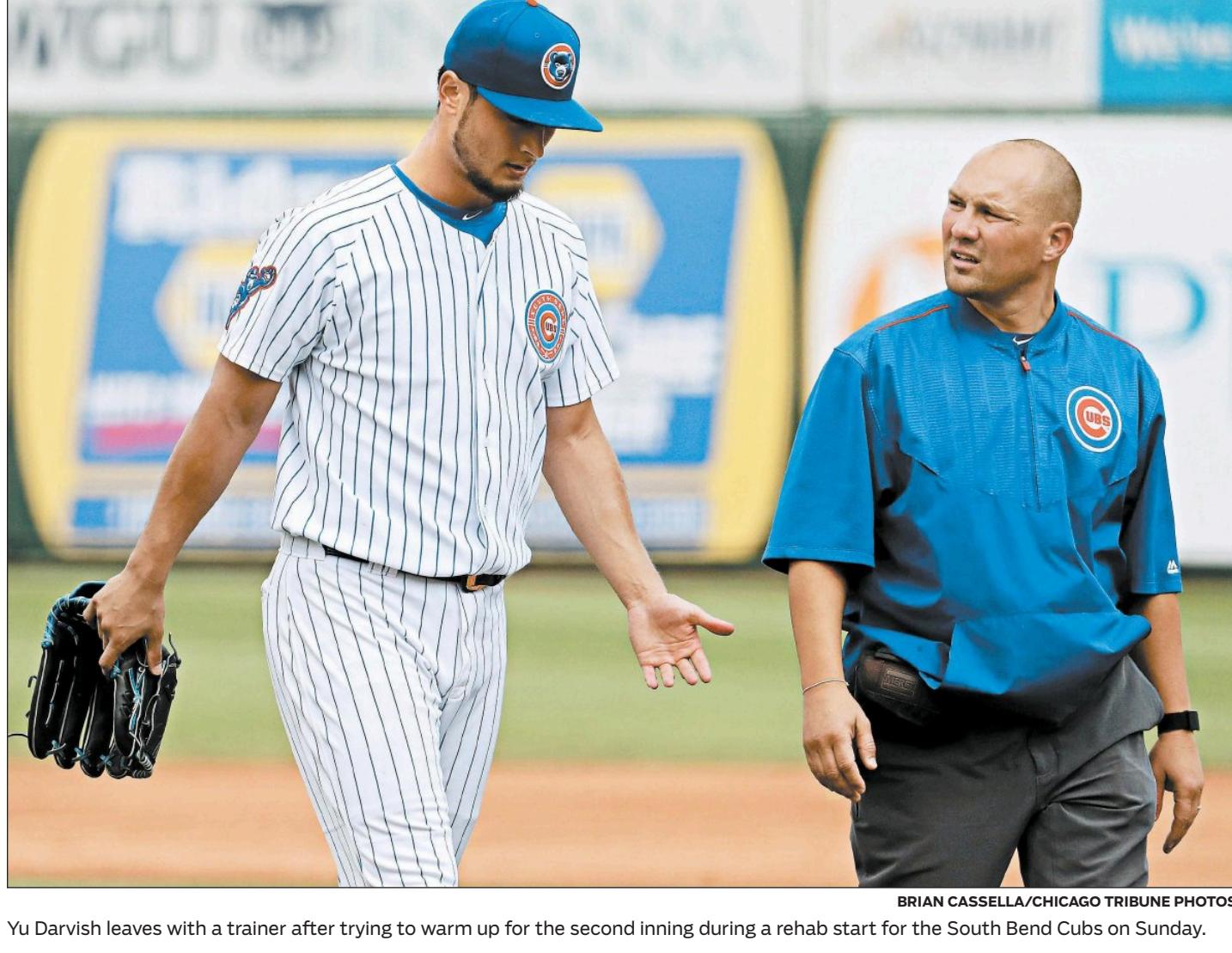
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BY PAUL SULLIVAN

Darvish can't catch a break



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Yu Darvish leaves with a trainer after trying to warm up for the second inning during a rehab start for the South Bend Cubs on Sunday.

After lasting only one inning of his rehab start Sunday before leaving with elbow discomfort, a dejected Yu Darvish told reporters no one in the world was more disappointed than him.

If it's possible to sympathize with an athlete earning \$126 million who has yet to accomplish a thing, Darvish would be the one. It's not his fault he can't get healthy enough to pitch for the Cubs, and every small step forward leads to another big setback.

But no one feels sorry for someone making that kind of money, and the disappointment in Darvish's wasted season threatens to ruin his relationship with Cubs fans before it has had a chance to bloom. It's hard to remember now, but Cubs fans did cheer him during a strong outing against the Brewers in late April at Wrigley Field, shouting "Yuuuu" whenever he got to two strikes on a hitter.

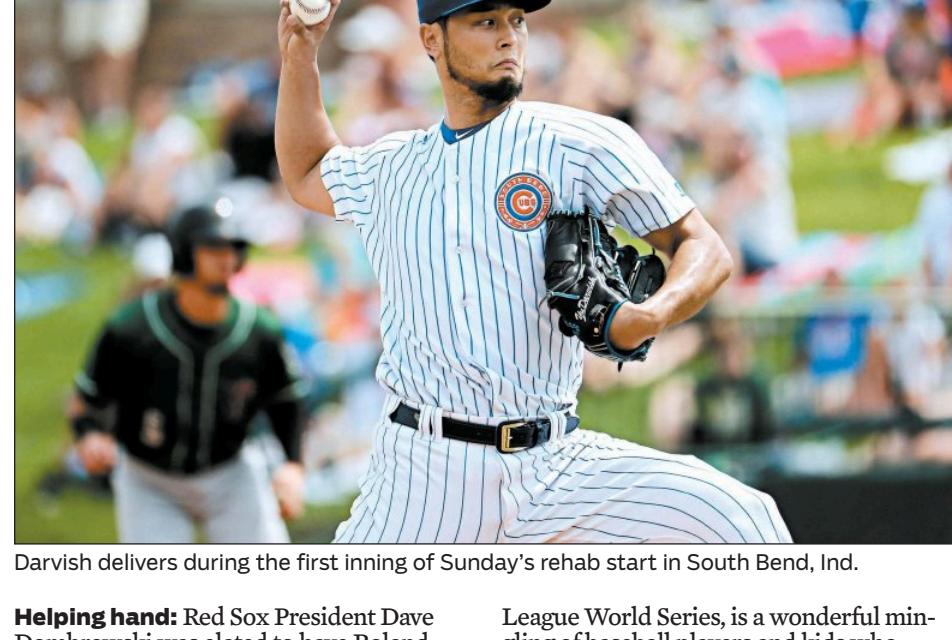
"I like the 'Yuuuu,'" manager Joe Maddon said. "I like it. I'd like to see that catch on. A big strikeout situation, 'Let's go Yu.' That was Yuge."

It turned out to be a mirage, and Darvish has now been rehabbing longer than he was in the rotation. He has tried to get over the pain, ignoring the criticism he's "soft" and the "expert" analysis from ESPN's Alex Rodriguez. Maddon said Darvish's spirits improved after the latest brouhaha with A-Rod, perhaps knowing the team had his back. It really looked as if the Cubs were going to have him available for the stretch run, and hopefully, the playoffs.

That can still happen, but who knows? An MRI with team physician Stephen Gryzlo may reveal the extent of the latest problem, and the possibility the Cubs shut down Darvish the rest of the season can't be discounted. Even if he's able to continue pitching this year, can anyone really count on him being on the mound at Wrigley for an extended stretch of starts? Will we be waiting for him to break down every pitch? Will boos replace the "Yuuus"?

The Cubs have the best record in the National League with almost no contribution from Darvish, and there's no reason to believe they can't make it to the World Series without him. He said he still wants to come back this year, but it's difficult to watch him work his way back only to run into a brick wall.

You have to wonder whether it's worth it, for Darvish or Cubs fans.



Darvish delivers during the first inning of Sunday's rehab start in South Bend, Ind.

Helping hand: Red Sox President Dave Dombrowski was elated to have Roland Hemond throw out a first pitch at Fenway Park recently. Hemond, in his 67th year in baseball, hired a 22-year-old Dombrowski as White Sox director of player development.

"I would not have my career if it wasn't for Roland, it's very easy to say," Dombrowski told the Arizona Republic. "Roland was my mentor. He took me under his wings. ... I moved in relatively close to where Roland lived on the South Side of Chicago, so not only did I do things with him at the ballpark all the time, but a lot of time he took me along from a social perspective too."

"And so he helped me shape my whole life at a very young age, and I think how fortunate I was. Not only was I exposed to someone who was very smart in the game of baseball (who gave me) the opportunity to learn from him, but also being exposed to someone who was as nice as Roland as a person. They don't make people any nicer than Roland."

Follow your dreams: MLB announced Sunday night that the Cubs and Pirates will play in next year's "Little League Classic" on Aug. 18, 2019, in Williamsport, Pa. The event, held in conjunction with the Little

League World Series, is a wonderful mingling of baseball players and kids who dream of one day following in their footsteps. As this year's game Sunday night between the Mets and Phillies showed, the game brings out the kid in major-league players, who seem to enjoy rubbing elbows with the Little Leaguers even more than the youngsters. Mets pitchers Noah Syndergaard and Jacob deGrom even sat in the stands in uniform during the game. That's what it's all about.

Off the schneid: Jhoulys Chacin has been a savior for the Brewers, improving to 13-4 after throwing six shutout innings Sunday in a 2-1 win over the Cardinals. The Brewers avoided a sweep, and Chacin finally beat the Cards after going 0-7 with a 6.90 ERA in nine career games against them. "I can die now," he said laughing afterward.

The quote: Red Sox ace Chris Sale on his second disabled list stint with a sore shoulder. "To be honest, (this is) quite miserable for me. At the same time, I'm not going to sit around and pout but keep my chin up. I'm on the best team that's ever walked the planet. I've got good teammates that have my back and I appreciate that."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Playoff chase could bring out unusual suspects



The first four years of the College Football Playoff haven't seen a lot of parity. Four schools — Alabama, Clemson, Ohio State and Oklahoma — have accounted for 11 of the 16 berths and all four championships.

Those four once again are among the popular preseason picks to be playing in the Orange or Cotton bowls on Dec. 29, as are 2017 runner-up Georgia and 2016 playoff participant Washington. But there are some teams further down the odds sheet with the ingredients to mix things up.

(Odds to win CFP title, per Westgate Las Vegas Superbook.)

Michigan State (30-1): The Spartans have the most returning production in the nation, according to Bill Connelly's formula for SB Nation, and it starts with quarterback Brian Lewerke, who might rival Penn State's Trace McSorley as the conference's best. LJ Scott is the latest in a seemingly endless line of bruising rushers in East Lansing, and the defense returns 10 starters. Navigating the Big Ten East with one loss or fewer is never easy, but the Spartans do get Michigan and Ohio State at home, along with their toughest West crossover opponent, Northwestern.

West Virginia (60-1): No one will be overlooking the Mountaineers offense, which has a pair of potential Heisman Trophy candidates in quarterback Will Grier and wide receiver David Sills and a future NFL tackle in Yodny Cajuste. The questions reside with a defense that allowed 30-plus points eight times last year and suffered some injuries and departures in the spring. If West Virginia can slow opposing offenses just enough to let Grier and Co. do their thing, the regular-season finale against Oklahoma in Morgantown could loom large.

Virginia Tech (80-1): Another team with a talented returning quarterback in Josh Jackson, the Hokies look to take the next step after winning 19 games in coach Justin Fuente's first two seasons. Being in the ACC Coastal — and away from Clemson — is a good start, and after the opener at Florida State on Labor Day night, the schedule looks manageable, with Notre Dame and Miami both coming to Lane Stadium. The defense is young — particularly in the secondary, where Fuente dismissed two potential starters — but still has longtime coordinator Bud Foster.

Oregon (100-1): Washington is the trendy pick in the Pac-12 North and Stanford is likely to have a say, but both have to travel to Autzen Stadium in a very favorable schedule for the Ducks. As quarterback Justin Herbert goes, so goes Oregon, which went 6-1 with Herbert at the controls last year and 1-5 when he was out with a broken collarbone. Coach Willie Taggart moved on to Florida State after only one season in Eugene, but the Ducks have some continuity after promoting Mario Cristobal and retaining defensive coordinator Jim Leavitt.

Iowa (not on board): Much like Washington in the Pac-12 North, many have already given Wisconsin the Big Ten West title — and with good reason. The Badgers were 43 yards from making the playoffs last year and bring back almost their entire offense. But they have to travel to Iowa City, where many championship dreams have gone to die, and the Hawkeyes return a solid quarterback (sense a trend?) in Nate Stanley. Aside from Wisconsin's visit and a trip to Penn State, the rest of the schedule doesn't look overly scary.

— Joel Boyd

With Kopech, Sox fans to get their satisfaction

Sullivan, from Page 1

after the 2016 season, and perhaps watching some of his minor-league starts on NBC Sports Chicago, which has been televising games of Triple-A Charlotte to whet everyone's appetite.

Maybe you've even caught a glimpse of him on the reality TV show "Don't Be Tardy," where he basically played the role Jay Cutler plays on "Very Cavallari," albeit with more emotion.

"When I think of being on TV, I think of being on the mound," Kopech told me in January at SoxFest. "Sitting there having a camera on my face when I'm talking, it's a little different. It's not quite an interview. It's something I had to get used to, for sure."

Kopech got a chance to show his stuff in spring training but was never going to be given an opportunity to make the team. He went down to Charlotte and was named the organization's Pitcher of the Month for April, and the cries for his call-up started echoing through the upper deck of Sox Park.

But general manager Rick Hahn said he

wasn't ready, pointing to the lack of an effective changeup, and Kopech was forced to stay in Charlotte and do his time.

A midseason slump in June made Hahn's decision look prescient, but Kopech dialed it up in his last seven starts — a 1.84 ERA with 59 strikeouts to four walks in 44 innings — showing the world he was ready.

But even that wasn't enough to clinch it. The Sox could've pointed to Kopech's workload and told him to chill out at home after Charlotte's season ends Sept. 3.

They'd thank him for a job well done and tell Kopech they'll see him again next spring in Glendale, Ariz., where he'll have a shot at making the major-league rotation.

Instead, Hahn made the right call, and Kopech should get about eight more starts in a Sox uniform, enough to give him a taste of the big leagues and learn by watching Carlos Rodon do his thing.

The Sox did this last year with Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo Lopez and Carson Fulmer, adding them to the rotation for the final weeks. Fulmer crashed this spring and was sent back to Charlotte, while Giolito and Lopez have experienced the usual ups and downs in their first full seasons.

Kopech may not dominate from the outset. Yoan Moncada is still going through growing pains in his first full season. But most scouts believe Kopech will become an All-Star-caliber pitcher in due time, with his fastball, plus slider and a self-assured attitude.

Kopech's outgoing personality and celebrity status are just what this team needs to get some much-needed pub in a season in which they've disappeared from view.

He quoted Winston Churchill in June on his Twitter account, writing, "History will be kind to me for I intend to write it." He has so much confidence in himself he matter-of-factly said in a segment of ESPN's "E:60" his goal is to have a Hall of Fame career.

That's some self-induced pressure I've rarely heard from a prospect. Kopech doesn't care what anyone thinks, and he's proved it throughout his career.

Tuesday should be a special night for the Sox, and the Kopech probably will be in line to face the Red Sox in their upcoming series in Chicago in a couple of weeks. Maybe he can even face Sale in a made-for-media matchup. Mercy, that would be delicious.

JASON E. MICZEK/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Heralded Sox prospect Michael Kopech will be called up to start Tuesday night against the Twins at Guaranteed Rate Field.

The Sox's trek toward 100 losses has been tough to stomach, but finally there's a light at the end of the tunnel. And if all goes well, Sox fans may soon get their second wish granted when, or if, Eloy Jimenez joins the club.

Sometimes you get what you need.

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BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

AMERICAN LEAGUE TEAM PITCHER	2018 TEAM TIME	LAST 3 STARTS W-L	LAST 3 STARTS ERA
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA
Sox Giolito (R)	8-9 6:15 12-12	1-1 18.0	5.50
Min Gonsalves (L)	6:10p 0-0 0.0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0.00
Bal Cashner (R)	4-10 4:71 8-15	1-1 15.2	7.47
Tor Estrada (R)	6:07p 6-9 4:87 10-11	2-1 19.0	4.74
Cle Kluber (R)	15-6 2:68 16-9	2-0 23.0	1.96
Bos Porcello (R)	6:10p 15-5 4:04 17-8	2-1 20.0	4.05
KC Lopez (R)	0-2 4:44 0-1	0-1 4.2	11.57
TB Wood (R)	6:10p 0-1 4:10 5-2	0-1 4.2	9.64
Tex Colon (R)	7-10 5:19 10-12	2-1 17.0	6.35
Oak Fiers (R)	9:05p 8-6 3:38 15-8	1-0 13.1	2.03
Hou Cole (R)	11-5 2:71 18-7	1-2 18.1	3.93
Sea Hernandez (R)	9:10p 8-11 5:62 10-13	0-2 13.2	10.54
NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM PITCHER	2018 TEAM TIME	LAST 3 STARTS W-L	LAST 3 STARTS ERA
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA
Atl Gausman (R)	7-9 4:22 8-16	2-1 19.0	2.84
Pit Archer (R)	6:05p 4-5 4:49 11-9	1-0 14.1	5.65
SF Holland (L)	6-8 3:83 12-11	1-0 16.1	3.31
NYM Wheeler (R)	6:10p 8-6 3:75 11-12	3-0 19.0	1.42
Cin Bailey (R)	1-10 6:33 1-15	0-3 16.2	6.48
Mil Anderson (R)	7:10p 7-7 3:97 12-12	0-0 14.2	6.14
Stl Gomber (L)	3-0 2:89 4-0	2-0 15.0	2.40
LAD Wood (L)	9:10p 7-6 3:51 12-11	1-1 16.2	1.08

Team rec: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2018 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS		WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE	
PITTSBURGH 2, CUBS 1 (11)	Minnesota at White Sox, 1:10	Minnesota at White Sox, 1:10	
WHITE SOX 7, Kansas City 6	Cubs at Detroit, 6:10	Baltimore at Toronto, 11:37 a.m.	
Tampa Bay 2, BOSTON 0	NY Yankees at Toronto, 1:10	Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1:10	
NY Yankees 3, Texas 2	Texas at Oakland, 2:25	Texas at Oakland, 2:25	
CLEVELAND 8, Baltimore 4	Houston at Seattle, 3	Philadelphia at Washington, 6:05	
CINCINNATI 11, San Francisco 4	Cleveland at Boston, 6:10	Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 6:05	
Colorado 4, ATLANTA 2	San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 6:10	New York at Atlanta, 6:05	
Miami 12, WASHINGTON 1	Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 6:10	San Diego at Colorado, 7:40	
L.A. Dodgers 12, SEATTLE 1	San Diego at Colorado, 7:40	L.A. Angels at Arizona, 8:30	
Arizona 4, SAN DIEGO 3	L.A. Angels at Arizona, 8:30	St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 9	
NY Mets 8, PHILADELPHIA 2	(in Williamsport, Pa.)		
TUDESS'S SCHEDULE		Associated Press	
Cubs at Detroit, 6:10			
Minnesota at White Sox, 7:10			
Philadelphia at Washington, 6:05			
Baltimore at Toronto, 6:05			
Cleveland at Boston, 6:05			
San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 6:10			
NY Yankees at Miami, 6:10			
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 6:10			
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 7			
Colorado at Colorado, 7:40			
L.A. Angels at Arizona, 8:40			
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 9			
Texas at Oakland, 9:05			
Houston at Seattle, 9:10			

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Arenado, COL 118 444 80 137 .309

Dickerson, PIT 106 402 53 124 .308

Martinez, STL 117 404 42 123 .308

Cain, MIL 107 404 62 132 .303

DPeralta, ARI 112 444 61 132 .300

Suarez, CIN 107 404 64 126 .297

home team in CAPS

AL LEADERS

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McRae, BOS 100 400 88 149 .309

Astute, HOU 104 407 64 134 .329

Machado, BAL 96 365 48 115 .315

Anderson, CHW 104 407 64 115 .315

Trotz, LA 109 372 82 118 .309

Kerfeld, KC 120 472 58 143 .303

Brantley, CL 121 444 72 133 .300

Snell, TB 120 472 54 143 .305

Seattle 5, LA, Dodgers 4 (10)

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home team in CAPS

HOME RUNS

STOLEN BASES

G HOME RUNS

Baltimore 10, CLE 10

St. Louis 10, MIL 10

Arizona 10, ATL 10

Colorado 10, PHI 10

Freeman, ATL 10, PHI 10

Markakis, ATL 10, PHI 10

McRae, BOS 10, PHI 10

Yelich, MIL 10, PHI 10

Anderson, CHW 10, PHI 10

Brantley, CL 10, PHI 10

Snell, TB 10, PHI 10

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PITCHING

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Blackmon, CO 10, PHI 10

Albies, ATL 10, PHI 10

Markakis, ATL 10, PHI 10

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McRae, BOS 10, PHI 10

Yelich, MIL 10, PHI 10

Anderson, CHW 10, PHI 10

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Yelich, MIL 10, PHI 10

Anderson, CHW 10, PHI 10

Brantley, CL 10, PHI 10

Snell, TB 10, PHI 10

Seattle 5, LA, Dodgers 4 (10)

home team in CAPS

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G HOME RUNS

Blackmon, CO 10, PHI 10

Albies, ATL 10, PHI 10

Freeman, ATL 10, PHI 10

McRae, BOS 10, PHI 10

Yelich, MIL 10, PHI 10

Anderson, CHW 10, PHI 10

Brantley, CL 10, PHI 10

Snell, TB 10, PHI 10

Seattle 5, LA, Dodgers 4 (10)

home team in CAPS

TRIPLES

HOME RUNS

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Blackmon, CO 10, PHI 10

Albies, ATL 10, PHI 1

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
C						EXH: KC Noon FOX-32 AM-780	
C		@DET 6:10 NBCSCH AM-670	@DET 6:10 WGN-9 AM-670	CIN 7:05 NBCSCH AM-670	CIN 1:20 NBCSCH AM-670	CIN 1:20 WGN-9 AM-670	
SX	@MIN 6:10 NBCSCH AM-720	MIN 7:10 WGN-9 AM-720	NBCSCH AM-720	@DET 12:10 WGN-9 AM-720	@DET 6:10 NBCSCH AM-720	@DET 12:10 NBCSCH AM-720	
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MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB

- 6 p.m. Indians at Red Sox **MLBN**
 6:10 p.m. White Sox at Twins **NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720**
 9 p.m. Cardinals at Dodgers **MLBN**

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

- 10 a.m. Consolation game **ESPN**
 Noon Elimination game **ESPN**
 2 p.m. Elimination game **ESPN**
 5 p.m. Elimination game **ESPN2**
 7 p.m. Elimination game **ESPN2**

AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES

- 3 p.m. Semifinal **ESPNNU**
 6 p.m. Semifinal **ESPNNU**

NFL EXHIBITION

- 7 p.m. Ravens at Colts **ESPN**

HORSE RACING

- 3 p.m. Evan Shipman Stakes **FS2**

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

- 1:55 p.m. Liverpool at Crystal Palace **NBCSN**

SOCcer: U20 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SEMIFINALS

- 8:50 a.m. England vs. Japan **FS2**

- 12:20 p.m. France vs. Spain **FS2**

GYMNASICS

- US CHAMPIONSHIPS **TENNIS**

- WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN **U.S. Open Series event; Final at The Lindner Family Tennis Center; Mason, Ohio; Purse: \$5.67 million; hard-outdoor**

- Men: #1 Novak Djokovic d. Roger Federer, 6-4, 6-4

- Women: Kiki Bertens d. #1 Simona Halep, 2-6, 7-6 (6), 6-2

- ATP WORLD TOUR **WINSTON-SALEM OPEN**

- U.S. Open Series event; RI at The Wake Forest Tennis Center, Winston-Salem, N.C.; hard-outdoor

- Daniil Medvedev d. Mirza Basic, 6-4, 6-4 Guillermo Garcia-Lopez d.

- Marcos Baghdatis, 7-6 (2), 6-4 Jan-Lennard Struff d. B. Paire, 7-6 (5), 6-3 Andreas Seppi d. Joao Sousa 7-5, 6-4 Roberto Carballo Beana d.

- Guido Pella 6-4, 6-2

- WTA NEW HAVEN OPEN AT YALE **R1 at the Connecticut Tennis Center; New Haven, Conn.; hard-outdoor**

- #5 Julia Georges d. Dominika Cibulkova, 6-3, 6-1

- Carla Suárez Navarro d. #9 Daria Gavrilova, 7-6 (6), 6-4

- Irina-Camelia Begu, 6-2, 6-1 Magdalena Rybarikova d.

- Coco Vandeweghe, 2-6, 6-4, 2-3 ret.

NFL NOTES

Peterson to visit Redskins

Tribune news services

Free-agent running back Adrian Peterson will meet Monday with the Redskins, ESPN reported.

The Redskins, who worked out Jamaal Charles and Orleans Darkwa on Sunday, lost Derrius Guice to a torn ACL, and backups Samaje Perine and Byron Marshall are out with ankle injuries.

Rob Kelley will start, coach Jay Gruden said.

McCarron slowed: Bills QB AJ McCarron is getting a second opinion to determine the severity of an injury to his throwing shoulder.

McCarron's injury could open the door for rookie first-round draft pick John Allen or returning backup Nathan Peterman to land the starting job.

Also, veteran defensive tackle Kyle Williams is in jeopardy of missing the start of the season with a knee injury. Williams and McCarron were hurt in Friday's 19-17 exhibition victory over the Browns.

Bengals cut Iloka: The Bengals released safety George Iloka, clearing the way for rookie Jessie Bates III to take a starting role.

Iloka had been sharing time in exhibitions with Bates, a second-round pick out of Wake Forest.

Iloka made 76 starts in the last six seasons. He had nine interceptions for the Bengals but only one last season.

Extra points: An MRI showed Cowboys All-Pro G Zack Martin suffered a hyperextended knee and bone bruise but no ligament damage in Saturday's loss to the Bengals. ... The Chiefs signed veteran CB Orlando Scandrick. ... Packers LB Nick Perry (ankle) came off the PUP list and practiced.



Brandt Snedeker celebrates his birdie on the 18th hole that sewed up his ninth PGA Tour title.

PGA TOUR WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Snedeker seals the deal

Fulfils expectations after 1st-round 59 and 'stressful week'

BY JOEY McCREARY

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Brandt Snedeker began the Wyndham Championship with history and ended it with a victory.

Snedeker earned his ninth PGA Tour title Sunday, three days after opening with an 11-under 59.

He closed with a 65 for a three-stroke victory in the regular-season finale, breaking a tie with C.T. Pan on the final hole with a birdie and Pan's double bogey in the group ahead.

Snedeker finished at 21-under 259 for his first win since 2016 and his second at the tournament, but first at Sedgefield Country Club, to close what he called "the most stressful week I've ever had in professional golf."

"Shooting 59 on Thursday, your expectations go through the roof," Snedeker said, also expressing pride

that he could "cap it off the way we did today, to play pretty much a flawless round of golf."

Pan shot a 66 to tie for second with Webb Simpson. Simpson matched his career-best with a 62.

"I feel like it was a round I needed to make a push to the leaderboard," Simpson said. "Brandt's obviously had a great week so I knew it was going to take something super low."

Snedeker opened the tournament with the 59 that made him just the 10th tour player ever to break 60, then on the final day played 29 holes at 5 under to seal it. He's the fifth tour player to shoot in the 50s and then win the tournament.

He was never in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in his career, but the victory gave him a huge jump on the points list. He climbed 50 spots to No. 30.

"To be perfectly frank, I didn't have any chance at all" to win the FedEx Cup before this week," the 2012 champion said. "After this week, I feel like I have a chance."

For a while, it looked like it might come down to a playoff between Pan and Snedeker, who were even at 20 under entering Pan's final hole.

Pan said he heard "a couple noises in my head which caused me to hit a bad shot."

"It's my fault, I can learn something from it," he added. "I only played one bad hole."

With the victory seemingly inevitable at that point, Snedeker sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th, making him the 10th player to win in Greensboro multiple times.

Severe weather led organizers to suspend the third round with 30 players on the course and bring everybody back to Sedgefield on Sunday morning, leaving Snedeker with 29 holes to play.

IN BRIEF WNBA

Sky end on downer with loss to Fever

Tribune news services

Despite Diamond DeShields' game-high 27 points, the Sky fell to the Fever 97-92 in their season finale Sunday at Wintrust Arena.

Cheyenne Parker added 12 points and Stefanie Dolson 11 for the Sky (13-21).

Candice Dupree and Cappie Pondexter scored 22 each for the Fever, who snapped a five-game losing streak but finished an WNBA-worst 6-28.

AUTO RACING: Alexander Rossi won at Pocono Raceway in a race marred by a violent wreck that sent IndyCar rookie Robert Wickens to the hospital with what the series called "orthopedic injuries." Wickens was awake and alert when he was airlifted out of the track. The race was stopped for about two hours as the track was repaired.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Memphis transfer Brady Davis was named Illinois State's starting QB, displacing two-year starter Jake Kolbe.

GOLF: Viktor Hovland of Oklahoma State beat UCLA's Devon Bling 6 and 5 to win the U.S. Amateur in Pebble Beach, Calif. ... Sung Hyun Park erased a two-shot deficit over the final four holes and birdied the first hole of a playoff with Lizette Salas to win the Indy Women in Tech Championship in Indianapolis. Park reclaimed the No. 1 LPGA ranking. ... Bart Bryant made a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win the PGA Tour Champions Dick's Sporting Goods Open in Endicott, N.Y. With a 7-under 65, he beat Michael Bradley by one stroke. ... Paul Waring won his first European Tour title in his 200th attempt, edging Thomas Aiken in a playoff to win the Nordea Masters in Molndal, Sweden.

GYMNASTICS: Olympic champ Simone Biles won her fifth U.S. title, taking all four events plus the all-around in Boston. She joined Clara Schrotter Lomady, who won six from 1945-52, as the only women with at least five titles.

SOCcer: Manchester City thrashed Huddersfield 6-1 in the Premier League on a hat trick by Sergio Aguero. ... Manchester United conceded three goals in 20 minutes and fell 3-2 at Brighton. ... In its first competitive game in 13 years, Manchester United's women's team beat Liverpool 1-0. ... Starting its Spanish league season for the first time in almost a decade without Cristiano Ronaldo, Real Madrid got a goal from Gareth Bale and beat Getafe 2-0.

TENNIS: Novak Djokovic beat nemesis Roger Federer 6-4, 6-4 in Mason, Ohio, for his first Western & Southern Open championship. Djokovic became the first to claim all nine ATP Masters 1000 events since the series started in 1990. ... In the women's final, top-ranked Simona Halep let a match point slip away in the second-set tiebreaker as Kiki Bertens rallied for a 2-6, 7-6 (6), 6-2 victory.

WNBA

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EASTERN		W	L	PCT	GB	FEVER 97, SKY 92		
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x-Atlanta	23	11	.676	—	1	Achmwa 10-10	1-1	11
x-Washington	22	12	.567	2	Dupree 10-16	2-4	22	Dolson 5-6
x-Connecticut	21	13	.518	1	Pondrik 9-14	0-0	22	Dolson 4-6
x-Skate	13	21	.382	10	Quigley 2-9	0-0	1	Wheeler 4-10
New York	7	27	.206	17	Viviano 2-5	0-0	1	Williams 4-9
Indiana	6	28	.176	11	Wheeler 2-4	0-0	1	Williams 4-9
Western	W	L	PCT	GB	Alexander 1-2	0-0	2	Coates 3-4
					K.Mitchell 14-14	5-6	14	Copper 3-4
					McCall 0-2	0-0	0	Quigley 3-4
					Mitchell 9-16	5-6	12	Parker 5-7
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GOLF

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Greensboro, N.C.							

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Mitch Trubisky played 26 snaps Saturday night against the Broncos, mixing some bright moments with a few inaccurate throws.

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No big gainers yet

Trubisky, offense take modest steps forward, have long way to go

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

The Bears' first-string offense emerged from Saturday's exhibition game against the Broncos with some successes to build on and plenty of mistakes to fix.

In the starting offense's penultimate tuneup for the regular season, the Bears averaged a modest 5 yards per play on quarterback Mitch Trubisky's 26 plays.

They averaged more than that in only four games last season. But a 5 yards-per-play season average would've ranked only 20th in the NFL last season.

So, yes, the Bears offense is improving but still has a steep climb ahead.

Here are five observations after re-watching the game telecast produced by the Broncos.

Trubisky mixed several quality throws with some misfires and a critical mistake.

As has been the case all preseason, Trubisky provided enough evidence for the optimists and pessimists to make their cases from opposite sides.

His best throw was a 19-yard completion to Anthony Miller on the touchdown drive. It was a designed sprint-out to the left requiring Trubisky to throw across his body, which entails a high degree of difficulty.

He turned his front (left) shoulder to the target and threaded a high throw between two defensive backs. An inch off or a split-second later and we'd be talking about the dangerous decision Trubisky made throwing into double coverage with a cornerback sinking into the throwing lane.

Another quality pass was his 19-yard completion to tight end Trey Burton on the opening series. The Broncos rushed five and tried to confuse Trubisky by dropping a down lineman into coverage (first-round pick Bradley Chubb) and blitzing an inside linebacker and safety. The safety, Darian Stewart, was unblocked, but Trubisky beat the blitz by quickly getting the ball out to Burton, who had plenty of space on a slant route.

"He reacted well; he felt that (pass rush)," coach Matt Nagy said. "There's usually answers within our plays. What we're trying to build right now is how quick do we find those answers. ... That was one there where he found it on time, and he made the defense pay."

Mixed with those bright moments were some inaccurate throws. Trubisky underthrew Kevin White on a vertical route on which White had run past cornerback Isaac Yiadom. White drew a 37-yard pass-interference penalty by coming back to the ball, but a throw out in front of White could've been an even bigger gain.

Trubisky rushed a third-and-10 incompleteness with an unblocked blitzing cornerback in his face. The soft throw sailed wide of tight end Daniel Brown. On his fourth and final series, he overthrew Burton on a quick, short pass to the left flat.

The most damaging miscue was Trubisky's drop of a shotgun snap in the end zone. Yes, that second series was wrecked from the moment Cre'Von LeBlanc made a fair catch of a punt at his 5-yard line. But Trubisky cost the Bears two points when he took his eyes off the snap on third-and-13 from the 2. The quarterback acknowledged he simply dropped the ball.

Overall, exiting the two practices and

the game against the Broncos, Trubisky is progressing in the short and intermediate passing game. When Nagy and the Bears start game-planning for opponents and use the running game more effectively to stay in manageable down-and-distances, that element of the passing attack could really shine.

Burton's fit in the offense was as clear as ever.

Nagy's first detailed personnel conversation with general manager Ryan Pace centered on how Burton would fit as the heralded U tight end in Nagy's offense. Now there's a game situation that proved it. Burton lined up all over the formation, used his quickness to exploit open space and even blocked a bit.

The Bears had 10 snaps (including one holding penalty on left tackle Charles Leno) on their opening series. They used a different formation on seven of those snaps, and that subset included seven alignments for Burton.

In the game, he lined up in the slot with normal and tight splits. He lined up in-line in a three-point stance. He motioned to H-back. He split out as the only receiver on one side of the formation. Those are lots of looks for a defense to plan for.

Burton caught a screen and gained 8 yards. He beat soft coverage on the 19-yard slant and on an out route that gained 10 on second-and-20. And, of course, there was his 7-yard touchdown.

It's rare that an offense opts not to block Broncos outside linebacker Von Miller, but that's exactly what the Bears did. Burton came in motion and bluff-blocked Miller. Burton made it appear that he would take Miller on while Trubisky handed to Jordan Howard on an inside draw. But Trubisky pulled the ball and Burton ran past Miller into the flat, wide open for an easy touchdown.

Nagy showed some of the schematic elements that give this offense a sharp edge.

There were option concepts. Jet-sweep action. End-around action. Pre-snap shifting and motion.

"We're still hiding a bunch of good stuff too," Trubisky said.

OK, good to know. Some of what they did show Saturday worked as designed.

For example, on Burton's touchdown, the threat of the inside handoff to Howard froze safety Justin Simmons on the second level. It was Simmons' job to cover Burton. He started to run with Burton when Burton began to cross the

formation after the snap. But the fake handoff forced Simmons to respect the run. He stopped his feet long enough for Burton to release into the flat uncovered.

On Howard's 15-yard run that was called back for Leno's holding penalty, Miller faked a jet sweep to the right and White faked an end-around to the right. Those receivers took two defenders with them, which opened space on the left for Howard to bounce his run outside. Leno's hold negated the play, but the design worked.

The wrinkle that amused me most: White motioning to the backfield at the Broncos' 12-yard line and lining up in a three-point stance. He caught a pass in the flat for 4 yards, but it was called back for offensive pass interference on Marlon Brown. Maybe it was just a personnel quirk because of injuries to tight ends and fullback Michael Burton, but seeing White with his hand in the grass was unusual, to say the least.

Roy Robertson-Harris, Bilal Nichols and John Jenkins showed some upside to the interior pass-rushing depth.

Akiem Hicks' surprising, if not puzzling, absence created more reps for the rotation of linemen behind Eddie Goldman. Robertson-Harris had a sack and split another one with the veteran nose tackle Jenkins. Nichols, the rookie fifth-round pick, also had a sack.

Robertson-Harris' college background as a pass-rushing linebacker still shows up in his quickness and fluidity getting after the quarterback. He beat Broncos first-string right guard Ron Leary for a sack. Leary set with his hands down, and Robertson-Harris capitalized by getting his left hand into Leary's chest, pushing him back and collapsing the pocket.

For as enticing as Robertson-Harris' pass-rushing upside is, remember that the base defense must stop the run first and foremost. Jonathan Bullard is the more established run-stopper, and coaches expect his two years of experience in the scheme to help him play faster. On a third-and-4 running play against the Broncos, Robertson-Harris was double-teamed 5 yards back from the line of scrimmage, and the Broncos gained 6.

As for Nichols, on his sack he showed off the quality hand-fighting that has impressed position coach Jay Rodgers this summer. He slapped down backup left guard Jeremiah Poutsas' hands and chased quarterback Chad Kelly out of bounds.

The offensive line must clean up some assignment and execution breakdowns.

OK, that applies to every position group. But there were some glaring problems among the starters up front, especially on the disastrous second series, when the line failed to execute a couple of combination blocks to seal off Brandon Marshall, the inside linebacker.

On first-and-10 from the Bears' 5-yard line, Howard lost 4 yards. On second-and-14 from the 1, he gained only 2. On both carries, Marshall got to Howard by getting between right guard Kyle Long and right tackle Bobby Massie.

After Massie's subsequent false start put the Bears in the ill-fated third-and-13 from their 2, Trubisky dropped the shotgun snap. He was tackled by Chubb, who was unblocked off the right edge.

There were some well-blocked plays, to be sure, including Howard's 12-yard run, on which left guard Eric Kush sealed defensive tackle Adam Gotsis inside, and Long pulled to his left and pancaked inside linebacker Todd Davis.

Floyd injury tough blow for defense

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season. Then, last year he suffered a freak knee injury when cornerback Kyle Fuller flew into him. After surgery, Floyd missed virtually the entire offseason program.

The Bears are waiting to see Floyd really take off, and the feeling was he was headed in that direction and his numbers would have looked different had he remained healthy late last season when the defense put together some pretty strong games. If four sacks that went to Lamarr Houston (signed in part because Floyd was done for the season) go to Floyd, we feel differently about his second season right now.

But you're still waiting to see Floyd emerge as a consistent and dominant pass rusher. If he's dinged up entering the regular season and misses some practice time because of this, those are more obstacles to overcome. Who knows? Maybe the Bears get positive news on Floyd and it turns out to not even be a speed bump. That has to be the hope. This is a very important season for him. The Bears have to make a call on the fifth-year option in his contract next spring. There's a lot on the line, and the defense needs him.

Shopping trip? The Broncos appear to have a surplus of outside linebackers, and the Bears are thin at that spot, particularly with free-agent addition Aaron Lynch yet to practice this summer because of a hamstring injury.

Von Miller is arguably the most feared pass rusher in the league and the Broncos added to their strength by selecting North Carolina State's Bradley Chubb with the fifth pick in the draft. That leaves Shane Ray, a first-round pick in 2015, and Shaquil Barrett in reserve roles.

Ray has rebounded to have a nice start to the summer after a left wrist injury that has required three surgeries, but the Broncos declined the fifth-year option in his contract, so he is in a contract year. Barrett is also in a contract year after signing a one-year, \$2.914 million deal as a restricted free agent. Ray and Barrett provide Denver with some healthy depth and teams aren't going to just give away pass rushers.

The Broncos' greatest need right now is probably cornerback and it's hard to conceive of a deal involving that position for the Bears. The Broncos won't flip Ray for Marcus Cooper, who did not play, right? The asking price for Ray (if the Broncos are interested in dealing him) can't be too high, though, considering he finished last season on injured reserve and had only one sack. If the Broncos are looking to move Ray, surely a draft pick would do the trick. But consider that if the Broncos keep Ray and he does a solid job in a reserve role, he'd then be set to exit via free agency and potentially net the team a 2020 compensatory draft pick in return.

While the Bears no doubt got a good look at Ray this week, I would maintain a wider vision when it comes to potential moves general manager Ryan Pace can make. It's not as alarming of a situation as some have made it out to be because the Bears produced 42 sacks in 2017, and it's not as if they lost a major cog in that pass rush over the offseason.

The disappearance of Lynch muddies things, but he was on the field more than three hours before the start of the game working out under the supervision of the training staff. Perhaps that is a positive sign that he gets on the practice field soon.

Injuries plagued Lynch last season in San Francisco, but he was also a healthy scratch for four games. Isaiah Irving is going to get an opportunity to show what he can do and Sam Acho's value last season was reflected in the two-year, \$5.5 million contract he received after he played on the league minimum for the previous three seasons. You can be certain Pace and the Bears are — at a minimum — monitoring what is out there.

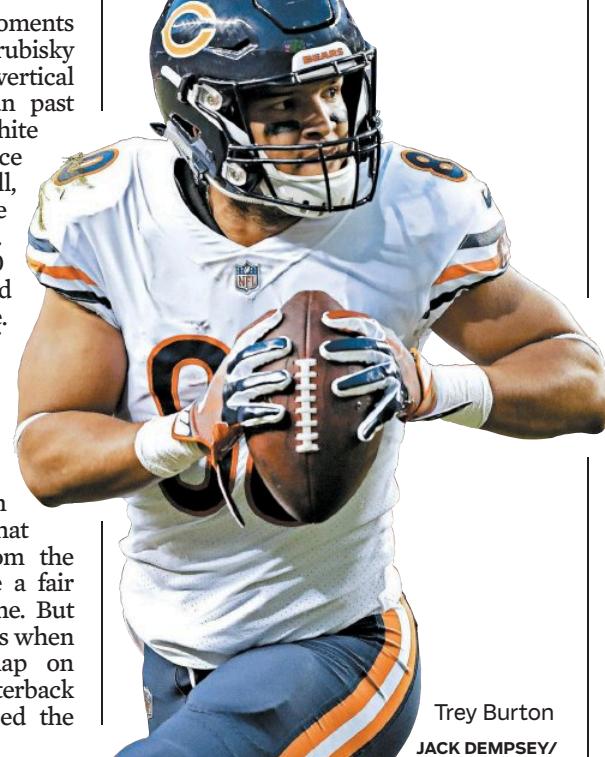
Looking to stick: One outside linebacker trying to impress and impress quickly is Kasim Edebali. He has to play catch-up as he missed more than a week at the start of camp with an oblique injury. Edebali ducked and turned the corner quickly on Broncos reserve right tackle Billy Turner to record a sack Saturday night. He showed quickness to the edge, but you have to wonder if he can produce against front-line players.

Edebali has had NFL production in the past. He had five sacks with the Saints in 2015. Edebali played for the Saints in 2016 and then last year spent the first 13 games with the Broncos before going to the Lions, the Rams and then the Saints again. Four teams in one season. That will complicate your taxes.

"There was a lot going on," Edebali said. "My wife hated it, I will tell you that. But I learned so much. I was here in Denver with Von (Miller) for almost the whole season. Then I was with Dwight Freeney in Detroit for a little bit. I was in Los Angeles real quick. I got a lot of knowledge, so I tried to make the best of the situation. Now I am trying to apply everything I learned."

The Bears had Edebali in as a tryout player at minicamp in June and he earned a contract. Now he has two weeks to flash a little. He'll need more than one sack in Denver, but it's a nice start.

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Coach John Beilein shouts on the sideline in the second half of Michigan's NCAA tournament win over Houston last March in Wichita, Kan. Many coaches have lifted Beilein's approach.

A quiet giant at Michigan

Many college coaches emulate key portions of Beilein's approach

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Down by two with 3.6 seconds on the clock.

The winner would move on for a chance at championship glory. The loser would go home.

Favored in a second-round NCAA tournament matchup against Houston, John Beilein and his Michigan team found itself on the wrong side of the score and time running out to escape Wichita, Kan., with a victory.

While Michigan basketball fans all over the country watched with nervous anticipation as the Wolverines huddled to discuss the inbounds play, Dale Faber was in the stands lamenting the missed free throws that could have sealed it for Michigan.

A coach in his own right, Faber had long studied Beilein and wondered what magic the master would muster.

Then Isaiah Livers passed the ball to Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman, who passed to Jordan Poole, who drained a game-winning 3-pointer as time expired.

For Michigan fans, the play was legendary.

For Faber, it was déjà vu.

"They were piddling around with that play the day before in our gym," he says. "It was classic."

Classic Beilein and an example of the legacy he is quietly, and often unknowingly, stamping on his sport.

The accepted definition of a coaching tree is the number of former assistants of one particular coach who eventually become head coaches. In that regard, Beilein's branches are not as numerous or as prominent as, say, Mike Krzyzewski's.

Over the course of Beilein's 43-year career, at least 16 men have gone from sitting beside him on the bench to running their own programs, including LaVall Jordan, Bacari Alexander and Mike Maker. That's a significant number, even if many are not stars on the college landscape.

But many more branches exist on what you might call Beilein's invisible coaching tree. Through his innovative schemes and spotless reputation, he has influenced coaches all over the country at various levels.

When Jordan, entering his second season at Butler, is asked to name coaches who have inquired about Beilein's methods, he laughs.

"That would be a list now," he says.

Jordan is constantly asked about his former boss: What drills did Beilein run? How did he emphasize a particular offensive concept?

"People see success, and success leaves footprints," Jordan says.

Faber has coached basketball for more than 35 years, the last 15 at Friends University, an NAIA school. He started paying attention to what Beilein, now 65, was doing when West Virginia made a deep postseason run in 2005.

"I was intrigued by the ball movement," Faber says. "The ball found the action."

In other words, he explains, the system doesn't require a star who dominates the ball. All five players move in response to

what the defense presents. And it was not just offense.

Faber implemented the 1-3-1 zone defense Beilein often deployed at West Virginia. He followed Beilein's Michigan teams and admired how the veteran coach adapted to his personnel. In 2014, two weeks before Michigan reached a regional final, Friends did the same, "running predominantly Michigan stuff," Faber says.

Studying film was helpful. But Michigan's NCAA tournament draw meant Faber could absorb the principles firsthand — maybe.

Before last March, Faber had never met Beilein, but he really wanted to. Faber's school is a small college in Wichita, Kan., and his team's gym was a practice site for the opening rounds of the NCAA tournament last March. Eight teams would be placed in Wichita, and Faber watched the selection show hoping Michigan would be among them. Faber got his wish, but the Wolverines could end up in another gym, especially if his was booked.

As his phone rang from potential teams, including storied programs Kansas and North Carolina State, Faber waited for a Michigan area code.

"I didn't want to book it," Faber says. "I was hoping it would be Michigan."

When he saw a number that started with 734, he answered. It was Beilein. The Wolverines were coming to the Garvey Physical Education Center.

Faber would get to meet Beilein, an experience that exceeded his expectations.

"I feel I won the coaching lottery," Faber says.

Still, there was no guarantee he would even be allowed in the gym when the Wolverines took the practice floor. Beilein has a reputation for being cagey about his playbook.

"Everything I had read was that getting to that cupboard where he keeps the 6 million plays was something that everybody was apprehensive about," Faber says.

His fears quickly evaporated.

In Wichita, Beilein treated Faber like an old friend. He asked questions and "wanted to share," Faber says. Faber watched from the sideline as Beilein led two practices in his gym, one before the tournament opener against Montana and again before Houston.

"He's got all these goofy names for his plays," Faber says. "He'd come over and say, 'Did you catch that one?' I told him, 'I lost you on the pumpkin cupcake without icing. I don't know that one. But the Cap'n Crunch inbounds play and the Barry Larkin and the Cazzie Corner — I'm a student of the game.'

Faber appreciated Beilein's creativity with his terminology, though he jokes, "If I told my guys we were going to run Cap'n Crunch, they'd probably be over in the cafeteria."

Seeing Beilein's stuff in person allowed Faber to better do what all smart coaches have always done.

"I'm pretty good at stealing it and will continue to do so," he says.

Faber might be tempted to steal the play that led to Poole's buzzer-beater. The shot sent the Wolverines to Los Angeles, where they won twice to advance to the Final Four. Beilein was thrilled the event was in San Antonio — "one of the very premier places" to host, he'd say — and so was Pat Cunningham.

The coach at Division III Trinity University grew up a Michigan basketball fan in

Plymouth, Mich., just 20 miles from campus. Cunningham has been coaching for more than 40 years, including the last 19 at Trinity in San Antonio. The city has hosted NCAA tournament games more than a half-dozen times in that span, and schools typically use the Trinity gym to practice. Plus, Cunningham is on the board of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Point is, he knows a lot of coaches.

Beilein "hasn't forgotten where he came from," Cunningham says. "Some coaches get a little full of themselves. He's always willing to share his knowledge and expertise."

Before the Wolverines practiced at Trinity in advance of their Final Four victory over Loyola, Cunningham had chatted with Beilein twice, each time on the recruiting trail. Beilein doesn't let the media watch practice and is fond of saying "I'm not going to give you the scouting report" when a reporter's question is, in his mind, too specific. But Cunningham puts Beilein in "the top 10 percent of coaches" as far as allowing other coaches to attend practice.

Beilein's accessibility is valuable to coaches because he has a mind worth picking.

"There are very few coaches who get things named after them," Cunningham says, listing John Wooden, Pete Carril and Jerry Tarkanian as examples. "For the last 12 or 15 years it's, 'OK, they're running Beilein.' His offense is copied by a lot of coaches."

That offense involves constant motion, screens and cuts. Players must read and react to the defense. The principles are reminiscent of Carril's Princeton offense, but Beilein has added his own tweaks.

"It's a unique action because of the timing and communication," Cunningham says. "It puts defenses in a real bind."

Cunningham runs some of Michigan's actions, and his staff identifies certain opposing offenses as "Beilein." He'll spend ample time in the preseason preparing his players to try to defend it.

Given the Wolverines' success, Cunningham knows there will be no shortage of copycats.

"Coach Beilein is one of the most influential coaches in our business," Cunningham says.

Nearly 2,000 miles from Ann Arbor, a young coach has been studying Beilein. From style of play to recruiting philosophy to sideline demeanor, pretty much everything about Beilein appeals to Shantay Legans.

Legans, 37, has one season as a head coach, at Eastern Washington. Beilein caught his eye during the 2011-12 season, when Michigan earned a share of the Big Ten regular-season championship. Legans learned more about Beilein's career, admiring the step-by-step rise from high school to Division I, always as a head coach. Now he wants to model his program after Beilein's.

"He's unbelievable," Legans says. "I read everything about him."

Legans wants to spread the floor with five players who can shoot and pass. Next season he says he'll have a center who can knock down 3s, so he'll run some action similar to what Michigan did with Moe Wagner.

Legans wants to unearth diamonds in the rough, just as Beilein repeatedly does on the recruiting trail.

"It makes you feel like you can find some

guys that are under the radar," Legans says. "You don't have to go where everyone else is. You can do something different. That's pretty cool."

Beilein was voted the cleanest coach in college hoops by his peers in a poll released last summer. Legans says he also targets high-character kids. He's proud that his team posted a 3.56 GPA last winter. That Beilein has had tremendous success, coming within one win of a national championship twice in the last six seasons without compromising morally, gives Legans hope he can do the same.

Legans has never met Beilein. He's been in the same gym, but the opportunity to say hello hasn't presented itself. Beilein, who watches as much tape as any coach in the country, is being studied on film by coaches like Legans.

"As a young coach, to see a coach show so much enthusiasm, be well-mannered but still on the sideline looking like he's having so much fun, he's emotional, you can just see he loves coaching," he says. "That's who I want to be."

Of course it all comes back to basketball, to what fascinated Legans to begin with. He describes a particular play Michigan used last season to free its big man for outside shots, one he plans to implement. Says Legans: "We'll probably call it 'Moe.'"

Kim Barnes Arico calls it "the touch," and Beilein has it. After a tough loss, Beilein is typically the first one in her office. If he's on the road, he'll pick up the phone.

"I just want to check on you," he'll say, according to Barnes Arico. "You're doing a great job. Everything is going to be OK."

Coaches are prone to negative thoughts, and Michigan's women's basketball coach is no exception. Beilein provides reassurance when it's needed.

"He'll talk me off the ledge," Barnes Arico says.

She came to Michigan in 2012, five years after Beilein, and immediately found a mentor. Barnes Arico regularly watches at least parts of his practices, noting how Beilein alters his prep based on the time of year and upcoming schedule to get his team to peak at tournament time.

She watches how he interacts with his assistants and the particular drills he runs.

"He has some incredible end-of-game, sideline out of bounds, and length-of-the-floor plays that I've stolen through the years," she says.

Barnes Arico is a more effective creator and communicator of a personalized plan for every player who joins her program because she has seen how Beilein does it.

Standing on the Player Development Center practice court as her team practices foul shooting — a drill that, based on last season's free throw stats, Beilein could borrow from Barnes Arico — she says she came to Michigan from St. John's partly for the opportunity to work alongside Beilein and softball coach Carol Hutchins.

Barnes Arico has been successful at Michigan, reaching the NCAA tournament twice and winning the NIT once in her six seasons. Like Beilein, she's the winningest coach in program history.

The support she feels during the high points is appreciated. But Beilein's encouragement in the darker times has reminded Barnes Arico to do the same with her players and assistants.

"I think there's a lot that goes into being a tremendous coach," Barnes Arico says, "and he's kind of got it figured out."

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Saints running back Alvin Kamara quickly became a fan favorite in New Orleans. Kamara's skill set helped him compile 728 yards rushing, 826 yards receiving and 14 total touchdowns.

Learning, earning respect

Kamara's most key stop on way to the NFL was a community college

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METAIRIE, La. — The path had led him to some unexpected places, and on this stormy Monday it had brought Alvin Kamara to the Saints' practice facility, where he spent a few solitary minutes on an electric scooter, spinning doughnuts in the end zone.

About a year ago, Kamara was a largely unknown running back with a distinctive look and a reputation that included both mystery and baggage. He had attended Alabama, gotten suspended, left the school, been arrested, attended two more colleges, accumulated respect and a few thousand yards, surprised coaches with his intellectual depth and put off some teammates with his confidence and focus, and dropped in the NFL draft to the third round.

"I didn't know the route," he would say recently, but somehow it led him here.

Now Kamara is on the verge of superstardom — just in the last few weeks he has appeared in a Drake video, sung at the ESPY Awards, been profiled by GQ — and the Saints are a popular pick to reach the Super Bowl. Kamara isn't just entering his second season having restored faith in a franchise that posted losing seasons in four of the five years before his arrival, he has forced the league to rethink the value of the running back position.

It all seems about as far as can be from where he was four years ago, an Atlanta native and Southeastern Conference talent heading to central Kansas and a

season in junior college for what would become, Kamara now says, the most important year of his life.

"I was," the 23-year-old would recall later, "all the way out of place."

A few weeks after leaving Alabama, Kamara answered the phone and listened to Thaddeus Brown, a coach and recruiter at Hutchinson Community College, explain how a season there — the city an hour from Wichita, the program known for bringing promising football careers back from the dead — could change him. Kamara went with it, and when he drove into town, he couldn't help but notice how dark it seemed. The city lights of Atlanta and the prestige of Tuscaloosa were far away.

"Hold on, man; why am I here?" Kamara would remember thinking. "It was just nothing."

But he saw it as a work assignment, and if he performed on the field and earned his associate degree by the end of 2014, his route to the NFL — never in doubt, at least to Kamara — might feel more familiar. He identified and became close with individuals who could help him, and put distance between himself and those who could not. When games ended and teammates and coaches lingered on the field to socialize, Kamara jogged toward the isolation of the locker room. If someone asked him about Nick Saban, the legendary coach of the Crimson Tide, Kamara would respond that Saban was a good guy, offering almost nothing more. When students gathered for social events, it

wasn't uncommon to see Kamara sitting alone, pinching bottle caps into his dreadlocks.

"Dorm, practice, class ... that same triangle. I didn't do nothing," he says. "People be going out, doing (stuff) like that, but I was like: I'm not here for that."

If that rubbed some people the wrong way, Kamara didn't care. "I'm not scared to be who I am," he would say much later, one of the most intriguing things about him now that he's famous, and who he was throughout 2014 was a young man who had ventured into the unknown as the only way back to civilization.

Besides, school employees didn't see Kamara as aloof. They saw focus and determination: a talented and thoughtful young man who had it and lost it, and anything that did not advance his cause was an obstacle.

"He was clocking in, clocking out, and he knew it," said Brown, who has spent six seasons on a staff that's honest about the best thing about coming to Hutchinson: Eventually, you can leave.

That wasn't happening for Kamara, however, the way his grades were that first semester. He underachieved on a math placement test and needed to retake another class entirely. Kamara, who had further isolated himself, responded when Erin Ellis, the athletic department's developmental academic adviser, texted him to suggest he try a little harder; maybe take that placement exam again. And if that rubbed Kamara the wrong way, Ellis didn't care. She had done this long enough to recognize his potential.

Eventually Kamara

showed up at Ellis' office, smiling as he asked what he needed to do, becoming determined as she outlined a plan that would be anything but easy. At most colleges, a full workload is a 15-hour semester, and only the ambitious or the dedicated pack 18 hours of classes into their week — to say nothing of the additional responsibilities of a football player. But Kamara, if his path were to take him where he thought he belonged, would need to take 25 hours — a staggering number that, Ellis would say later, required her to request special approval from the school.

"I don't really want to say I put my neck out, but I did," Ellis says now, and even if Kamara didn't realize it, the adviser was required to lay out a plan for how she would keep the interesting young man on track.

Yes, Kamara had a one-hour conditioning class that he cruised through. But he also had biology and a cluster of other general education requirements, Ellis says, that required real study and — maybe more important — communication when Ellis kept texting,

kept asking where certain assignments stood, kept reminding Kamara that it wasn't just his future that lay in the balance.

"I could see the motivation was growing, getting stronger," she says. "At that time, I think he was fairly certain on where he was going when he left here. He had more of a set goal planned, more specific, but I knew he could do it. I knew he would do it. We just, together, had to stay on top of everything."

That season, Kamara rushed for 18 touchdowns and more than 1,200 yards in nine games, most of

which were decided before halftime — Kamara liked to joke with Brown that he was clocking out early on Saturdays — as the Blue Dragons went 11-1. That semester, he completed his requirements and entered finals week on the verge of graduation.

The path hadn't just curved back in the direction he wanted; Kamara, with Ellis' help, had bent it back toward the SEC, where he would spend two seasons at Tennessee, and, eventually, the NFL.

Once he joined the

Saints, who went 11-5 last season and were one "Minnesota Miracle" from the NFC Championship Game, he established himself as a new kind of running back ideally suited for the modern game: intelligent and versatile, as dangerous catching the ball as carrying it.

His skill set, which helped Kamara earn 728 yards rushing, 826 yards receiving and 14 total touchdowns, is as distinctive as his style: shoulder-length dreads, bull-nose ring, gleaming gold grill.

"I just stayed true to what I've believed in, stayed true to who I was," says Kamara, who won the offensive rookie of the year award.

"I've got to live with whatever decision I make in my life. It's me; I'm going to be in the casket alone."

Nearly four years ago, Ellis would recall, she texted Kamara after each final exam. "This one is done; now we can think about the next one," she remembered him saying,

and though the years have passed and Kamara is one of the brightest young faces of professional football, he would bring up Ellis' name unsolicited as one of the

most important individuals in his life.

"I'm still grateful for her," he says, leaning on his electric scooter. "I was messing up a little bit, like, my last semester ... but she was on me, on me."

On Kamara's final night in Hutchinson, ahead of a flight early the next morning that would bring him back from the darkness, he stripped the sheets from his bed and slid the four outfits he had brought with him into his bag. He knew he needed to sleep, but the longest year of his life had passed more quickly than he had imagined, and Kamara was reflective and maybe a little sad.

So he sat on the bare mattress, typed a long paragraph on his phone and selected the perfect photograph to illustrate his feelings of the moment: Kamara in his blue and gray Hutchinson uniform, a young man usually looking forward but was for once looking back.

"This past year has been a journey to say the least," he wrote. "Making it to the top is obviously the goal, but sometimes there is adversity."

He kept typing, eventually reaching more than 300 words.

"I want also to thank the people (you know who you are) that did not give up on me. Even though I may not always show my appreciation, believe me you have done more than you know to help me get over this valley in my life."

Then he posted it all on Instagram, closed his eyes for a few hours, and the next morning he would board a plane that would depart central Kansas and bring Kamara a little closer to a destination that perhaps only he could see.

IN PERFORMANCE

Celebration wins out over petulance at Drake show

BY GREG KOT
 Chicago Tribune

Though he's the most commercially successful hip-hop artist of the last decade, Drake has lately been sounding put-upon, anxious, even paranoid.

But there was little time for moping Friday in the first of two concerts at the United Center, as Drake crammed more than 40 songs into 90 minutes. He could've taken the night off from live vocals, as the packed house was more than eager to shout refrains, verses, responses — whatever was required when Drake pointed the microphone in

the fans' direction, which was often.

The MC born Aubrey Drake Graham 31 years ago in Toronto found hip-hop fame because he brought a certain vulnerability and intimacy to a genre built on larger-than-life personalities.

Drake has become larger than life, too — a rectangular stage in the middle of the arena morphed into a basketball court, a giant cellphone, a beach. More than once did Drake appear to walk on water. He has so thoroughly dominated the last decade that he's piled up an astonishing 186 charting singles since 2010, so he had no shortage of familiar mate-

rial to perform.

No wonder this became audience participation night. Sometimes all it took was a snippet, a few words from his lips, to ignite a fervent singalong.

Yet there were signs of musical fatigue. Though Drake has grown into a commercial juggernaut, the qualities that initially made his music distinctive have started to blur. The MC initially took his cues from Kanye West's game-changing 2008 left turn, "808s and Heartbreak." That album set the course for Drake, the Weeknd, Kid Cudi and countless others in the way it made vulnerability and toxic weaknesses



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 Drake performs Friday at the first of two United Center concerts.

central to the aesthetic. The younger Drake rapped or sang wanly about drunk dialing ex-girlfriends, feeling disconnected

from his family and friends, and living with loneliness. In concerts

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Eddie Vedder performs with Pearl Jam Saturday at Wrigley Field, a venue the lifelong Cubs fan calls "hallowed ground."

IN PERFORMANCE

Pearl Jam at Wrigley: Not quite a home run

Despite rousing set list of classics and deep cuts, band fails to find focus

BY JOSHUA KLEIN
 Chicago Tribune

With deep cuts to satisfy the die-hards, warhorses waiting to rouse the wallflowers, and players ready and able to shift gears at the drop of a hat, a Pearl Jam show can go in any number of unpredictable directions. And they often do, much to the delight of fans following the epic set lists like someone diligently keeping score at a baseball game.

Paying fealty to the gods of both the classic rock canon and stubborn punk rebellion, but first and foremost embracing the idea of live performance as a spontaneous galvanizing force, no doubt Pearl Jam has got it all figured out.

So why did the band's Saturday night

set at Wrigley Field, the first of two sold-out shows and a highly anticipated return to what Evanston native and lifetime Cubs devotee Eddie Vedder deemed "hallowed ground," so often feel like the band was still figuring it out? Playing just over 30 songs for just under three hours, offering lesser-known cuts like "Alone," "Breakerfall" and "Wash" along with the reliable likes of "Even Flow," "Alive" and "Corduroy," Pearl Jam unquestionably sounded great, with Vedder in strong voice and, at least on a song-by-song basis, the group bobbing and weaving like a seasoned jam band. Yet despite this, the set lurched forward in fits and starts, ultimately failing for all the group's redoubtable efforts to find focus and momentum.

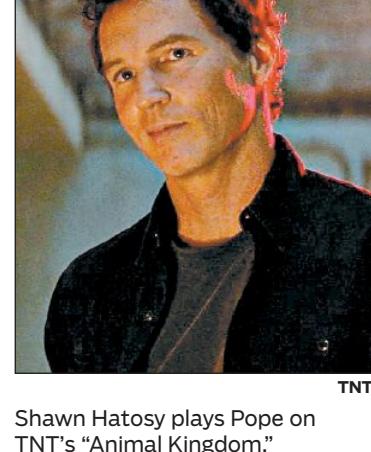
If Vedder noticed, he didn't let on. A charismatic frontman in his rock and sports element, he was equally earnest paying tribute to his friend Tom Petty as he was recalling a great play by Pirates right fielder Roberto Clemente, although

an awkward cameo by Dennis Rodman was a lot more questionable than a cover of the late Soundgarden singer Chris Cornell's "Missing."

Elsewhere Vedder gamely (sort of) accepted abuse for his suburban roots, took care to acknowledge the sexual assault that allegedly took place at a Foo Fighters Wrigley show earlier this summer, urged everyone to vote this fall, and humbly watched like a fan himself as his bandmates wended their way through no-net renditions of "Porch" and "Rearviewmirror."

If a closing rendition of "Yellow Ledbetter" felt anticlimactic after a loose but rousing cover of Neil Young's "Rockin' in the Free World," one suspects the band had one eye on the clock but the other on Monday's second show. The set list will be shuffled, any holes in the ship will be patched, and the good fight will begin anew.

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TNT
 Shawn Hatosy plays Pope on TNT's "Animal Kingdom."

MY WORST MOMENT

'Animal Kingdom' star missed his glasses

BY NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

"Pope is a complex guy, but it always comes from a place of loyalty and support of the family," said "Animal Kingdom" star Shawn Hatosy of his intense, sometimes volatile character, ahead of the TNT crime drama's season finale. Yes, Pope has contemplated killing his own mother (!), but she has been anything but loyal to the family. It's dog-eat-dog in the Cody family.

"He does awful things, and he has a history of doing awful things, but generally it's to further the Cody family business and to protect it," Hatosy said. "And then when it comes to his relationships, that's the fallout from being a child of Smurf (his mother, played by Ellen Barkin) because of her toxicity. It's a consequence of how she raised him."

Hatosy also directed an episode this season. "It was challenging, but I didn't find it scrambling in any way to both act and direct. I've been acting since I was 12 years old, and having spent so many days on set working, it's always something that I've wanted to do. So I was prepared! And as somebody that has spent five seasons on 'Southland' with John Wells (executive producer of 'Animal Kingdom'), I'm pretty knowledgeable about how he makes TV."

Directing this season was a high point in Hatosy's career. When asked to recall a low point, he said, "What's funny is, I didn't really have to go that deep for this story, the memory is right there. It still makes me cringe."

My worst moment ...

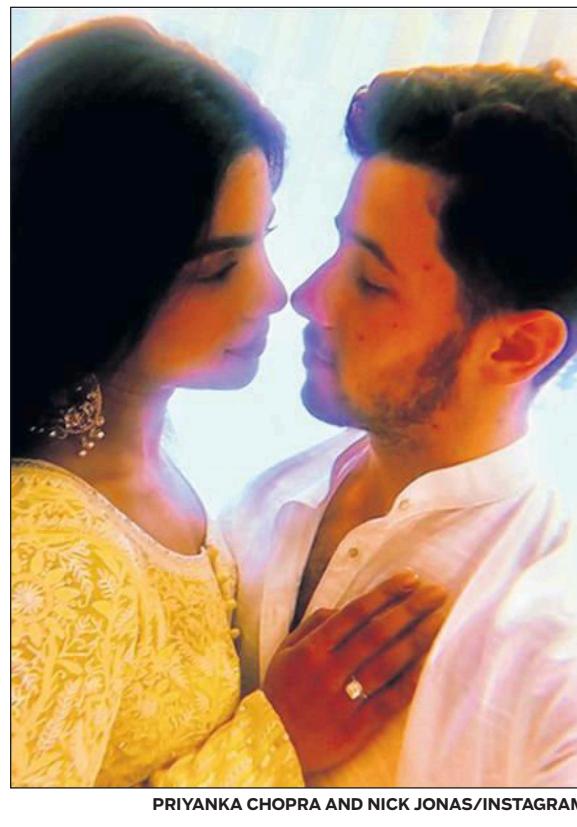
"So this is going back a while. It was an awards show — it was the GLAAD Awards, actually — and there were two of us presenting an award for best picture. Days before, they had sent me what I would be saying, and I spent time memorizing it because I figured I'd just go up there and be, ya know, prepared."

"So we rehearsed it, because that's what we do at these awards

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PRIYANKA CHOPRA AND NICK JONAS/INSTAGRAM

It's official: Chopra, Jonas are engaged

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas announced on their respective Instagram accounts Saturday that they are engaged.

Each posted the same picture, a close-up of them gazing lovingly at each other; an engagement ring on Chopra's finger. The two are in India with both of their families.

"Taken With all my heart and soul," Chopra wrote. On Jonas' page, he wrote, "Future Mrs. Jonas. My heart. My love."

The 25-year-old Jonas and 36-year-old Chopra reportedly had decided in July to get married after dating for two months.

Jonas gained fame as a member of the Jonas Brothers musical group and is now a solo artist and actor. Chopra starred in the ABC television drama "Quantico." She is a former Miss World winner.

— Associated Press

Aug. 20 birthdays: News anchor Connie Chung is 72. Trombone player Jimmy Pankow is 71. Singer Robert Plant is 70. Singer Rudy Gatlin is 66. Singer-songwriter John Hiatt is 66. Actress Joan Allen is 62. Actor James Marsters is 56. Rapper KRS-One is 53. Singer Fred Durst is 48. Actor Jonathan Ke Quan is 48. Singer Monique Powell is 43. Actress Meghan Ory is 36. Actor Andrew Garfield is 35. Singer-actress Demi Lovato is 26.

Box office

1. "Crazy Rich Asians," \$25.2 million
2. "The Meg," \$21.2 million
3. "Mile 22," \$13.6 million
4. "Alpha," \$10.5 million (tie)
5. "Christopher Robin," \$8.9 million
6. "BlacKkKlansman," \$7 million
7. "Slender Man," \$5 million
8. "Hotel Transylvania 3," \$3.7 million
9. "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again," \$3.4 million

Source: Associated Press
Estimated sales, Friday-Sunday



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Emotional moment:

The very mention of Manchester still brings Ariana Grande to tears. The singer cried during an interview Friday with Ebro for Beats 1 on Apple Music as she shared thoughts on the 2017 concert in England, when a suicide bomber killed 22 people. She said that terrorists "want you to be afraid," adding that those who just heard about it in the news had moved on. But for her and others, the challenge became just to "live in the moment" and not be overwhelmed by fear. Her album "Sweetener" includes a song for Manchester survivors, "Get Well Soon." It was released Friday. Grande also spoke of fiance Pete Davidson, who appears on "Saturday Night Live." She said she hoped to be married within five years, and that she'd "probably" like to have three children.



ASK AMY

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Why does son's girlfriend stay away?

Dear Amy: My son has dated the same girl for four years. She is white, while we are black. I am not prejudiced at all. I have invited her to our home many times. She has come only once. My house is not dirty or messy. He always goes to her house.

I am single and raised my son and his brother alone. I don't drink or smoke, and I really don't understand why she doesn't care for me (I don't feel like she does). My son makes excuses for why she doesn't come to our home. I've stopped asking, but it really hurts my feelings! What can I do?

— So Sad Mother

Dear Mother: Your son and his girlfriend might spend more time at her house because they have more privacy, or freedom or unlimited access to the refrigerator — or Netflix.

You don't say whether she lives alone or with her parents, and you don't mention having met her folks. It is also possible your son is the one who doesn't want to spend "couple" time at your house. For reasons that elude me, in many couples, the woman tends to decide where (and how) the couple spends their time. If your son were more assertive, he would make sure his girlfriend knew you and felt comfortable in your (and his) home.

I hope you can get to know this woman better without exerting pressure or feeling sensitive about the setting. Can you meet them for a meal outside of both homes?

Dear Amy: My husband's best friend and his wife

have settled on a plant-based diet. It has become not just a way of eating for them but a philosophy that they love to study, promote and (one might say) "preach" about. Their diet has become who they are.

They live in another state. For several years, my husband and I have been guests in their home for a week at a time for sports, sightseeing and relaxing together. While we are with them, we willingly eat any foods they serve, although when we dine out we sometimes choose non-vegan meals for ourselves.

The past couple of years, the "preaching" has increased to the point where nearly every meal includes conversation about plant-based eating, and even

while the guys golf or do other activities together, it pops up in conversation.

We have become extremely frustrated. We told them we are happy they've found a diet that works for them, but we choose to continue our own way of eating and do not wish to keep hearing about it — but they don't stop!

My husband does not want to lose this friendship. We felt we were very direct during our last visit when the "preaching" didn't stop. Now my husband is reluctantly considering an ultimatum. Do you think this friendship has come to an end?

— Upset Friends

Dear Upset: Let's review. When you are a guest in someone else's home for a week's time, it is fairly logical that you might also have to tolerate some annoyances or excesses.

Yes, diet-preaching

sounds boring and annoying, but what sort of ultimatum would your husband deliver? "If you don't stop going on about your plant-based lifestyle, my wife and I will be forced to stop accepting your hospitality during our vacations?"

You say you have been direct with these friends. I suggest that you research some alternative housing for your next visit, in order to relieve yourselves of a portion of these lectures. You might try to convey: "We realize this is like a religion to you, and we're genuinely happy for you, but can we try to adopt a 'no religion, no politics' rule during our visits?"

And then if this couple has become so repetitive that you no longer want to spend time with them, you will naturally back away from the relationship, because your memory-building encounters have dwindled to one-sided listening sessions.

Dear Amy: "Searching" asked if there is a "normal" grieving period and if his ex-wife should move in to provide needed care.

There is no "proper" way to grieve, but when my wife of 40 years died, someone gave me very valuable advice: Make no major decisions for at least one year.

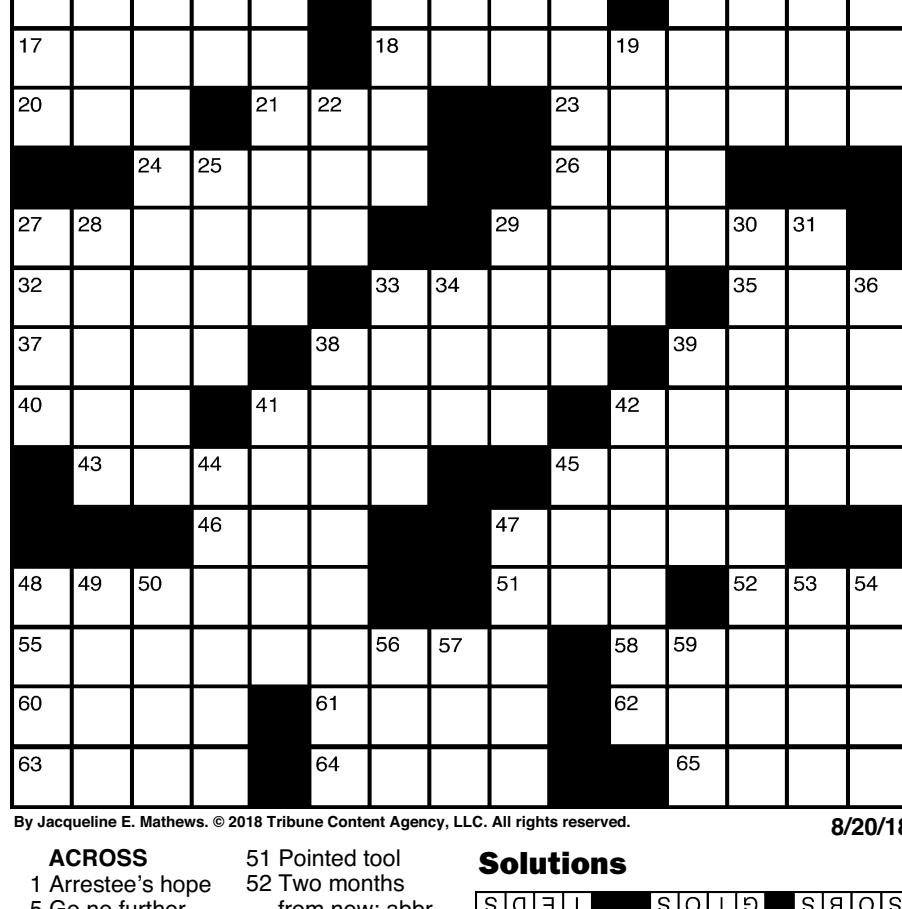
— Widower

Dear Widower: "Searching" seemed to be hurrying through this process, as I said in my response.

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Drake's audience joins in

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he'd point to fans and deliver a message that was sometimes implied, sometimes explicit: I see you, I feel what you're going through, we're one and the same.

His last couple of albums have felt more distant. A remote brand of petulance has replaced the emotional specificity of his best work: He's being used by his lovers, he's being dissed by his inferiors, he's the G.O.D. (greatest of all time) who won't be appreciated till he's dead. But on Friday he tried to frame these complaints as universals: "Everybody is going through the same s---," he said. "Everybody out there is just like me," though it was highly doubtful that there were any other multimillionaire rap stars in the house.

Yet as he skipped from

corner to corner of the stage, he reinforced those frayed connections in song after song. His set included a brief reappearance by opener Migos, a Georgia trio that has brought an unusual intricacy and highly developed vocal interplay to trap music.

The party remained in full effect as the group's songs dwelled on penthouse acquisitions and street-level obsessions, with Takeoff, Quavo and Offset flowing in and out of each other's lines. Drake shared in their breakthrough hit, "Versace," and then departed to let the group continue for a few more songs, including their Cardi B collaboration "Drip."

When Drake returned, the energy briefly ebbed as he crooned a few ballads, including a somnambulant take on Michael Jackson's "Rock With You." It was

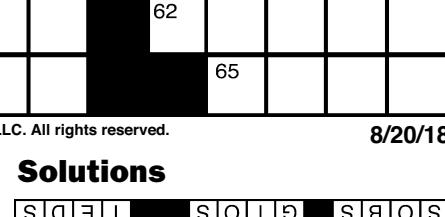
the night's only major misstep. Drake got back on track with a booming take on "Nice for What," a rare recent song in which the MC looks beyond his own turmoil and celebrates the resilience of working women. "There's a real one in your reflection," he rapped.

"God's Plan" brought him inward again, as it reprised a familiar lament: "Bad things, it's a lot of bad things that they wishin' on me." But the song recently went No. 1, the first of seven top-10 hits from his latest album. Like the humidity, it's been inescapable this summer, and the fans couldn't wait to fill Drake's emptiness with the sound of their jubilant voices.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Grant Park season ends with grand 'Carmina Burana'

BY HOWARD REICH

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The Grant Park Music Festival's 84th season ended majestically over the weekend, principal conductor Carlos Kalmar offering a spirited reading of a landmark of the orchestral-choral repertory, Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana."

It's so easy for the massive forces that perform this magnum opus to tip into bombast, exaggeration and, ultimately, noise. Lesser conductors find it difficult to resist indulging in the enormous vocal and instrumental forces gathered before them.

Kalmar bypassed this temptation Friday night at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, where he led the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus, vocal soloists and members of Anima - Young Singers of Greater Chicago. For this performance was about control, musicality and respect for the details and intimacies of the score. Thus listeners could savor more than just its full-throated fortissimos (which, of course, are worthy pleasures unto themselves).

At first glance, the texts that

inspired Orff's masterpiece might seem a tad improbable, in that they're 13th-century poems celebrating not only love but also unfettered lust, drunkenness and general decadence. Add to this the opening and closing movements, which paradoxically foretell of doom and catastrophe, and you have a singular work spanning practically the breadth of the human experience, from sensual joy to abject terror.

Orff's masterstroke was to craft a score that drew not upon the musical fashions of the period in which he wrote "Carmina Burana" (the mid-1930s) but instead turned back to more primal expression. Like Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring," Orff's epic deals in harsh downbeats, primordial rhythms, ferocious staccato attacks and other visceral forms of musical communication. True, lovely melodies and even coloratura effusions emerge at key turning points. Yet this high-flown writing renders the brutal passages more starkly shocking by comparison (no matter how many times you've heard the piece).

Conductor Kalmar established

the parameters of the performance from the introductory "O Fortuna" movement, the chorus producing a monumental sound yet articulating syllables crisply and with bracing impact. Because Kalmar kept some sound in reserve, he was able to build to a shattering crescendo at the end of this movement and elsewhere (plaudits to guest chorus director Benjamin Rivera).

But "Carmina Burana" depends on the strengths of its vocal soloists as well, and in this regard soprano Claire de Sevigne created the most rapturous moments of the night, by far. In "Stetit puella," her exquisitely shaped tones and radiant upper-register singing very nearly made you forget the orchestral-choral tempests that preceded her. The high notes she floated in "In trutina" and the melodic ornamentation she articulated in the stratosphere of her instrument in "Dulcissime" were serenity incarnate.

Countertenor Michael Maniaci brought vibrancy and tonal heft to every phrase, his work notable for the urgency of his delivery. Baritone James Westman offered ample sound and delightfully



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Soprano Claire de Sevigne created the most rapturous moments of the performance.

comic touches in an extensive and demanding part, but he sometimes proved too generous with his vibrato.

Ultimately, though, the greatest burden in this piece falls on the conductor, who must manage so many competing forces. Male choristers tangle with female counterparts, an immense adult choir dialogues with a smaller children's contingent, vocal soloists step to the fore, orchestral interjections punctuate the proceedings and all these elements come together in various combinations. Meanwhile tempos change abruptly, accelerate swiftly and otherwise sabotage expectation.

Kalmar kept these ever-shifting paradigms from colliding while emphasizing the flow of the music, which moved briskly.

He opened the concert, broadcast live on WFMT-FM 98.7, conducting the orchestra in the Grant Park Music Festival premiere of Dvorak's tone poem "The Water Goblin." It's a magical piece, Kalmar capturing much of its quicksilver character.

In all, a vivid season finale.

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Mavis Staples, left, first met Aretha Franklin in 1960 at a gospel show in Los Angeles. They remained friends until Franklin's death last week.



Mishap at award show rattles star

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shows, and it was fine. The movie we were honoring was "The Hours" (from 2002), and the actress who was presenting with me was from "Kissing Jessica Stein," I think it was Jennifer Westfeldt.

"So anyway, it comes time for the actual award show, I'm about to do my part — and I literally went blank. And the mistake I made was, because I had my part memorized, I decided I didn't need to wear my glasses on stage. So I go blank and then look at the teleprompter, but because I didn't have my glasses on and it was kind of far away, *I couldn't read it!*

"So I'm just like stopped — we were at the Kodak Theatre — and I was up in front of all these people I admired, incredibly talented actors and writers and directors who could potentially hire me in the future (laughs), and it was like it was happening in slow motion. And poor Jennifer was just looking at me.

"It was really terrible. It was the most crippling humiliation I ever felt. I don't remember how, but I did get through it.

"I felt so bad not just for myself and everybody who had to witness it, but I also felt bad for the movie I was presenting. You want to give them their best moment, and I did the opposite of that! The awards show wasn't televised, but it was recorded, so there is evidence of it somewhere! I've never seen it, and I don't even want to see it, just the memory of it still makes my skin crawl."

What was going through his mind as this was happening?

"I stumbled and stammered and looked at my co-presenter, and she gave me that look like, 'What are you doing, you fool?' Because I think I started off pretty smoothly, and the words just got away from me, and when I looked for the teleprompter, it just looked like a blurry, scrambled mess. And then I think I looked out in the audience, and I saw some famous people — you know who it was, it was Christina Aguilera.

"Anyways, I think what happened was, I got to the point where I finally remembered it and was able to get through it. But it wasn't pretty. I'm sure I butchered it. It was just such a terrible feeling! And then facing everyone at the after-party. They were so sympathetic, but still ..."

The takeaway ...

"When I watch award shows now and I see somebody bombing, I have a special understanding of what they're going through! And I got Lasik just because of that experience, so I will never be caught in a situation like that again."

"And now, when I have to get up in front of large groups (laughs), I mean now I'm obsessive about that kind of preparation. Especially if I have to present something, I make sure that I'm so off-book that it's like second nature."

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Mavis Staples remembers Aretha, in her own words

"She just had it from the beginning, from Day One. She was just special."

BY MAVIS STAPLES,
AS TOLD TO RANDY LEWIS
Los Angeles Times

Soul-gospel singer Mavis Staples, a peer and longtime family friend of Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, spoke to pop music writer Randy Lewis from her home in Chicago on Friday — a day after Franklin's death at age 76.

Staples, 79, touched on their long relationship, their shared history and passion for gospel music, as well as their moves into the world of secular R&B and soul music.

Here, Staples — a crucial voice in the fight for civil rights as a member of the Staple Singers, the Chicago-based family band founded by her father, the late Roebuck Staples — reflects on the rich musical legacy that Franklin, whom she often refers to as Ree, leaves behind.

Aretha and I met in 1960 — in fact, we were in Los Angeles, at a gospel show, and that's the first time I met her. That's when we became friends and we've been friends ever since.

She was with her father (Rev. C.L. Franklin) and some members of their church. She came over to me and said, "Hello, I'm Aretha Franklin." And I said, "Oh yes, I know who you are, I've heard your record."

She had recorded a (gospel) song called "Never Grow Old," and we all thought it was amazing coming from this young lady.

She was really a young girl. I didn't think it was that amazing that she was singing as a young girl — we both were young and we sang and I just thought that's what you did. It was the fact that she was so young, and she could deliver a song like that with so much feeling and so directly.

That particular song wasn't the easiest song to sing. But Aretha — she had the voice, she had the range, she was great. You

just couldn't help but think that this is a young girl for someone who has so much feeling. Her voice would just go all through you. I was so happy to meet her then.

She just had it from the beginning, from Day One. She was just special.

For Aretha, it was talked about the fact that when she changed over (to singing secular R&B, pop and jazz in the early '60s), her father was a minister. Back in the day, it was just accepted for you to be a gospel singer and switch over to R&B and blues or whatever. But Aretha, I don't care: Right today, whatever song I hear her singing, I still hear her gospel in it. You can't lose that; that was home for her.

"Respect," "Natural Woman" — in all those songs, I hear the gospel. It's the same with me. I sing different secular songs, but you're going to hear some gospel, you hear it in the voice. We all grew up with Sam Cooke. Sam was a gospel singer and he had switched over. Back then, she wanted to follow in Sam's footsteps. She sang a lot of jazz before she switched over to R&B — she'd sing songs like "Soul Serenade," jazz songs.

Rev. Franklin, her father, he didn't see any harm in it. Everyone just accepted it. She didn't have any trouble in the church. It was amazing. I never thought of switching over; the disc jockeys did that to us. They started playing us on R&B stations, but people thought we had crossed over.

Until she made "Respect," she wasn't really noticed. That's when she laid it down, put the fire in there and it just took off and that's just where she stayed.

When Otis (Redding) did his

(original) version, that was the man's version — he's talking to his woman. Aretha came with the ladies' version, and that just made it all the greater.

Her version just outdid Otis. I love Otis Redding, we were on the same label, but when Aretha came with it, that's what we all talked about. Otis was talking to his woman; Aretha came with a slap-back to her man.

In 1972, we thought it was great when she made the ("Amazing Grace") gospel album with Rev. James Cleveland (in Watts). I wasn't there, but we thought it was so important that she did that. I love that album.

Ree and I crossed paths quite a bit back in the day. But as she kept getting hotter, and as our records took over, that's when we didn't see each other as much. We would keep in touch, but our lives started to go in different directions. We didn't run into each other as much.

Even with a lot of the big group projects, it seems we were left out of those kinds of songs. "We Are the World," we didn't understand why Quincy (Jones) didn't ask us. That was the kind of stuff we were singing. We were very disappointed we weren't included in those songs.

Those were mostly West Coast people. We didn't meet up with them a lot. We knew everyone who was involved: Dionne Warwick, the Jackson 5, Michael Jackson, Gladys Knight — we knew all of them. But it wasn't up to them. That was a Quincy Jones production. We were very disappointed.

We really started talking big again about six months ago. I spoke to her, most recently, when I lost my last sister, Yvonne, in April. Ree started calling then.

She said "I want to come over, I want to send flowers." I told her, "It's all right, we've had the funeral." She was so hurt. That was in April.

In June, that was the last time I talked to her. She told me she was going back in the hospital. Told me some things I won't repeat, but we had a good talk. So I knew that this was coming. She practically told me. She told me how she was feeling. When we got off the phone, I started praying because I knew that the time wouldn't be long.

I have some photos, somewhere, of Aretha and me singing together on one of her albums. We did three songs at her father's church. When my father passed, she sent for my sister Yvonne and me to come with her to the Hamptons. She rented this big house, she wanted to do something special for us. She had a big dinner. We hadn't ever been there. We danced, we had fun, and I have some pictures of that I'm going to have to find.

If you notice on "Chain (of Fools)," this guy is playing (in the style of) my father's guitar. She wanted Pops (Staples, patriarch of the Staple Singers) to play guitar on that song. Pops was still so churchy at that time, he said, "No, Ree, don't ask me to do that."

So Aretha got (Dixie Hummingbirds' lead guitarist) Howard Carroll because he could play so much like Pops. When you hear "Chain," a lot of people think it's Pops, but it was Howard.

Of all her recordings, I always liked "Spanish Harlem." I also liked that one (Staples starts singing) "Without a start, the blues walked in this morning ..." I can't think of the name ("Today I Sing the Blues").

All of those songs: "Natural Woman" and, of course, "Respect" — just anything she sang. Oh, and "Chain, chain, chain" ("Chain of Fools").

Marching to a new radio jam

Zane Lowe bringing positive vibes to Apple Music's Beats 1

BY EVE BARLOW
Los Angeles Times

It's 9 a.m. on a Wednesday, and Zane Lowe, in a glass-enclosed studio in Culver City, Calif., has the energy of a firework. He has two desks, which he uses like turntables. His mic hangs over his head like an MC at a rap battle.

To his left are a pair of vinyl decks. He scratches on top of a record he's playing out live on the air. A DJ who became a household name in his native Britain, in America Zane Lowe works instead in the service of Apple Music, hosting a program on the streaming service's Beats 1 station.

Lowe in 2015 was hired by the tech giant to bring some brand-name recognition — and a gregarious personality — to the world of streaming music, a bold shift at the time away from logarithm-based programming. In the new music retail landscape, Lowe was part of Apple's plan to take on market leader Spotify, and was hyped as a key differentiator in a competitive space in which each outlet offers nearly identical catalogs and pricing.

structures.

Yet talk to people outside Beats 1 and three years after Lowe joined the company, the question remains: Does anyone listen?

Beats 1 streams in "more than 100 countries," Lowe drops this fact in often. It's a tidbit, however, that illustrates reach rather than actual customers. But it's not without validity, as Beats 1 is reshaping broadcasting — it's radio defined by the music distributor in service of converting listeners to subscribers and ultimately selling artists.

He's not an instantly recognizable name in America, even if his reputation in the U.K. eclipses him. But as a broadcaster and a DJ, he may quite possibly be the world's biggest music devotee — or at least one of music's loudest cheerleaders.

It's not enough to effuse on air, he talks up every song while off it. French sensation Christine And the Queens? "What a Jam & Lewis vibe, man!" Americana troubadour Kacey Musgraves? "A solid voice! Like water from a tap." British indie band Wolf Alice? "They're ready for arenas, right?" He turns to



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Zane Lowe, radio DJ on Apple Music's Beats 1 station, in the company's studio in Culver City, Calif.

go back on air. "Just talking to my mate here and we're saying Wolf Alice should go into arenas next."

His views are positive, or extremely positive. "I piss people off when I say this, but Frank Ocean's the ... greatest, man," Lowe says with a gasp as he expresses a completely noncontroversial opinion. He explains his role as one rooted in fandom. Don't make him apologize for enthusiasm.

"You won't believe how much time I've spent apologizing for enthusiasm," he says.

This serves a purpose: it makes Lowe a relatively safe go-to stop on an artist's promotional campaign, a handy trait when your radio station is part of a modern music store. Nicki Minaj, then gearing up for the release of her album "Queen," unveiled her return on Lowe's show, where she appeared this spring to showcase two new songs. Thus, Lowe appears to view his role less as a cultural tastemaker like the disc jockeys of yore and more as a partner to labels and artists.

Lowe skipped around nervously before Minaj's entourage invaded. "Can I curse?" Minaj said to Lowe. "If you don't ask me that you can. Within reason."

When Lowe pushed her on former flame Meek Mill, Minaj placed her headphones over her ears, refusing eye contact. "She did that," he said later. "I didn't even notice."

The Twitter hashtag "#NickiDay" trended globally. The show allowed Minaj to reveal everything she intended. "I'm not thinking. I'm gonna insert myself into this and have a great experience," he said. "Which is a shame, to some degree."

Beats 1 is a streaming service inside Apple Music's store. It's not separate in the building, and the goal is to ensure that it's not separate in listener's minds.

Lowe theorizes about consumers. "People buy things or they buy into things," he says. "I'm working out what motivates the buy-in. We consume every day. But consumption is different from knowing way more than what a song sounds like."

What is "buying in" for Beats 1? Lowe chuckles. "Right! Where do I fit in this chaos?" he says, relishing uncertainty.

On March 5, 2015, Lowe presented his last BBC Radio 1 show. At 41 years old, he left London — his home since 1997 — with his wife and two sons for L.A.

He was BBC-schooled for 12 years and became the face of new music in Britain. His departure was an enormous statement. The BBC was institutionalized, Beats 1 is ground zero.

Was the move motivated by a desire to figure out broadcasting's future?

"It's a good question," he says.

Lowe questioned whether his trajectory at the BBC was forward-facing. "To have that conversation is to face harsh realities," he says. Alarm bells rang as he watched artists having direct conversations with fans via social media. "They didn't need to go through me. The obvious question was: Where are the artists going?"

Since his days reporting in his native New Zealand to years as an MTV presenter, Lowe always followed the artists. "I'm just a fan," he says. "If my ego ever got me feeling like my career wasn't growing fast enough, I'd go: 'Hang on. Are you breaking away from your relationship with the artist?'"

Being secondary to them has served him. At Radio 1 he promoted their upcoming releases. In the streaming age, pre-promoting makes less sense. If artists distribute records and fans listen instantly, there's no place for tastemakers with

"exclusive" plays. "That raised a lot of 'what ifs.' It raised a lot of 'whats.'

The ego takes a battering when you no longer dictate to listeners. Beats 1 isn't a curator's environment. It's not really radio. At Radio 1 he was the guy with the record, so you had to listen to his show. Now there's no automatically obvious value assumed to him.

"When I got here I was trying to take a kickass radio show and put it into streaming." The pace at which music moves

through Apple, however, floored him. Beats 1 had more in common with Twitter than radio. He grabs his iPhone. "This thing is alive! Right now people are making playlists, adding songs to the service. You're not waiting for someone to make a decision for you. You distribute music yourself."

Measuring Beats 1 is tricky.

Last year, head of content Larry Jackson said,

"Beats 1 is the biggest radio station in the world." Is it? Lowe sidesteps because to him the question is premature. He recalls advice given to him by Jimmy Iovine, the co-founder of Interscope Records who in '00s and '10s with Dr. Dre leapt into the multibillion-dollar headphone and speaker business with Beats. They sold Beats to Apple for \$3.2 billion in 2014, and Iovine has since shaped Apple Music.

"Jimmy said to me at the beginning: Be the thing that moves the needle."

For Lowe, that meant getting cozy with artists.

Before when Lowe encouraged fans to buy artists' records, whether or not they did wouldn't affect his livelihood. "This directly affects my business. By that very nature we are in business together."

They've even become

the broadcaster. Alongside

three other DJs — Julie

Adenuga, Ebro Darden and

Matt Wilkinson — the remaining broadcast slots belong to the likes of Dr. Dre, Elton John, Charli XCX, Pharrell, St. Vincent and, more recently, Minaj.

This raises a question: Are broadcasters redundant? "My hope is that we're all the same. Everyone's a 'fan.' Asking where we fit in the conversation is healthy. I still ask myself."

Beats 1 isn't the only streaming service. Apple Music has about 50 million subscribers to Spotify's 75 million. Lowe insists he doesn't look at Spotify when considering Beats 1. "We're the only voice in streaming," he says. "That's not cockiness. It's fact."

Other services, however, are starting to mirror the Beats 1 mode of radio-style programming. In June, Spotify announced the hiring of Dawn Ostroff as its new chief content officer. Formerly of Conde Nast Entertainment and the CW network, she'll oversee production of shows, radio stations, podcasts and episodic programming. YouTube Music's Lyor Cohen has also indicated a desire to move into Beats 1-style programming.

"This is a controversial statement: I don't ever want us to be the only streaming service on the block," Lowe says.

"There is no league with one team. Sometimes you win, sometimes you don't. But you're still in the game. Not to sound too holistic, but I'm glad I'm in the game."

Earlier, Lowe said that at Radio 1, he "kept the blinkers on."

His focus is to be a part of the future of radio, even if it starts to look less and less like radio.

"This is my favorite era of broadcasting," he asserts.

"I got into music because of what it looked like, what it made me feel, what it felt like when I met the people. It's that obsession for me. I wanna bring that obsession in."

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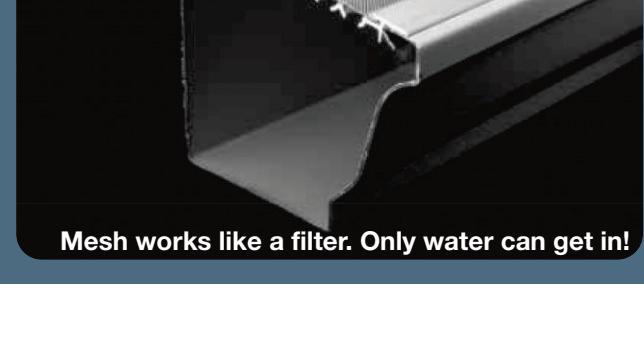
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Cardi B

"2018 MTV Video Music Awards" (8 p.m., MTV): With 10 nods to her credit, relative newcomer Cardi B dominates tonight's field of nominees — which also include such veterans as Bruno Mars, Ariana Grande and Ed Sheeran — in this year's edition of the glittering awards show, originating for the 12th time from Radio City Music Hall in New York City. The awards — which resemble astronaut-shaped trophies — reflect online voting by fans in 12 categories, including video of the year and artist of the year.

"Carpool Karaoke: When Corden Met McCartney Live From Liverpool" (7 p.m., CBS): Viewers of James Corden's "The Late Late Show" got a major treat in June — when Corden took the program back to England — as music's legendary Sir Paul McCartney joined him in an extended "Carpool Karaoke" segment featuring some of the singer's most classic tunes, as well as a tour of sites that had meaning to the ex-Beatle in his younger years.

"American Ninja Warrior" (7 p.m., NBC): They're gonna make it after all! At least, that's the hope of the contestants as the new episode "Minneapolis City Finals" moves the action to the TV home of Mary Richards of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" for the next round of competition. Here the players must make another literal run at the obstacle course if they are to have a shot at winning a place in the ultimate finals in Las Vegas, where they'll compete for the \$1 million grand prize.

"Better Call Saul" (8 p.m., AMC): In a new episode called "Something Beautiful," Jimmy (Bob Odenkirk) puts a decidedly risky plan into motion, while Kim (Rhea Seehorn) continues pondering what her future holds, and whether it includes Jimmy. Elsewhere, following a shift in alliances, an uneasy Nacho (Michael Mando) becomes all too aware that he has landed in the crosshairs of someone dangerous.

"The Real Housewives of Orange County" (8 p.m., Bravo): In the new episode "Rumors," the ladies are surprised to learn the details about how poker night ended with Emily and Gina at odds. Vicki makes a trip to Los Angeles to record some radio spots for Coto Financial, but winds up causing embarrassment for Michael, her son.

"Little Life on the Prairie" (9:02 p.m., TLC): Lauren and Nate Webnar, as well as their 4-year-old daughter, Juniper, all were born with a condition known as achondroplasia dwarfism, but that hasn't stunted their dreams in this new unscripted series. The six episodes in Season 1 follow the Webnars as they abandon big-city life in California in favor of a rustic farm existence in Arizona.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson; actor Jimmy O. Yang; comic Emmy Blotnick.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Ray Romano; actress Lauren Miller Rogen; Leon Bridges performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Journalist Jake Tapper; actor Michael Peña; Dua Lipa performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

*Subject to change

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MONDAY EVENING, AUG. 20

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	MOVIES	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Carpool Karaoke-McCartney (N) © HD	Salvation: "The Manchurian Candidate." (N) © HD	Elementary (N) © HD	News (N) ♦				
NBC 5	American Ninja Warrior: "Minneapolis City Finals." (N) © HD			America's Got Talent: "Live Results 1." ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
ABC 7	Bachelor in Paradise (N) © HD			(9:01) The Proposal (N) © HD		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) (Live) © HD			WGN News at Ten (N)	
Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy		
This TV 9.3	Saved! (PG-13, '04) ★★ Jena Malone, Mandy Moore. ©			Untamed Heart (PG-13, '93) ★★★ © ♦					
PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Great Performances: "The Chris Botti Band in Concert." (N) ©			Great Performances © ♦				
The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	Funny You	Funny You	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©			
MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle WKRP Cinci.		Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett				
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦			
Bounce 26.5	One on One	One on One	In the Cut	Family Time	Major Payne (PG-13, '95) ★★★				
FOX 32	So You Think You Can Dance: "Top 8 Perform." (N) (Live) ©			Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©			
Ion 38	Criminal Minds: "L.D.S.K."	Criminal Minds © HD		Criminal Minds © HD		Criminal ♦			
TeleM 44	• Exatlon EE. UU. (N)	Sin Senos Sí (N)		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)			
CW 50	• Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N)	Whose? (N)	Whose Line	Law & Order: SVU					
UniMas 60	• (6) Mi caigo de risa	La jefa del campéon		• Ay Güey!: "El secuestro."		• Ay Güey! ♦			
WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagan	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Paid Prog.		Monument	
Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)	La bella y las bestias (N)		La piloto		Noticias (N)			
AE	Jeff Dunham: Dummy		The Tragic Side of Comedy ©			J. Dunham ♦			
AMC 46	• (5) Lethal Weapon 4 ★★	Better Call Saul (N) ©	Lodge 49: "Corpus." (N)	Call Saul ♦					
ANIM	The Last Alaskans ©	The Last Alaskans ©	The Last Alaskans ©			Last Alask ♦			
BBCA	• Chronicles	The Chronicles of Riddick (PG-13, '04) ★★	Vin Diesel. ©	Top ... (N) ♦					
BET	• Browns Browns	2018 MTV Video Music Awards (N) (Live)				Martin © ♦			
BIGTEN	Iowa Football Classic ©	BIG Football & Beyond	Iowa Football Classic ©			Football ♦			
BRAVO	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC (N)	Southern Charm (N)			Watch What			
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics			
CNN	American Greed ©	American Greed ©	American Greed (N) ©			Greed ♦			
COM	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight (N)			Tonight (N) ♦			
DISC	Street Outlaws: Full	Street Outlaws (N) ©	(9:02) Diesel Brothers (N)	Outlaws ♦					
DISN	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven			
E!	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians			E! News ♦			
ESPN	NFL Preseason Football: Baltimore Ravens at Indianapolis Colts. (N) (Live)					SportCtr (N)			
ESPN2	2018 Little League World Series (N)		College Football Live ©			Training ♦			
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)			Fox News			
FOOD	Kids Baking	Kids Baking (N)	Cupcakes	Cupcakes		Chopped ♦			
FREE	• (6:50) The Parent Trap (PG, '98) ★★ Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. ©					700 Club ♦			
FX	The Angry Birds Movie (PG, '16) ★★ Josh Gad ©		The Angry Birds Movie (PG, '16) ★★★						
HALL	Summer in the City (NR, '16) Julianne Guill. ©		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
HGTV	Love It or List It ©	Love It or List It (N) ©	House (N)	Hunt Intl		Flip or Flop			
HIST	American Pickers	American Pickers (N)	American Pick. (N)			Pickers ♦			
HLN	Something's Killing Me	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic			
IFC	Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men			Terminatr ♦			
LIFE	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Escaping Polygamy (N)	Escaping			
MSNBC	All in With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)			11th Hour (N)			
MTV	2017 VMA Pre-Show (N)	2018 MTV Video Music Awards (N) (Live) ©				VMAS ♦			
NBCSCH	• MLB Baseball: White Sox at Twins (N)		Postgame	The Loop (N)		The Loop (N)			
NICK	Henry SpongeBob SpongeBob	SpongeBob SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©		Friends ♦			
OVATION	• (5) Battlestar ('12) ★★★ ©	2018 MTV Video Music Awards (N) (Live) ©	X Company (Season Premiere) (N) ©			Tears-Sun ♦			
OWN	Dateline on OWN ©	Dateline on OWN ©	Deadline: Crime			Dateline ♦			
OXY	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered: "The Great Escape." (N)	Deadly Power (Season Finale) (N)	Snapped ♦			Battleship ♦			
PARMT	• (5) Battleship ('12) ★★★ ©	2018 MTV Video Music Awards (N) (Live) ©	Deja Vu (PG-13, '06) ★★★ © ♦						
SYFY	• (6:30) Escape Plan (R, '13) ★★ Sylvester Stallone. ©								
TBS	Family Guy Family Guy	Family Guy Family Guy	Amer. Dad Amer. Dad	Conan (N) ♦					
TCM	The Prisoner of Zenda (NR, '52) ★★★ Stewart Granger.	King Solomon's Mines (NR, '50) ★★★							
TLC	Counting On	Counting On (N)	Little/Prairie (Series Premiere) (N)	Counting ♦					
TLN	Supernatural Humanit	Faith Chi Dynamic	Robison Monumental	Humanit ♦					
TNT	Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13, '05) ★★★ Ewan McGregor. ©					Watchmen ♦			
TOON	Dragon Ball Amer. Dad Cleveland	Amer. Dad Burgers Burgers	Burgers Burgers			Family Guy			
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©	Ghost Adventures: "Texas Hell." (N) ©				Ghost ♦			
TVL	Raymond Raymond	2018 MTV Video Music Awards (N) (Live) ©				King			
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©					Miz & Mrs. ♦			
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N)	2018 MTV Video Music Awards (N) (Live) ©				VMAS ♦			
WE	Criminal Minds: "Lucky."	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©			Criminal ♦			
WGN America	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©			
HBO	Girls Trip (R, '17) ★★★ Regina Hall. ©		Insecure ©	Insecure ©		Sharp ♦			
HBO2	Sharp Objects: "Falling."	Ballers ©	Insecure ©	Flyness	Animals ©	Last Week			
MAX	The Bourne Identity (PG-13, '02) ★★★ Matt Damon. ©		The Wicker Man (PG-13, '06) * ♦						
SHO	• (6:45) The Affair: "410." America Toon Pres.		The Affair: "410." ©			America ♦			
STARZ	• (6:29) Proud Mary ('18) ★ Rebels on Pointe (NR, '17) ©					(9:33) Armored ('09) ★★★			
STZENC	• X-Men: The Last Stand					Rebels hoist flag in Uganda			

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Aug. 20): Fill your home with love this year. Regular physical practices grow strength and stamina. Watch for a professional break. Consider options this summer before shifting priorities redirect a partnership for greater personal satisfaction and confidence. Record physical performance energizes this winter. It's all for family.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. The next two days bring career movement. Previously-laid plans play out. A dream could come true. Do the homework.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Travel and explore over the next two days. Discover solutions through another's experience or your own. Good news comes from far away.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Opposites attract, especially through tomorrow. Talk about shared finances. Responsibilities fall into place. Thrift and self-discipline pay off.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Collaboration grows naturally. Your talents mesh. Partnership takes a shared goal further. Develop a mutual attraction. The temperature rises over the next two days.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Practice makes perfect today and tomorrow. Your physical routine builds strength and stamina. Balance action with rest and good food. Nurture your health and vitality.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Romantic dreams materialize. Love is the bottom line; pursue it where it takes you. Things fall together. Express your honest admiration.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. The next two days favor making home improvements. Choose balancing colors and styles. Practical functionality takes priority. Research for best quality and value.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Conversations get productive and valuable. Learn new tricks and ideas. Opportunities arise in communication. Exceed expectations and deadlines.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Pay bills, and manage financial obligations. Adapt to changes. Make bargains, negotiate sales or deals and sign on the dotted line. You're on a roll.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Take charge for what you want to make happen. Tally up what you have and what's still needed. Your self-discipline inspires others. Follow through.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Lay low, and take it easy. Allow yourself time to process recent events. You may feel especially sensitive. Gain comfort from familiar routines.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Participate with a group endeavor. Figure out who will do what. Keep your part of the bargain. Coordinated action produces triumphant results.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn (Argyle Sweater is off this week. Please enjoy this panel from 2013.)

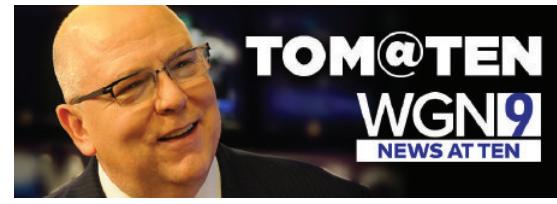


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MONDAY, AUG. 20

NORMAL HIGH: 82°

NORMAL LOW: 63°

RECORD HIGH: 98° (1947)

RECORD LOW: 47° (1950)

Storms, heavy rain to end record string of 80s

LOCAL FORECAST



■ Clouds, showers and thunderstorms threaten to deliver August's first sub 80-degree day

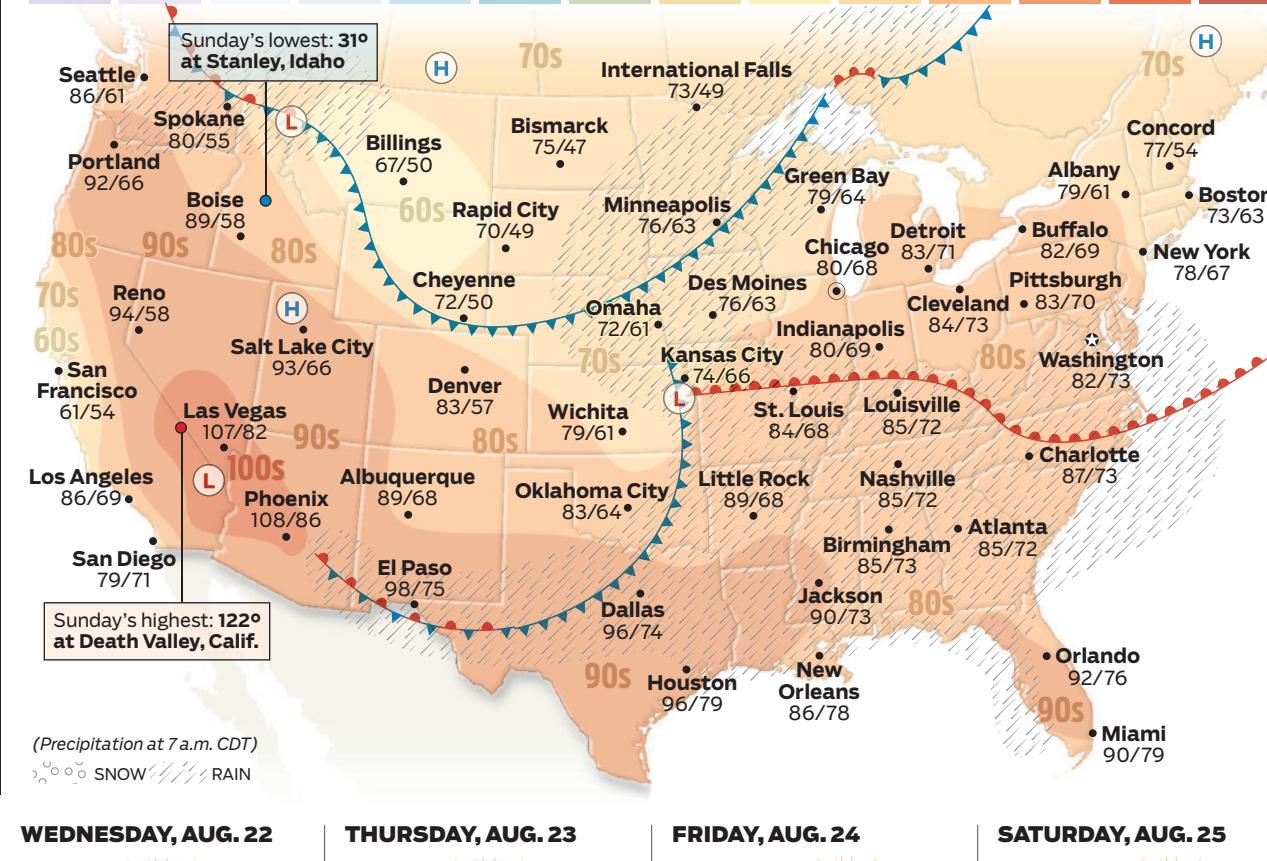
■ Generally cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms early becoming more frequent in the afternoon.

■ Strong/severe storms and heavy rainfall possible.

■ Highs struggle to 80. Brisk east-southeast winds 10-20 mph keep lakeside readings in the low/mid 70s.

■ Periods of showers/thunderstorms overnight. Lows fall to the upper 60s.

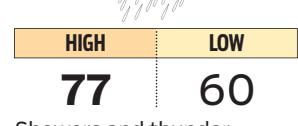
NATIONAL FORECAST



Warm weather has been persistent in the Chicago area since late July, with 23 consecutive days with highs of at least 80 degrees and a record 19 days of at least 80 to open August.

On Monday, the city could eke out another one, but the combination of clouds, storms and gusty east-southeast winds make that problematical. There is also a potential for strong to severe storms and heavy rainfall, with Monday night setting up as the mostly likely time frame. The string of 80-degree-plus days should end definitively Tuesday as cooler air arrives, courtesy of gusty north winds. Highs should remain in the 70s. The brief cool spell will be fleeting as warmer and more humid conditions return by the weekend, setting the stage for what is shaping up to be a prolonged late-season hot spell that will likely carry over into September.

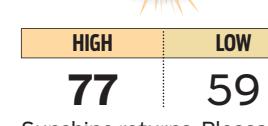
TUESDAY, AUG. 21



Showers and thunderstorms end in the morning. Mostly cloudy and quite windy. Gusty north winds 15-25 mph. Highs in the middle/upper 70s.



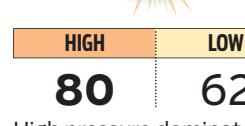
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22



Sunshine returns. Pleasantly warm with comfortable humidity levels. Highs in the middle and upper 70s. Northeast winds 8-15 mph.



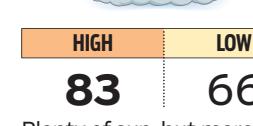
THURSDAY, AUG. 23



High pressure dominates bringing unlimited sunshine and light winds. Inland highs reach 80, but light lake breezes keep the beaches in the 70s.



FRIDAY, AUG. 24



Plenty of sun, but more clouds develop as humidity levels creep higher. Generally dry, but a few thunderstorms can't be ruled out.



SATURDAY, AUG. 25



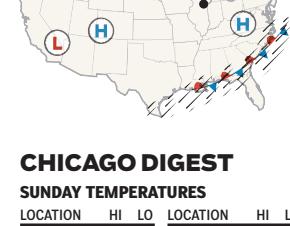
Partly sunny, warmer and more humid as southwest winds increase to 10-20 mph. Highs reach 85-90.



SUNDAY, AUG. 26



A mix of sun and clouds. Very warm and humid with west-southwest winds 10-20 mph.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What factors contribute to Chicago's tropical humidity levels in the summer?

— Margaret Robertson, Chicago

Dear Margaret,
The most important factor to the city's muggy summer periods is the Gulf of Mexico. That's when Gulf water temperatures approach 90 degrees and coastal dew points typically hover at uncomfortable levels around 80. When Canadian and Pacific air masses control Chicago's summer weather, it's usually quite comfortable, but once winds turn southerly, the Gulf moisture arrives. In a typical warm season, the city logs muggy 70-degree or higher dew points on about 30 days. A second and contributor to Chicago's mugginess is the moisture added to the atmosphere by evapotranspiration from the maturing corn and soybean crops that dominate the Midwest landscape.

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August warmth to return after stormy early week cool down

BRIEF COOL-DOWN AHEAD
Monday/Tuesday storms to break streak of 80s

MONDAY EVENING FORECAST

Area of possible severe t-storms

WARM & HUMID

—BUT HEAT LIKELY TO RETURN BY THE WEEKEND
FORECAST weekend highs:

SUSTAINED AUGUST WARMTH

Chicago's August 2018 enters the record books

The only August since 1871 to log highs of at least 80° through the first 19 days of the month:

PREVIOUS RECORD

in August was 18 days—occurring in only 7 years (most recent: 2016)

THE CITY'S CURRENT

23-day string of 80+ temps that started on July 28 is far from a record; the longest stretch of 80+ temps was 46 days, from July 2-Aug. 16 (2010)

SUMMER 2018 SUNSHINE

Percent of possible sun

This summer's been short on sunshine

SUMMER 2018 SUNSHINE

Percent of possible sun

NORMAL: 65% NORMAL: 68% NORMAL: 64%

-9% -2% -7%

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MIDWEST CITIES

MON-TUES. FC HI LO FC HI LO

Illinois

Champaign ts 82 68 ts 78 62

Decatur ts 80 66 sh 78 58

Moline ts 77 66 sh 78 55

Peoria ts 79 67 pc 78 55

Quincy ts 81 66 sh 83 55

Rockford ts 74 68 sh 76 53

Springfield ts 81 67 sh 80 60

Sterling ts 76 66 sh 77 52

Indiana

Bloomington ts 82 66 ts 78 61

Evanston ts 82 69 sh 81 54

Indianapolis ts 80 69 ts 78 61

Lafayette ts 79 67 sh 76 55

South Bend ts 80 67 ts 74 59

Wisconsin

Green Bay ts 79 64 sh 74 52

Kenosha ts 77 66 sh 77 55

La Crosse ts 76 64 pc 76 54

Madison ts 76 64 sh 74 53

Milwaukee ts 78 67 sh 75 55

Wausau ts 75 67 ts 71 51

Michigan

Detroit pc 83 71 ts 77 61

Grand Rapids ts 85 69 ts 76 58

Kalamazoo ts 77 64 sh 72 55

St. Louis ts 80 64 sh 71 55

Troy/Cass ts 83 67 ts 70 55

Daytona Bch. ts 88 75 ts 80 65

Grand Rapids ts 73 63 sh 73 53

Des Moines ts 76 63 sh 75 55

Dubuque ts 74 65 pc 74 54

El Paso ts 98 75 pc 97 74

OTHER U.S. CITIES

MON-TUES. FC HI LO FC HI LO

Abilene ts 93 71 pc 97 72

Fargo ts 85 70 sh 80 65

Hartford ts 80 72 sh 82 68

Fort Myers ts 92 74 ts 91 75

Fort Smith ts 84 66 sh 85 65

Fresno ts 103 67 ts 81 65

Grand Junction ts 99 68 sh 85 65

Great Falls sh 64 46 pc 73 48

Harrisburg ts 82 69 sh 80 71

Hartford ts 87 72 sh 89 73

Honolulu ts 67 50 sh 67 51

Bismarck ts 85 73 ts 87 68

Cochran ts 75 47 pc 78 48

Boise ts 89 58 sh 88 60

Boston ts 73 68 sh 71 68

Brownsville ts 82 62 sh 81 64

Burlington ts 82 62 sh 81 63

Charlottetown ts 87 73 pc 90 70

Charlton WV ts 88 77 sh 89 77

Chattanooga ts 85 73 ts 85 68

Cheyenne ts 72 50 sh 67 52

Cincinnati ts 84 70 ts 78 62

Cleveland ts 84 70 ts 78 62

Columbus ts 85 71 ts 78 63

Columbus OH ts 90 74 ts 81 66

Concord ts 77 54 ts 70 55

Crocs Christi ts 93 78 ts 94 77

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